

# NEWSLETTER

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## EARLY YEARS ORAL HYGIENE VISIT

Reception and Nursery had a special visit from Gina, a dental nurse from the oral hygiene team. They learnt about the importance of keeping their teeth clean and healthy. They played a game and sorted the good and bad foods for our teeth.



Please make sure your child has water in their water bottles—Thank you

# RECEPTION DINO DAY!

Reception had so much fun during their Dino day. They excavated fossils, looked for dinosaur bones and they even helped to hatch some dinosaur eggs!



# READING PLANET REVIEWS!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

## The Smiling Stones

This book is about a boy called Jamal, who lives in Egypt. When he visits the desert he comes across a large stone which appears to be smiling at him. The stone is from the Egyptian times and he becomes friends with it. No one ever comes to visit the country but one day someone comes to move the smiling stone. Jamal meets the man and they discover a cave which has gold inside of it. I can't wait to find out what happens next. I like how it is about the ancient times and how the boy makes a friendship with the smiling stone. I would recommend it to people who are interested in ancient Egypt.



Keira - Year 5



## NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2024

On Friday 2nd February 2024, the children will be taking part in lots of fun and exciting maths activities throughout the day. We would like the children to come to school in non-uniform with a number theme. This might be a simple t-shirt with numbers written on, a numbered t-shirt you already have, a onesie, a tutu - anything number related. It could even be a TT rockstars character. There are lots of homemade ideas on the internet. We will also be asking for a 50p donation, which will go to the NSPCC.

## DONATIONS!

We would like to increase outdoor learning sessions in school. If you have any wellies that are in good condition and your child has outgrown please could you donate them to school. Thank you for your continued support.



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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

St James Players  
presents the family pantomime

## The Snow Queen

by Stanecold Productions



**£5** per ticket for group bookings of ten or more on Wed, Thurs & Fri nights

at St James Community Hall, Bradford, BD2 4LJ  
**Wed 24th to Sat 27th January 2024**  
(7:15pm with Saturday Matinee at 2.15pm.  
Doors open 6.45pm Evening & 1.45pm Matinee)  
Tickets: **£8 (Adults) £6 (Cons)**  
[www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-james-players-bradford/e-ldadje](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-james-players-bradford/e-ldadje)  
**Tel: 07809 396189**



## JUNIORS WANTED

FOR UPCOMING 2024 SEASON

### UNDER 9s, 11s, 13s & 15s

We are looking for Under 9s, 11s, 13s and Under 15s. All our teams are currently mixed so Girls are more than welcome. If we can get enough interest we may start an All Girls Team.

All abilities welcome with ECB Qualified Coaches that are all DBS Checked. Our Under 9s, 11s and 15s are all playing in the Aire Wharfe Leagues with our Under 13s currently playing in the Bradford League.

We are a fantastic family club with excellent facilities across all teams. If you are interested in coming to training please get in touch and we can do our best to get you involved and settled in with the new coaches or players.

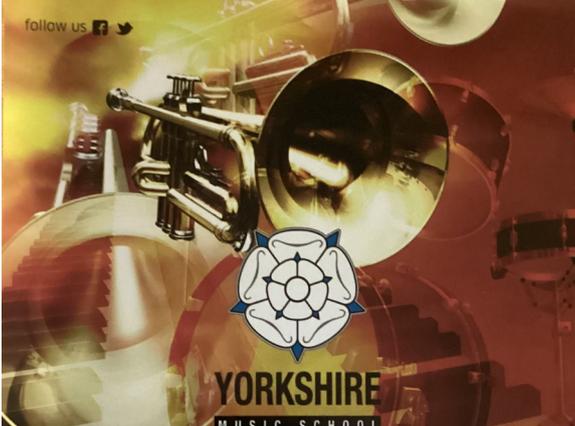


Call David or email [hepidlejuniors@outlook.com](mailto:hepidlejuniors@outlook.com) for more information

**David Matthews - Tel: 07483 143322**

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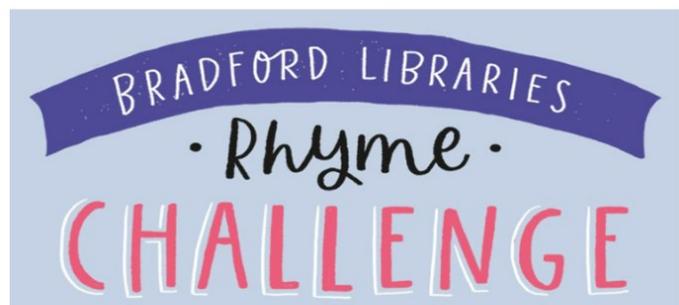
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## Bradford libraries Rhyme Challenge



Families with children under 5 years old are invited to take part in this year's Rhyme Challenge.

# COMMUNITY NEWS

learn – connect – be stronger

## Friends & Family Hub

Thinking BIG for families of children with additional needs

### Upcoming Events – bookings essential

We have a number of sessions running for friends and family members of children and young people with additional needs to connect, share information and learn new skills.

#### **Mini Treatments & Cream Tea Brunch - January 2024**

Across our Hubs on the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> January - 10am-2pm we are inviting members to come along to have some relaxing mini treatments. You can pick what treatment you would like to try from Indian Head Massage, Hand / Foot Reflexology, a Taster Facial or Shoulder & Neck massage. We will also have a Cream Tea Brunch with some lovely sandwiches, speciality teas and cakes.

**Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> January** - We will run an Online Zoom meeting from 6.30pm-8pm where members can access support, advice, information and share news with one another.

#### **Half Term Events/ Options - February 2024**

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup> February – 9.30am** - Meet Up & Play at soft play area– Kidzplay, Dockfield Road, Shipley, BD17 7AD. (Bookings only online at Kidzplay website – [www.kidzplay.co.uk](http://www.kidzplay.co.uk) )

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> February** – Walk & Talk at Cliffe Castle in Keighley – Time to be confirmed.

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> February** – We will run an Online Zoom meeting from 6.30pm-8pm where members can access support, advice, information and share news with one another.

#### **Mental Wellness – March 2024**

Across our Hubs on 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> March - 10am–2pm we will be joined by Nadia Abdo from Kooth & Qwell to deliver a presentation about Mental Health – We will discuss Stress & Anxiety, how we can manage those feelings, barriers to seeking help and how Kooth can support children & young people across Bradford.

#### **May - 2024 – To be confirmed**

- Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - Bradford Hub
- Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Menston Hub
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> – Keighley

#### **June – 2024 – The Padlet & Accessing Information**

- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Bradford Hub
- Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Menston Hub
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Keighley Hub

If you would like to know more please get in touch at [friendsandfamily@thinkingbiguk.org](mailto:friendsandfamily@thinkingbiguk.org) where we will be happy to chat.



# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

**WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY**

**An unmissable chance to meet lots of services & groups all in one place!**

**AWARE INVITES YOU TO OUR WORLD AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY INFORMATION EVENT 2024**

**TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2024 10AM-2PM**  
**BRADFORD CITY EVENTS SUITE**  
UTILITA ENERGY STADIUM, VALLEY PARADE, BD8 7DY

**Tickets free but booking essential!**

Please scan the QR code or follow the link in the Facebook post to find out more info and to book



Click [here](#) to book on to the event

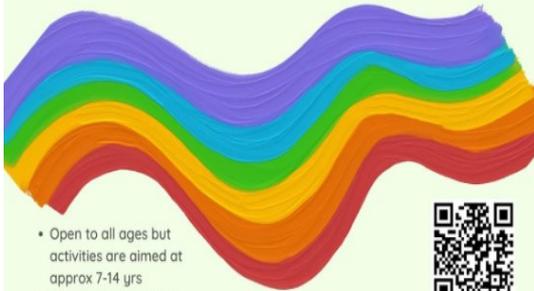
## Wavelength

A social club for neurodivergent young people and their families and friends

- Art and crafts** • Thursday 1st February
- Lego** • Thursday 29th February
- Refreshments** • Thursday 28th March
- Board games** • Thursday 25th April
- Sensory corner** 6.30-8.00pm

£3 per family

All sessions at Northcliffe church hall, Hall Royd, Shipley



- Open to all ages but activities are aimed at approx 7-14 yrs
- This session is run by volunteers and young people must be accompanied by parents/carers at all times.
- No diagnosis required.

[wavelength@kirkgatecentre.org.uk](mailto:wavelength@kirkgatecentre.org.uk)  
<https://www.facebook.com/wavelengthshipley>



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City of BRADFORD  
Shipley Area Committee

## SEND parent carer coffee morning

Run by Carers' Resource in partnership with Bradford East Family Hub



Join us for a coffee and to meet other parent carers.

Taking place from **11am to 12.30pm** at Bradford East Family Hub,  
365 Barkerend Road, Bradford, BD3 8QX.

**Monday, 8th January 2024**

**Monday, 5th February 2024**

**Monday, 11th March 2024** - SENDIASS will be attending to discuss their work. The service supports parents and carers of children and young people with additional needs and/or disabilities, with exclusions, transfers, admissions, transport, appeals, mediation, complaints, personal budgets, EHCPs, and SEN support.

**Monday, 8th April 2024**

**Monday, 13th May 2024**

**Monday, 10th June 2024** - Learn more about the support offered by your local family hub.

**Monday, 8th July 2024**

For more information and to sign up, contact Catherine Haslam:  
email [chaslam@carersresource.org](mailto:chaslam@carersresource.org) or call 0808 5015 939.

Swain House Primary School

COFFEE MORNING

The  
Gateway  
Take over



Games/Quizzes/activities  
Raffle/Tombola  
Information

FRIDAY 23RD FEB FROM 8.30AM

[Ebony@ravenscliffe.org.uk](mailto:Ebony@ravenscliffe.org.uk) 01274 636602

# Little Acorns Nursery

At Swain House Primary School

Do you have a 2 year old?

Parents of two year olds can access 15 hours a week of free childcare if they are in receipt of income support benefits, such as Universal Credit, and earn less than £15,400 a year or if they are working parents of two year olds.

September, January and April intake

Little Acorns Nursery is a warm, nurturing atmosphere where children learn through play in a safe and stimulating environment



*Children in the early years receive an excellent education. They make good progress because of the strong curriculum. They are highly engaged and independent in their learning. Adults are very effective in supporting them (Ofsted March 2023)*

For more information please contact our school office on 01274 639049 or [office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk](mailto:office@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk)

# WEEKLY UPDATES

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Here are this week's attendance and punctuality figures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement and it is therefore very important that your child attends school and is on time unless they are too unwell to do so. Our doors open at **8.30am** and close at **8.40am**.

Please see the information below for our whole school and class attendance for the week ending **26/01/2024**

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	84.3%	1
Willow	90.3%	1
Kandinsky	97.6%	4
Matisse	95.8%	3
Lowry	95.7%	3
Van Gogh	97.2%	5

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	90.0%	5
Roald Dahl	96.6%	2
JK Rowling	94.1%	3
J Wilson	95.2%	1
Elgar	94.2%	1
Mozart	92.5%	5
Beethoven	98.8%	0
Vivaldi	98.0%	1

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class, Van Gogh Class, Roald Dahl Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Beethoven Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**94.4%**

## COMMUNICATION SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER

These are the letters, messages and website updates that have been sent out this week. If you have not received any of these letters, please speak to your child's class teacher or contact the office on **01274 639049**.

WEBSITE UPDATES:	National Online Safety - Stay Safe on new Devices
LETTERS:	25.01.24 - Van Gogh Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	23.01.24 - Number Day 2024 25.01.24 - Vivaldi Class Parents Evening Rescheduled 26.01.24 - Year 5 Homework

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

## SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	01/02/24	2.30pm	Van Gogh Class Assembly
Thursday	08/02/24	2.30pm	Matisse Chinese New Year Assembly
Thursday	22/02/24	2.30pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	29/02/24	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Assembly
Thursday	07/03/24	2.30pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	14/03/24	2.30pm	Kandinsky Holi Assembly
Thursday	21/03/24	2.30pm	Mozart Easter Assembly



# MENU 29/01/24



## Swain House Primary School

# MENU

### WEEK 2



6th Nov, 27th Nov,  
8th Jan, 29th Jan,  
19th Feb, 11th Mar

#### MON

- Vegetarian Chilli & Nachos
- Soya Mince Bolognese



#### TUES

- Minced Beef & Onion Pie
- Halal Keema Roll
- Cheese & Potato Flan



#### WED

- Roast of the Day
- Halal Chicken Hotpot
- Soya Mince Cottage Pie

#### THUR

- Cheese & Tomato Pizza

#### FRI

- Battered Fillet of Fish
- Salmon Fishcakes
- Savoury Roll



#### MAINS

- Garlic Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads
- Potato Salad

- Herby Potatoes
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Potatoes
- Yorkshire Pudding
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Dry Roast Jacket Potato
- Wedges
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Individual Salads

- Chips
- Seasonal Vegetables
- Assorted Individual Salads

#### SIDES

- Assorted Jacket Potatoes
- Assorted Panini
- Assorted Sandwiches

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#### OTHER OPTIONS

- Ginger Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Decorated Fruit Jelly
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Syrup Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Decorated Sponge Cake
- Freshly Prepared Fruit

- Chocolate Sponge
- Freshly Prepared Fruit



#### DESSERTS

# REMINDERS

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.50 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £2.00 each per day. Children from Nursery to Year 6 can attend.

If you would like to book your child into Breakfast Club, please use ParentPay.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.00 each per day.

If you would like to book your child into After School Club, please use ParentPay.

## EXTRA CLUB

We also offer an Extra Club service that runs until 5.30pm at a cost of £4.00 per day.

If you would like to book your child into Extra Club, please use ParentPay.

**Please can you ensure that Extra Club places are booked and paid for in advance - by Monday morning. This ensures registers are accurate and places are booked and guaranteed.**

## COMING UP THIS TERM

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	23.01.24	3.15 - 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	25.01.24	3.00 - 3.30pm	Parent Drop in
Friday	02.02.24	All Day	NSPCC Number Day
Monday - Sunday	05.02.24 - 11.02.24	N/A	Children's Mental Health Week
Friday	09.02.24	N/A	School closes for February Half Term
Thursday	07.03.24	All Day	World Book Day
Monday - Sunday	11.03.24 - 17.03.24	N/A	Science Week
Friday	15.03.24	All Day	Comic Relief
Friday	22.03.24	N/A	School closes for Easter

# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is 'EA Sports FC 24'.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many games which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

#### OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

#### ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

#### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

#### DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

#### AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

#### SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers; voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

#### CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

#### Meet Our Expert

Loyal Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including iTech and TechRadar.

### National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

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