

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025



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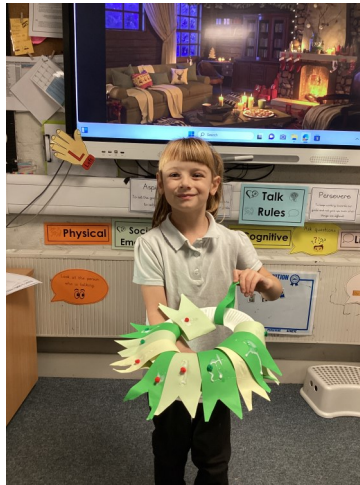
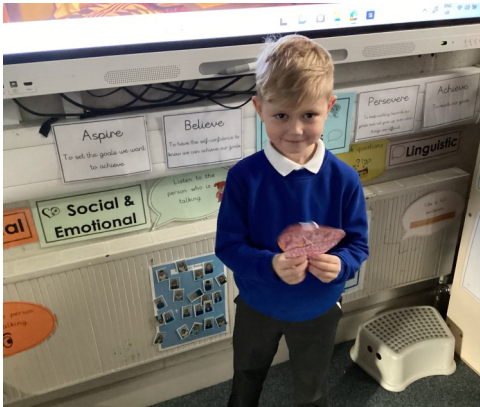
PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS!

This week EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 all held their Christmas craft sessions in school. A great time was had by all!







ART & DESIGN IN ACTION

Kapow
Primary



Children in Years 1 - 6 study three Art & Design units a year. Key skills are revisited each year, with increasing complexity, allowing children's skills to progress and to revise and build on their previous learning. Art & Design is taught through the use of the Kapow Primary scheme.

Units in each year group are organised into four core areas:

Drawing	Painting and mixed media	Sculpture and 3D	Craft and Design
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So far this year...

Year 1 have enjoyed exploring a range of lines, colours and types of medium in their Drawing unit: Make Your Mark

In Year 2, the children have completed their unit called Map it Out! They had lots of fun inventing their own parks and designing maps using colours and pastels.



Year 3 linked their art unit to Remembrance and created poppies using a technique called frottage.



In Year 4, children enjoyed looking at how artists can experiment with proportion.



In their Craft and Design unit, Year 6 have been using photography as a medium for expressing ideas.



In Year 5, children have been developing their artistic decision-making skills to create space art.



Little Acorns have been taking part in plenty of autumnal art and craft activities during their nursery sessions.



The children in Dynamo Room have enjoyed several art activities linked to their text, The Gruffalo.



Further details and more photographs of Art & Design in action can be found on our school website.

A SPECIAL AWARD

We are pleased to share that we have won an award from Shipley College this week. This award has been presented to us for working in partnership with the college as we are supporting apprentices through their qualifications in education here at our school.



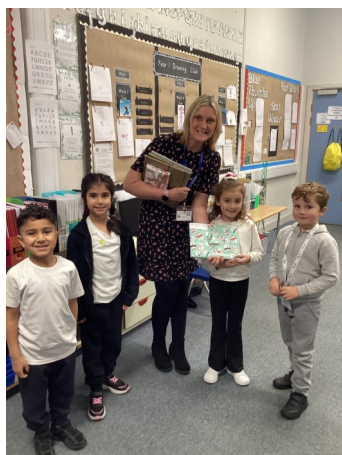
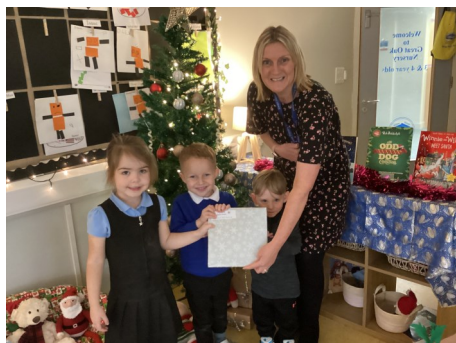
SWAIN HOUSE HAS GOT TALENT!

The children in KS2 will have the opportunity to audition to be part of 'Swain House has got Talent'. We are looking forward to seeing what they have planned!

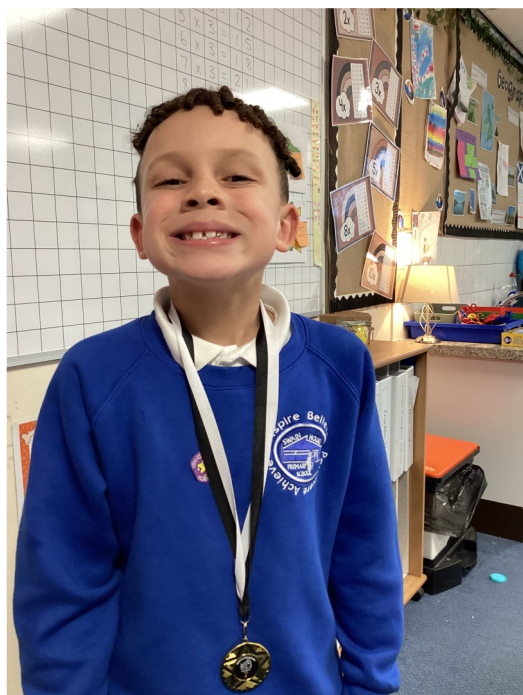


ADVENT BOOKS

Mrs Pugh had a lovely time handing out Advent books bought by the Friends of Swain House. We would like to say a huge thank you to the Friends of Swain House for all the hard work they do to fund raise for our school.



SHARING YOUR NEWS!



Lincs in Year 3 received a special medal at his football game last week. He was so proud and enjoyed sharing his news with his class. He received the medal for scoring two goals! Well done Lincs, we are proud of you!

If you have any news about your child's achievements that you would like to share in our newsletter, please speak to your child's class teacher!

**CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES
ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU!

MERRY CHRISTMAS

ROAST TURKEY DINNER

Stuffing, Mini Pork Sausage,
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts & Gravy



HALAL ROAST CHICKEN DINNER

Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts & Gravy



QUORN ROAST

Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts & Gravy



CLASSIC CHEESE & ONION FLAN

Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Peas, Sprouts & Gravy

CHRISTMAS SHORTBREAD

Wedge of orange

Or

CHOCOLATE SPONGE

Served with Custard

RECEPTION OPEN DAYS



SWAIN HOUSE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

RECEPTION 2026 OPEN DAYS



TUESDAY 11TH NOVEMBER - 9.00AM
FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER - 3.30PM
THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER - 4.30PM

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER - 4.00PM
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER - 5.00PM

TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY - 9.00AM
THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY - 3.30PM
TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY - 9.15AM
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY - 9.30AM
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY - 4.30PM



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CHRISTMAS AT SWAIN HOUSE 2025!



Tuesday 9th December	10.00 am LKS2 Carol Concert
Tuesday 9th December	2.00 pm UKS2 Carol Concert
Wednesday 10th December	Dick Whittington Panto
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12th December 10am and 2pm	EYFS Nativity/Christmas Performance for parents
Tuesday 16th December	10am & 2pm - KS1 Nativity for Parents
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Parties – all year groups
Thursday 18th December	Children's Toy Raffle
Friday 19th December	Swain House has Got Talent
Friday 19th December	Non-Uniform day & Toy Day

CHRISTMAS PARTY INFORMATION!



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Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

All year groups will be having their Christmas party this year on **Wednesday 17th December 2025**. Your child may come to school in party clothes on this day. We would appreciate your support by asking for contributions of traditional party food.

Below is a list of suggested party food you could bring in.

Savoury	Sweet
Cucumber sticks	Cakes
Carrot sticks	Buns
Bread Sticks	Biscuits
Dips	Fruit
Crisps	Popcorn
Cheese sandwiches	
Tuna sandwiches	
Egg sandwiches	
Mini cocktail sausages	
Samosas	
Onion Bhajis	
Mini Sausage Rolls/Cheese Rolls	

School will provide drinks.

Boys – Sweet

Girls – Savoury

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Pugh'.

Mrs Clare Pugh
Headteacher

EARLY YEARS AND KS1 PERFORMANCES



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas Performances

The Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christmas performance dates are as follows:

Early Years Christmas performance 1 Great Oak Nursery & Reception	Friday 12 th December 2025	10am
Early Years Christmas performance 2 Great Oak Nursery & Reception	Friday 12 th December 2025	2pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity - performance 1 Year 1 & Year 2	Tuesday 16 th December 2025	10am
Key Stage 1 Nativity - performance 2 Year 1 & Year 2	Tuesday 16 th December 2025	2pm

We anticipate there will be large numbers of parents and family members wishing to attend therefore only two tickets per family will be allocated. To enable us to organise seating efficiently we would like everyone who wishes to attend to collect a ticket from the Administration team in the School Office and these will be available from Monday 1st December 2025.

Christmas Parties

Wednesday 17 th December 2025	All Year Groups
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As in the past all donations of food will be gratefully received. A letter will be sent out to classes with more information about this, prior to the parties. Pupils do not need to wear uniform on this day.

Children's Raffle

On Thursday 18th December 2025 we will be holding a free Children's Christmas Toy Raffle. All of the prizes have been kindly donated by the staff. All pupils will be given a raffle ticket on the day of the draw and any absent pupils will be allocated a ticket, if they win their prize will be saved for them.

Other Christmas events

Friday 21 st November 2025	Non Uniform for a bottle (ketchup, alcohol, etc)
Friday 28 th November 2025	Non Uniform for chocolates & sweets
Wednesday 10 th December 2025	Dick Whittington Panto
Friday 5 th December 2025	Christmas Fair
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day – £1 donation to Save the Children
Friday 19 th December 2025	Swain House has got Talent
Friday 19 th December 2025	Non Uniform and Toy Day

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Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

KS2 CAROL CONCERTS



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Dear Parent/Guardian

KS2 Carol Concerts

Key Stage 2 children will be presenting a Carol Concert and there will be two performances this year. We anticipate there will be large numbers of parents and family members wishing to attend therefore only two tickets per family will be allocated (per performance). To enable us to organise seating efficiently we would like everyone who wishes to attend to collect a ticket from the Administration team in the School Office and these will be available from Monday 1st December 2025.

Key Stage 2 – Year 3 and Year 4	Tuesday 9 th December 2025	10am
Key Stage 2 – Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday 9 th December 2025	2pm

Christmas Parties

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BREAKFAST CLUB INFORMATION



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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that from **Monday 5th January 2026**, we will be changing the entrance used for children accessing Breakfast Club. This is to reduce congestion in the main office area.

When we return to school, after the Christmas break on Monday 5th January, please can you use the piazza entrance (picture shown below) to drop your child off for Breakfast Club. To locate the piazza, walk past the community entrance, towards the bottom car park then turn left through the gate. When the piazza door opens for Breakfast Club, a member of staff will be ready to greet your child and register them. Parents will then leave through the piazza door. Breakfast Club opening times are 7.30am, 7.45am and 8am.



Please can we also remind parents that we offer free Breakfast Club for **all children** from 8.00am. Please book free Breakfast Club places via ParentApps. If you need any support with this, please contact school on 01274 639049.

If you would like your child to attend the free Breakfast Club, which starts at 8am, and to have breakfast in school, they need to arrive by 8.20am. After this time, we will not be able to offer breakfast as the children start getting ready to go to class for the start of the school day at 8.25am.

If you have any questions regarding this change then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

Clare Pugh
Headteacher

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 **05/12/25**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	97.7%	0
Willow	91.7%	2
Kandinsky	95.4%	2
Matisse	95.7%	3
Lowry	98.1%	3
Van Gogh	94.2%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.8%	1
Roald Dahl	98.3%	4
JK Rowling	86.4%	2
Michael Morpurgo	88.3%	4
Elgar	93.2%	5
Mozart	93.2%	1
Beethoven	94.8%	2
Vivaldi	94.7%	5

Congratulations to **Lowry Class** and **Roald Dahl Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elm Class** and **Van Gogh Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.1%

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 'Electrical Safety and Devices'.
LETTERS:	04.12.25 - Staffing 04.12.25 - Vivaldi Class Assembly 05.12.25 - Christmas Party Food 05.12.25 - Changes to Breakfast Club Entrance Jan 2026
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	03.12.25 - Changed Menu - W/C: 08.12.25 05.12.25 - Christmas Jumper Day

COMMUNITY NEWS



**BOYS
DEVELOPMENT
SESSIONS**

**Goals
Bradford**

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TUESDAYS

AGES 6-9

5-6PM

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.



MYHAPPYMIND APP

The myHappyMind app includes lots of fantastic features such as—kids zone, myHappyMind games and mini master classes for parents .



Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.



myHappyMind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappyMind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

107220

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

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
THURSDAY	11.12.25		CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
WEDNESDAY	17.12.25		CHRISTMAS PARTIES

COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	11.12.25	2.30pm	Vivaldi Class Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!



On Thursday 11th December we will be having our Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for children in the UK and across the world. Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond!) put on a festive jumper at their work-place or school and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. Children can wear a Christmas jumper and bring a £1 donation.

MENU 08/12/25

Homemade bread,
selection of seasonal
vegetables / fresh salad
and fresh fruits served
daily

Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 3rd Nov, 24th Nov,
15th Dec, 5th Jan, 16th
Jan, 9th Mar
Wk 2 - 10th Nov, 1st Dec,
22nd Dec, 12th Jan, 2nd
Feb, 23rd Feb, 16th Mar
Wk 3 - 17th Nov, 8th Dec,
29th Dec, 19th Jan, 9th
Feb, 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar

MON TUES WED THUR FRI

WEEK 1

Halal Rich & Creamy Meat Lasagne
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince in a rich Tomato Sauce with Herbs & Garlic layered with Pasta Sheets and a Creamy Cheese Sauce, served with Garlic Bread)

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

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and meaty spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce)

Chicken Tikka Masala with Pilau Rice / Naan Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken & Chickpeas in a mild Curry Sauce with Pilau Rice or Naan Bread)

Creamy Mac & Cheese
(A Macaroni Pasta dish, coated in a Creamy Mature Cheddar Sauce, served with Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Butterfly Buns
(Individual decorated Sponge-based Dessert)

Roast Meat Dinner
(Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Loin) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roasties & Gravy)

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy)

Toad in the Hole
(Quorn Sausage Baked in a light Batter, served with Roast Potatoes)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Fruity Flapjack
(A sweet Bar made with Oats, Golden Syrup & Butter with Fruit)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Arrabiata Pasta
(Chili Tomato Sauce with Lentils and Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes

Creamy Rice Pudding with Strawberry Jam
(Creamy Milk pudding served with Jam)

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
(MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

Southern Fried Chicken Goujons & Garlic Mayo
(Red Tractor Accredited pre-fried Breaded Chicken, served with Garlic Mayonnaise & baked Jacket Wedges)

Vegetable Samosa
(Vegetables with a light Spice enclosed in Pastry & Baked, served with Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Strawberry Sponge & Custard
(Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a Strawberry Jam swirl, served with Custard)

WEEK 2

Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince & Lentils in a Tomato Sauce served with Pasta & Garlic Bread)

Halal Keema Biryani
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince & Peas in a Spicy Pilau Rice)

Pomodoro Pasta
(A simple, delicious rich Tomato Sauce with Beans, served with Garlic Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Decorated Fruit Jelly
(Jelly with Fruit, topped with Fresh Cream)

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

Golden Cheese Whirl
(Cheese, Potato & Onion encase in Puff Pastry, served with baked Jacket Wedges)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Vanilla Sponge
(Homemade, light Vanilla Sponge with a hint of Vanilla, served with Custard)

Roast Meat Dinner
(Red Tractor Accredited Meat (either Gammon, Turkey or Pork Loin) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roasties & Gravy)

Halal Roast Chicken Breast
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken Breast, served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Vegan Gravy)

Hearty Shepherd's Pie
(Soya Mince, Veg and Gravy filling, topped with Mashed Potatoes)

Sprinkle Cake
(Homemade Vanilla Sponge, lightly topped with Water long and Sprinkles)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Arrabiata Pasta
(Chili Tomato Sauce with Lentils and Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Gallydale Biscuits
(Homemade, Charming, Oaty Biscuits)

MSC Battered Fish Fillet
(MSC Battered Fillet of Fish, served with Baked Jacket Wedges)

Vegetable Pakoras
(Mixed Vegetables & Onion coated in Tempura Batter, served with Baked Jacket Wedges & Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade Sponge with Swirls of both Vanilla & Chocolate Cakes, served with Chocolate Sauce)

WEEK 3

Creamy Chicken Pasta & Crusty Bread
(Red Tractor Accredited diced Chicken in a homemade Creamy Sauce with Garlic, served with Penne Pasta)

Halal Chicken Bhuna
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Chicken stir-fried and slow cooked in a spicy Shama Masala)

BBQ Quorn Pasta
(Quorn Pieces in a Barbecue Flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Wholemeal Pasta)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Apple Crumble & Custard
(Sliced Apples topped with Oat Crumble, served with Custard)

Loaded Wedges with a Mild Mexican Chilli & topping
(Red Tractor Accredited Beef Mince in a mild, homemade Chilli Sauce, served on Baked Jacket Wedges)

Loaded Wedges with a mild Mexican Veg Chilli
(Vegan Mince in a mild, homemade Chilli Sauce, served on Baked Jacket Wedges with toppings)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup
(Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Peach Slices with a Chocolate Flavoured Syrup)

Sausage in Gravy with Yorkshire Pudding
(Red Tractor Accredited Sausage, served with Yorkshire Pudding)

Halal Cottage Pie
(Red Tractor Accredited HMC Beef Mince in a Gravy with Onions, topped with Mashed Potatoes & Cheese served with Yorkshire Pudding & Gravy)

Savoury Mince topped Tatties
(Soya Mince, Vegetables & Potatoes, served with a Yorkshire Pudding)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Cornflake Tart
(Pastry base with Cornflakes and Syrup, served with Custard)

Classic Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Coleslaw & Salad
(Wholemeal 50/50 Base topped with a lightly spiced Sauce and topped with Mozzarella/Cheddar Cheese)

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and meaty spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade, light Chocolate Sponge, served with Chocolate Sauce)

MSC Breaded Fish Fillet Fingers
(MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
(MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato, served with Seasoned Potatoes)

American Style Quorn Hot Dog
(Quorn Sausage, served in a White Bun with Seasoned Potatoes)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Chocolate Crispy Crunch
(A sweet Bar made from puffed Rice, Cocoa & Syrup)

food quarter

For full allergen
& nutritional
information
head to our app



City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'Electrical Safety and Devices'.

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

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