

ASPIRE

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OUR LEARNING HOOKS

Lots of exciting things have been happening in school this week, our teachers have been working super hard launching their new topics. Take a look at some of our amazing learning hooks.

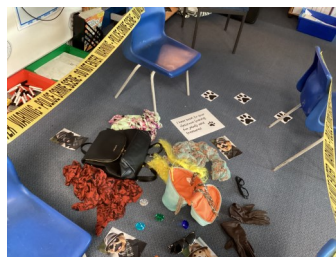
YEAR 4

To launch their new English text, *Survivors*, Year 4 enjoyed a fun morning in the wildlife area this week. They had to imagine they were stranded on an island and had to work in groups to carry out some given survival tasks. The children worked really well together and came up with some great some ideas.



YEAR 3

As part of our English learning hook for our new text *Ottoline and the Yellow Cat*, we came into our classrooms to find a crime scene. We had some questions we needed to answer. We put our best detective hats on and set to work!



LEARNING HOOKS...

RESOURCED PROVISION

The children in the RP enjoyed the launch of their new book 'The Bear and the Piano' written by David Litchfield. The book explores themes of friendship, adventure, aspirations and success. The children enjoyed having a little play on the piano.



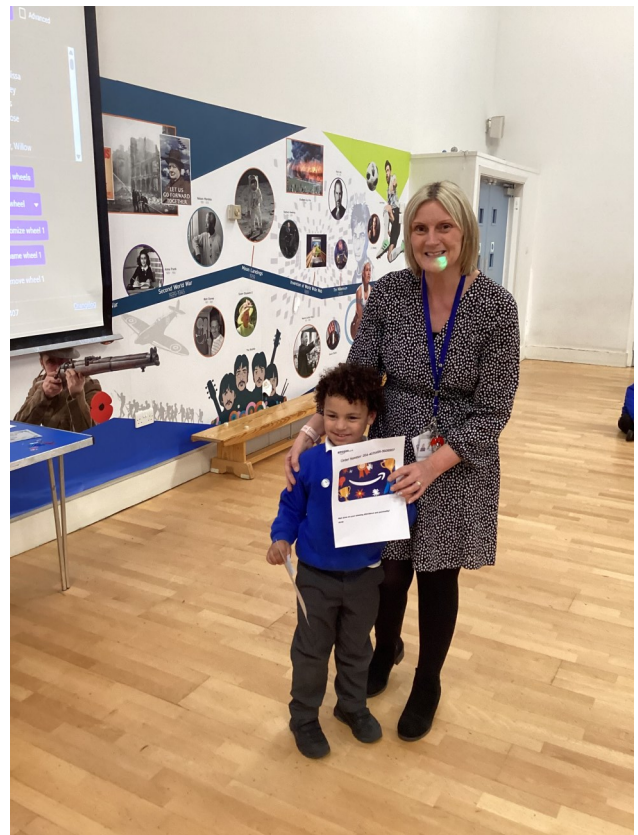
GREAT OAK NURSERY

Nursery enjoyed going to Mexico on an aeroplane this week. They had their own boarding passes and passports. They had so much fun!



100% ATTENDANCE WITH NO LATES WINNERS!

The children were so excited to see who had won our first attendance wheel last Friday. Here are the lucky two winners who both received a £5 amazon voucher to spend on anything of their choosing! Well done to you!



PRIMARY SCHOOL FINALISTS

✨ We're incredibly proud to share some exciting news! ✨

Swain House Primary School has been shortlisted for School of the Year at the Telegraph & Argus Education Awards! 🏆

This is our second year attending the awards, following last year's fantastic achievement when our inspirational headteacher, Mrs Pugh, was shortlisted for Head Teacher of the Year. What an honour to be recognised again!

A huge thank you to our amazing staff, pupils, parents, carers, and wider school community—this achievement belongs to you all. ❤️



Come and join a new Adventure?



We are looking for young people aged 4 - 14 to join our scout group, in Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts!

Want to make new friends, learn new skills and have fun?

If you answer YES! Then we could be the choice for you!



Squirrels - Age 4-6 - Saturday 10am - 11am

Beavers - Age 6 - 8 - Thursday 6:15pm - 7:30pm

Cubs - Age 8- 10.5 - Monday 6:30pm - 8pm

Scouts - Age 10.5 - 14 - Friday 7:30pm - 9pm

Our group meets at St Andrews Church Undercliffe on above nights, please contact us for more information

via facebook @29thBNscouts or just turn up on the night relevant to you.




Scouts

JUNIOR PARKRUN

junior parkrun -
where everyone is



welcome

junior parkrun is a free, fun,
friendly, weekly, community
event organised by volunteers
of all ages for children
aged 4 to 14.

2k junior parkrun events
take place on Sunday mornings
and are for the whole community
to come together to walk, jog,
run and volunteer. Join in on
the fun at junior parkrun!



junior parkrun

GREAT OAK NURSERY



Great Oak Nursery

at

Swain House Primary School

Now enrolling for our September, January and April intakes

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

'My child started Great Oak Nursery in September. All of the teachers have been amazing and my child loves coming to his new school and is thriving



We have full & part time places available

With wrap around care 7.30am until 6.00pm

7.30am Breakfast Club - £2.40 a day

7.45am Breakfast Club - £1.90 a day

8.00am Breakfast Club - free

After School club 3.15pm until 4.00pm £2.50 a day

Extra Club 4.00pm until 6.00pm £4.50 a day

Please contact the school on

01274 639049

LITTLE ACORNS NURSERY

Little Acorns Nursery At Swain House Primary School

Do you have a 2 year old?

September, January and April intake

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



We have full & part time places available

With wraparound care
7.30am until 6.00pm

please contact the school on
01274 639049

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 **24.04.26**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	93.0%	1
Willow	97.0%	2
Kandinsky	88.2%	0
Matisse	97.2%	1
Lowry	93.8%	1
Van Gogh	98.4%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	94.8%	1
Roald Dahl	90.0%	1
JK Rowling	88.8%	3
Michael Morpurgo	98.1%	0
Elgar	96.8%	0
Mozart	87.1%	1
Beethoven	97.0%	0
Vivaldi	95.5%	0

Congratulations to **Van Gogh Class** and **Michael Morpurgo Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Kandinsky Class, Van Gogh Class, MMO Class, Elgar Class, Beethoven Class & Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.0%

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 - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know About
LETTERS:	24.04.26 - Van Gogh Class Wesak Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	21.04.26 - Elm Class Parents Evening Postponed

COMMUNITY NEWS



SEND Youth Voice Summit

A youth voice event for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities





Tuesday 9 June, 2026

10am - 1.30pm

City Hall, Bradford

An opportunity for secondary students with SEND (supported by staff) to share their views and experiences, visit City Hall and meet other young people.

**CONTACT
US**

-  meet key services
-  share experiences
-  develop ideas
-  shape the future.

SENDYouthVoice@bradford.gov.uk

Phone: 074845 44062



COMMUNITY NEWS



SEND Marketplace drop-in events

Specialist services available to ask questions, give information, advice and support. The last Monday of every month.



- 26 January (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 23 February (9.30am -12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 March (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 27 April (9.30am -12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 18 May (2pm - 4.30pm) at TFD Family Hub
- 29 June (9.30am -11.30am) at Shipley Library
- 27 July (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 24 August (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub
- 25 September (2pm - 4.30pm) at Reevy Hill Family Hub
- 26 October (9.30am -12.30pm) at Rainbow Family Hub
- 30 November (1pm - 3pm) at Barkerend Family Hub
- 21 December (9.30am - 12.30pm) at Farcliffe Family Hub

Support available on:

Autism/ADHD

Speech and language

Relationship issues

Sleeping difficulties

Finance/benefits

Education

Bradford District and Craven
Health and Care Partnership



COMMUNITY NEWS



**AT THE HIGHFIELD
HOTEL, BD10**

splash & glide
swimming lessons



**Pre-school
classes:**
Monday, Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday

From 10am

**After school
classes:**
Monday, Wednesday
& Thursday
4pm - 7pm

to book email:
hello@velocitykids.co.uk

new website coming soon!



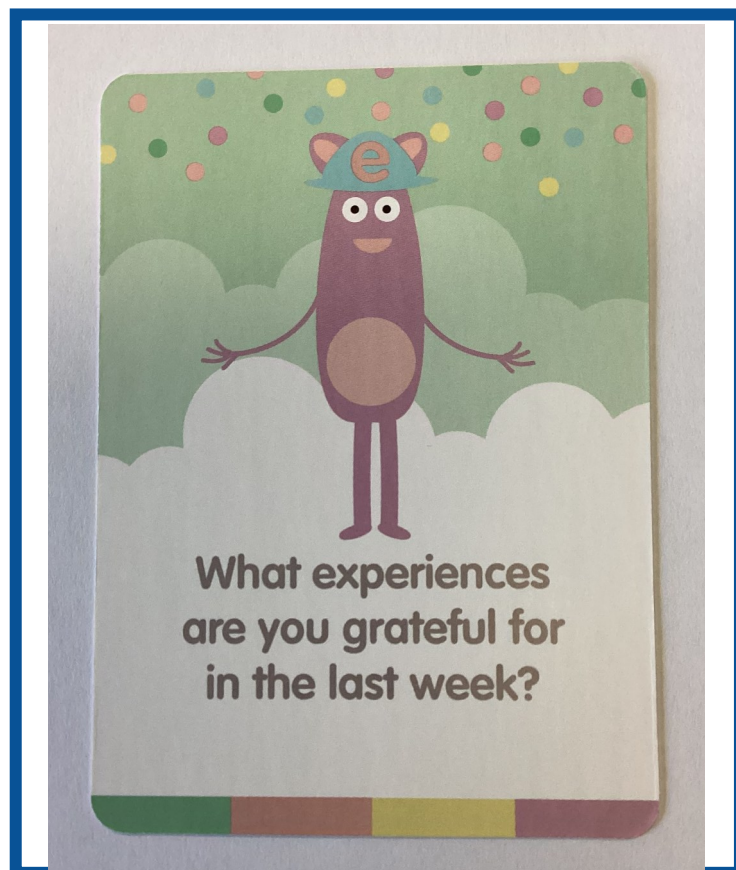
MYHAPPYMIND

OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK



Enjoy a conversation!

Each week we will share a conversation card. These are designed to help you have meaningful and fun conversations with your child and aid discussions about mental health and happiness.



COMING UP IN SUMMER TERM

SUMMER TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	30.04.26	2.20pm	Van Gogh Wesak Assembly
Thursday	07.05.26	2.20pm	Kandinsky Class Assembly
Thursday	21.05.26	2.20pm	Year 4 Residential Assembly
Tuesday	09.06.26	2.20pm	Elgar Class Eid Assembly
Thursday	11.06.26	2.20pm	Mozart Class Assembly
Tuesday	16.06.26	2.20pm	Anne Fine Class Assembly
Thursday	18.06.26	2.20pm	Willow Class Assembly
Thursday	25.06.26	2.20pm	Matisse Class Assembly
Thursday	02.07.26	2.20pm	Elm Class Assembly
Thursday	09.07.26	2.20pm	Roald Dahl Class Assembly
Thursday	16.07.26	1.45pm	Year 6 Leavers Presentation

REMINDERS

BREAKFAST CLUB AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Our Breakfast Club opens at 7.30am at a cost of £2.40 each per day or at 7.45am at the cost of £1.90 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.

We have a free Breakfast Club 8.00am—8.30am

If you would like to book this please use ParentApps

CLUB

Our After School Club is available until 4pm at a cost of £2.50 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 6.00pm at a cost of £4.50 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.

If you have any problems booking any of our before or after school clubs, please contact Miss Armitage, one of our learning mentors.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
TUESDAY	28.04.26		PARENTS EVENING

MENU 27/04/26

Week 3: 27th Apr, 18th May,
8th Jun, 29th Jun, 20th Jul,
10th Aug, 31st Aug, 21st Sep,
12th Oct, 2nd Nov

Homemade Bread,
selection of seasonal
Vegetables / fresh Salad &
fresh Fruit served daily.

Selection of cold
Sandwiches served daily.

Swain House Primary School Menu

Mon

ProVeg Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.

Rich & Creamy Vegetarian Mince Lasagne
Soya Mince & Vegetables in a rich Tomato Sauce with Vegetables, Herbs & Garlic, layered with Pasta Sheets & a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread.

Homemade BBQ Quorn with Rice
Quorn Pieces in a Barbeque flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Rainbow Rice.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Flapjack
A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter.

Tue

Traditional Chicken Pie
Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken Pieces in a rich Gravy with Vegetables, topped with a Golden Pastry Lid, served with Potatoes.

Halal Keema & Peas
Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince & Peas, served with Spicy Pilau Rice.

Golden Cheese Whirl
Cheese, Potato & Onion, encased in Puff Pastry, served with Seasoned Potatoes.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Strawberry Sponge & Custard
Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam Swirl, served with Custard.

Wed

Sausage Pie
Red Tractor Accredited Sausage in Gravy, topped with Cheesy Mashed Potatoes, served with Yorkshire Pudding.

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
Red Tractor accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy.

Quorn Roast Dinner
Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Vegan Gravy.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Pears & Ice Cream with Syrup
Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Pear Slices, with a Chocolate flavoured Syrup.

Thu

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza
Wholemeal 50/50 base, topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Mini Power Ball Pizza
Wholemeal 50/50 base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce, and topped with Mozzarella / Cheddar Cheese & Meatless Balls, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

ProVeg Indian-style Sausage Rolls
Puff Pastry with a Vegan Filling, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Vegetable Pakoras
Mixed Vegetables & Onion coated in Tempura Batter, served with Chips / baked Jacket Wedges & Rlata.

Neapolitan Pasta
Seasonal Veg, Beans & Herbs cooked and blended into a rich Tomato Sauce, served with Pasta.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Butterfly Buns
Individual, decorated Sponge-based Dessert.



Scan the QR code to head to our app for full allergen & nutritional info



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'What Parents & Educators Need to Know About App & Play Stores'.

At The National College, our *WakeUpWednesday* guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE

Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing a Python-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS

Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES

App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some 'free' apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN

Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

SIDLOADED BANNED APPS

'Sideloading' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but private ones packed with malware too.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS

Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS

App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at ratings by digging out the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

DO YOUR RESEARCH

If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider task about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

Meet Our Expert

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