

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026



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ASPIRE

BELIEVE

PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

YEAR 2 VISIT TO SKIPTON CASTLE

Earlier this week, Kandinsky class went to Skipton Castle. The children had such an informative day learning about the history of Skipton Castle. To bring their learning to life, they got to see towers, arrow slits, wall markings from the quarry and also the dungeon! To top off an amazing day they finished off their visit to Aireville park.



RESOURCED PROVISION CINEMA VISIT!

The children from the Resourced Provision enjoyed their visit to the National Media Museum to watch the dialogue free film 'Flow'. The Swain House children loved it and really enjoyed meeting up with friends from Girlington and Hanson RPs.



EASTER CRAFTS!

Thank you to all our family members that have attended our Easter Craft sessions this year!



EASTER CHOCOLATE RAFFLE WINNERS!

Here are some of the winners of our Easter chocolate raffle. Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and donated some chocolate - without you these events wouldn't be possible. If you have a winning ticket and haven't collected your prize yet, please collect from the main office. We raised an amazing £808.00



EASTER EGG COMPETITION

The children had a great time decorating eggs in school this week. We were really impressed with their ideas and creativity.



GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO MR GIBBS!

We would like to wish a very special goodbye to Mr Gibbs!



Mr Gibbs has been an integral part of our Swain House team for the last 11 years and his work has made a lasting impact on the children, families, and colleagues he has supported.

We will all miss him, but we are incredibly proud of his achievement and wish him every success in this exciting next chapter of his career.

We would like to wish Miss Sunter a happy 18th birthday for Tuesday, we hope you have a great party!



FINALLY...

We would like to wish you all a Happy Easter. We hope you have a restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back at the start of our Summer term on

Monday 13th

April 2026



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

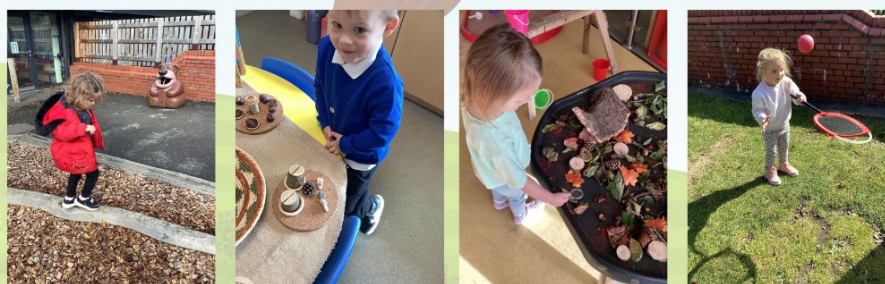
at

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 **27.03.26**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	91.3%	0
Willow	98.3%	0
Kandinsky	86.8%	1
Matisse	97.6%	3
Lowry	96.9%	4
Van Gogh	98.1%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	95.8%	3
Roald Dahl	90.0%	6
JK Rowling	96.3%	3
Michael Morpurgo	95.8%	1
Elgar	96.8%	2
Mozart	93.2%	4
Beethoven	97.2%	0
Vivaldi	94.0%	3

Congratulations to **Willow Class** and **Beethoven Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elm Class**, **Willow Class** and **Beethoven Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.9%

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 'Online Trends Encouraging Violence'.
LETTERS:	
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

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



Easter Creative Art Camps

30th March - 2nd April | For ages 5-15



£10
per day!
*includes lunch



- Music Production
- Keyboard/Guitar
- Film Making
- Aerial Hoop/Silks
- Acro Dance
- Circus Skills
- Arts & Crafts
- Performing Arts
- Dance

YACAD - Parkland Creative Arts Camp

10:00am - 3:00pm

Co-op Academy Parkland,
Old Park Rd, Bradford, BD10 9BG

YACAD - Wycliffe Circus Camp

10:00am - 2:00pm

Wycliffe CE Primary School
Saltaire Rd, Shipley BD18 3HZ

YACAD - Shipley Music Camp

10:00am - 2:00pm

Shipley CofE Primary School
Otley Rd, Shipley BD18 2PT

Book Now | Easter fun starts here!



If your child receives free school meals, you may be eligible for a funded place. Please register them on our HAF portal by using the link below and selecting your chosen camp:

<https://bradford.haf.fun/login>

Funded Places Available!



HAF@yacad.org | 01274 020263 | www.yacad.co.uk



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EASTER HAF (HOLIDAY AND FOOD) PROGRAMME

Bolton Villas 1924 Cricket Club



All Alone Road BD10 8TZ

Free entry

Free entry

Learning, Cricket
And Food

7, 8, 9 & 10 April
10:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Fun Activities

AGES 5-16

Contact Mo Hussain on 07813848891

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



velocity kids
swimming | cycling | holiday clubs

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!



DEN BUDDIES **HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

APRIL 7TH - 10TH

AT THE ACTIVITY DEN

Join us for crafts, sports, creative workshops and a day trip to Buckden House

YEAR 1 TO YEAR 6

FREE

PLAY & LEARN

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

Limited spaces so booking is essential. Spaces are available to those who receive benefit related free school meals

Booking opens 2nd March via
<https://www.theactivityden.com/whatson/den-buddies/>

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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.



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

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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
MONDAY	13.04.26		SCHOOL REOPENS

MENU 13/04/26

Week 1: 13th Apr, 4th May,
25th May, 15th Jun, 6th Jul,
27th Jul, 17th Aug, 7th Sep,
28th Sep, 19th Oct

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 Beef & Red Lentil Bolognese & Garlic Bread

Red Tractor accredited Beef Mince & Lentils in a Tomato & Vegetable Sauce, served with Pasta & Garlic Bread.

Soya Mince Chilli with Rice & Nachos
Soya Mince in a spicy Tomato Sauce, served with Rice & Nachos.

American-style Quorn Hot Dog
Quorn Sausage served in a Bun, with Seasoned Potatoes.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Lemon Shortcake & Custard
A rich Shortbread finger with a hint of Lemon, served with Custard.

Tue

Pork & Apple Whirl
Red Tractor Accredited Sausage Meat and Apples, encased in Pastry.

Halal Chicken & Spinach
Red Tractor Accredited HMC diced Chicken & Spinach in a Tomato based Curry Sauce, served with Pilau Rice / Naan Bread.

Pomodoro Pasta
A simple, delicious, rich Tomato Sauce with Beans, served with Crusty Bread.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Sprinkle Cake
Homemade - reduced sugar - Vanilla Sponge, lightly topped with water Icing and Sprinkles.

Wed

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

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

Golden Cheese Roll
Cheese mix wrapped in Puff Pastry, served with Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables.

Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll

Decorated Fruit Jelly
Jelly with Fruit, topped with Fresh Cream.

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.

Baked Tortilla Wrap with Julienne of Veg
Vegetables in a Sauce, topped with Cheese in a Tortilla wrap. Served hot 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.

MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake
MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato, served with Chips / Jacket Wedges.

Arrabiata Pasta
Chilli Tomato Sauce with Lentils & Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread.

Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches

Vanilla Cookie
Custard flavoured Cookie.



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 'Online Trends Encouraging Violence'.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EFFECTIVE REVISION AND STUDY SKILLS

As exam season ramps up, revision often becomes louder, busier, and less effective. Many pupils still rely on comfort strategies like re-reading and highlighting. These can feel productive but rarely build long-term memory. This guide will help you create a low-effort, high-impact revision system that teaches pupils how to revise, rather than merely emphasising its importance.

1 DIAGNOSE BEFORE DOING

Before adding more sessions, identify why a pupil is underperforming: knowledge gaps, weak routines, poor choices, or low effort driven by a lack of confidence. Treating every issue as 'needs more revision' creates noise. Use a quick check: what do they know, what do they misunderstand, what can't they retrieve under pressure, and what do they avoid? Then match revision to the actual problem.

2 TEACH REVISION EXPLICITLY

Most pupils haven't been taught how to revise well, so they pick what feels easiest. Build short revision mini-lessons into curriculum time; demonstrate retrieval, spacing, and how to self-check. Model it live, do it together, then gradually hand over responsibility. The goal is independence, not dependency. When pupils understand why strategies work, they're more likely to use them when it matters.

3 PRIORITISE RETRIEVAL PRACTICE

Make recall the default. Use methods such as low-stakes quizzes, flashcards, free recall, blurring, and 'answer then check'. Effective testing helps to measure and strengthen learning. Keep it specific and frequent – small chunks, lots of repetition, and immediate feedback. For parents, the best question isn't 'Have you revised?' but 'What can you remember today, without notes?'

4 SPACE IT OUT

Cramming can boost short-term performance, but it's weaker for long-term retention. Help pupils spread practice across days and weeks; revisiting content after memory has faded. That 'slight struggle' is the point. Use a simple rhythm: new learning, next-day retrieval, a three-day revisit, a weekly revisit, and mixed practice before the exam. This turns revision into a routine, not a panic.

5 MIX, DON'T BLOCK

Practising one topic for a long stretch – known as 'blocked practice' – can feel easy, but it can hide fragile learning. Mixing topics, question types, or methods strengthens long-term learning and helps pupils apply knowledge later. For educators, design homework and revision packs so topics reappear in a planned cycle. For parents, encourage sessions that mix two topics rather than focusing on just one.

6 USE DESIRABLE DIFFICULTY

Revision should feel effortful, not effortless. Durable learning comes from challenging revision techniques: attempting answers before looking, explaining ideas aloud, writing from memory, or tackling unfamiliar question formats. The key is 'hard, but doable'. If a pupil always gets everything right, it's too easy. If they always fail, it's too hard. Aim for productive struggle with quick feedback loops.

7 CENTRALISE MATERIALS SIMPLY

Revision fails when pupils waste energy finding resources, navigating platforms, or guessing what matters. Reduce cognitive overload by centralising what they need: a single hub per subject, a clear list of priority knowledge, and a small set of standard task types such as quizzes, flash cards, exam questions, or corrections. Less admin clutter means more working memory for learning.

8 PLAN, MONITOR, EVALUATE

Strong revision is self-regulated. Pupils plan what they'll do, monitor if it's working, and evaluate what to change next time. Use a weekly revision routine that asks: 'What did I try?' 'What improved?' 'What didn't?' 'What's my next micro-goal?' Post-mock action plans are powerful here because they force honesty about time spent, strategy used, and impact achieved.

9 WRAP MOCKS PROPERLY

Mocks only help if pupils learn from them. Use an exam wrapper approach: before the mock, set strategy goals; afterwards, analyse errors such as knowledge gaps, misread questions, weak methods, and timing issues, then create a targeted reteach and retest plan. Parents can support by asking, 'What type of mistake was it, and what's your fix?' rather than 'What grade did you get?'

10 MAKE TIME VISIBLE

Revision becomes real when time is protected and predictable. Help pupils build a timetable that's short, repeatable, and realistic: 30–40 minute blocks, clear start and stop times, and specific tasks, not 'revise science'. Avoid perfectionist plans that look pretty and collapse by Tuesday. Consistency beats intensity. Build momentum with small wins, then build from there.

Meet Our Expert

Amjad Ali is the creator of Try This Teaching and the CPD and Inclusion Lead for the Chiltern Learning Trust. With over 19 years' experience in education, including leadership roles in diverse and high-need schools, he specialises in inclusive, evidence-informed practice. His work focuses on practical, low-effort, high-impact strategies that help students learn more and retain knowledge over time.



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The National College