

# NEWSLETTER

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY!

On Friday Swain House commemorated Remembrance Day. The children came to school dressed in black or red clothing as a mark of respect to remember those who have lost their lives in conflicts around the world. They also took part in Remembrance activities and learnt about the importance of this day.



# YEAR 5 RESIDENTIAL TO INGLEBOROUGH HALL!

Year 5 went on their residential to Ingleborough Hall. They had a brilliant time doing lots of fun activities including caving and orienteering.

We are so proud of how the children represented our school and we would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff who accompanied Year 5 on their residential!





# MENTAL HEALTH

At Swain House Primary School, we are passionate about improving children and adult's mental health. Please click the links below for some top tips for supporting children and adult mental health.

# SCHOOL DINNERS

Please see the information here for how to access the school dinner menus from home.



Getting information on  
our school meals is easier  
than ever, with the new  
**School Meals App**

**YOU CAN NOW**



Scroll through menu options for the day



Filter menu options by meal type or allergen  
**VEGETARIAN**



See nutritional information on all menu items



Get allergen information on all our products



5 See the Food Hygiene Rating within School



Save your child's school for easy access

**TO DOWNLOAD**

- 1 Go online on your mobile, tablet or computer
- 2 Go to: [www.bradford.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.bradford.gov.uk/schoolmeals)
- 3 Click on:  
"Our school meals app"  
and follow the instructions



Facilities Management  
Catering Services

# 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 **10/11/23**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	95.9%	3
Willow	96.7%	1
Kandinsky	84.7%	3
Matisse	99.3%	5
Lowry	92.4%	1
Van Gogh	98.4%	1

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	94.4%	1
Roald Dahl	93.4%	2
JK Rowling	95.5%	3
J Wilson	96.2%	1
Elgar	93.7%	0
Mozart	93.8%	4
Beethoven	99.4%	1
Vivaldi	97.1%	1

Congratulations to **Willow Class, Matisse Class, Van Gogh Class, Jacqueline Wilson Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Elgar Class** for having no lates this week!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**95.0%**

## 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 - EA Sports FC
LETTERS:	06.11.2023 - Year 5 Madni Mosque Visit 02.11.2023 - Year 1 Phonics Meeting Reminder 08.11.2023 - Bereavement 10.11.2023 - Year 5 Ingleborough Hall Residential Assembly 10.11.2023 - Children in Need
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	06.11.2023 - Afterschool Club & Extra Club 10.11.2023 - Anti Bullying Week 10.11.2023 - Thank you for your support

# MENU 13/11/2023

Swain House Primary School				
WEEK 3				
MENU				
13th Nov, 4th Dec, 15th Jan, 5th Feb, 26th Feb, 18th Mar				
	MON	TUES	WED	THUR
MAINS	Mac n Cheese Arrabiata Pasta	Pork Meatballs & Spaghetti Halal Chicken Meatballs & Rice Mexican Burrito	Braised Sausage Halal Chicken Roll Braised Quorn Sausage	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Fish Fingers Veg Dippers
SIDES	Garlic Bread Assorted Individual Salads	Crusty Bread Assorted Individual Salads Potato Salad	Creamed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Assorted Individual Salads	Chips Assorted Individual Salads Coleslaw
OTHER OPTIONS	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches	Assorted Jacket Potatoes Assorted Panini Assorted Sandwiches
DESSERTS	Marble Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Volcano Buns Freshly Prepared Fruit	Orange & Lemon Sponge Freshly Prepared Fruit	Individual Ice Cream Tub Freshly Prepared Fruit

# 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.**

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

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	16/11/23	2.30pm	Y5 Ingleborough Assembly
Thursday	23/11/23	2.30pm	Y6 Beethoven Assembly
Thursday	07/12/23	2.30pm	Y4 Hanukkah Assembly

# DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Friday	17.11.2023		Children in Need
Thursday	23.11.2023	During school hours	Year 5 Mosque Visit
Friday	24.11.2023	8.30 - 10.00am	Coffee Morning
Friday	01.12.2023	4.00 - 5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Thursday	07.12.2023	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday	07.12.2023		Christmas Dinner Day
Friday	08.12.2023	10.00am	LKS2 Carol Concert
Friday	08.12.2023	2.00pm	UKS2 Carol Concert
Monday	11.12.2023	9.00am	Xmas Raffle
Monday	11.12.2023		Y1 - Y6 Christmas Parties
Tuesday	12.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	EYS Nativity for parents
Wednesday	13.12.2023		EYS and Rec Xmas Party
Thursday	14.12.2023	5.00 - 7.30pm	Glitz n Glam Disco
Thursday	14.12.2023	10.00am & 2.00pm	KS1 Nativity for Parents
Friday	15.12.2023		Swain House has Got Talent
Friday	15.12.2023	All Day	Non Uniform Day
Friday	15.12.2023		School Closes for Half Term
Wednesday	03.01.2024		School Reopens

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

Here is a sneak peak at some of the exciting events that will be taking place this half term!

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Once again, that time of year is nearly here! Here is a little look at some of the events that will be taking place over the Christmas period.

This year we will be having two Christmas productions! Great Oak Nursery and Reception will be performing their Early Years Nativity. KS1 will also be performing their own nativity this half term. Tickets and dates will be confirmed at a later date and we are so excited to see as many of you there as possible!

Don't worry, children in Key Stage 2 won't be missing out on the Christmas cheer! Children in Year 3 to Year 6 will take part in our Christmas Carol Concert. Make sure you come along and enjoy some Christmas carols and a mince pie!

Save the Date! The Friends of Swain House are very excited to invite you to an afternoon of Christmas shopping, Santa's grottos and festive refreshments at our annual Christmas Fair.





# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

## 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

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GCRecon 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 iCh and TechRadar.

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#WakeUpWednesday

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