

# NEWSLETTER

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## STREET DANCE!

This week, Yorkshire Academy of Creative Arts and Dance began their street dance session in school. Children in Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 enjoyed the sessions. The other classes will all get a chance at street dance lessons over the year.



# ROALD DAHL DAY!

To celebrate Roald Dahl day this year, children in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were all gifted some Roald Dahl books for their class library.



# PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

Last year, we developed our parental engagement strategies by inviting our families and parents into school for various different events including: class assemblies, craft workshops, stay-and-play sessions etc. We would really appreciate some feedback from our parents on how they thought this went and if there are any ways that we can improve it this year.

Please click or scan the QR Code to complete our short questionnaire.



## SHARING YOUR NEWS!

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!

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OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**





# 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 **13/09/23**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	93.9%	2
Willow	92.3%	0
Kandinsky	95.6%	1
Matisse	95.9%	1
Lowry	97.9%	0
Van Gogh	99.4%	1

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	97.3%	1
Roald Dahl	99.0%	2
JK Rowling	92.9%	0
J Wilson	92.8%	1
Elgar	98.9%	2
Mozart	98.4%	1
Beethoven	92.4%	0
Vivaldi	97.1%	0

Congratulations to **Van Gogh Class, Roald Dahl Class, Elgar Class and Mozart Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Willow Class, Lowry Class, JK Rowling Class, Beethoven Class and Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates** this week!

Our whole school attendance this week:

**96.0%**

## 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 - Setting Boundaries Around Gaming
LETTERS:	14.09.23 - Yr 6 High Adventure Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	11.09.23 - Parental Engagement Feedback 15.09.23 - Update for parents following media coverage yesterday 15.09.23 - Children's milk

# MENU 18/09/23

## Swain House Primary School

Week  
Commencing

24th Apr, 15th May, 5th Jun  
26th Jun, 17th Jul, 18th Sept  
9th Oct

## MENU Week 2

MON

### Choose from...

- ① Mascarpone Pasta
- ② Vegetable Lasagne
- Garlic Bread, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ① Oat Cookie
- ② Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

### Choose from...

- BBQ Chicken & Rice
- ① Halal Chicken Tikka Masala
- ② Soya Mince Keema Curry
- Pilau Rice, Naan Bread, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ① Decorated Iced Bun
- ② Fruit Jelly
- ③ Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

### Choose from...

- Roast Pork loin
- ① Halal Cottage Pie
- ② Quorn Roast
- Dry Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted Individual Salads

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ① Syrup Sponge
- ② Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

### Choose from...

- ① Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Dry Roast Jacket Potato Wedges
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ① Flapjack
- ② Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

### Choose from...

- Battered Fillet of Fish
- ① Vegetable Dippers
- Salmon Fish Cake
- Herby Potatoes, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Sweetcorn, Assorted Individual Salads

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ① Chocolate Sponge
- ② Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



A selection of additional options e.g. sandwiches, jackets etc. will be available each day



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# 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.**

## DIARY DATES

ANY NEWLY ADDED ITEMS WILL BE IN BLUE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Wednesday - Friday	All Day	All Day	High Adventure Residential



# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about Setting Boundaries Around Gaming



## Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

### PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

### ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

### AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

### DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

### FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

### ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undoubtedly, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

### TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

### BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

### Meet Our Expert

Daniel Upcombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 10 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.

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