

NEWSLETTER

THURSDAY 21ST MAY 2026



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JUNIOR PARKRUN



What a turn out we had! Thank you to all of our families and staff who joined the Junior Parkrun on Sunday. Everyone did their absolute best and we are so proud of all the children who took part (and the adults).





Saltaire junior parkrun

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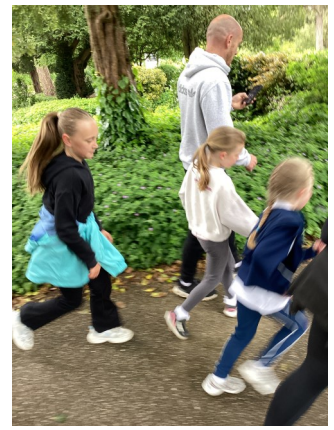
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Wowzers.... Today we set a new attendance record..171 young people came along to parkrun!!

We had visitors from Swain House primary school. We hope you all had a fabulous morning!

There were lots of PBs and we gave out marathon and half marathon wrist bands to some super athletes!

As this morning was so busy (which is just incredible to see) we understand that it can feel a little frustrating trying to find a space for your parkrun. Please try to be mindful of each other and remember that everyone is here to do their best.



YEAR 3 ROAD SAFETY

Year 3 have enjoyed their first session of road safety awareness. The children were learning how to cross the road safely, use different types of crossing and understand the different hazards on the roads.



YEAR 3 & 4 MOVIE NIGHT

Year 3 enjoyed their Madagascar movie night on Tuesday. Thank you to Friends of Swain House for organizing this event.

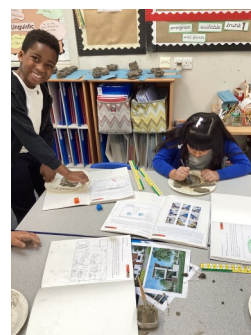


YEAR 2 ART DAY

Lowry class really enjoyed their Art day yesterday. We designed and made our own clay pots and tiles using a range of different techniques.



Today Van Gogh had an art day! We have had an amazing day using modelling clay, we have made lots of fun things to take home.



SHARING YOUR NEWS



Finlay was very pleased to share with us his Star of the Session award from his Martial Arts club that he regularly attends. He is working really hard on his different gradings and he is building in confidence every week.

This week we have two superstars in Van Gogh class! Taybian and Taytum have achieved the very first silver pencil awards this year. We work so hard on our handwriting in year 2 and as a result have some beautiful writing to show! Who will be next to get their silver pencil?



We would like to say a huge well done to Harry in Year 3 for being awarded a trophy from his basketball club. He won his trophy for best defence player of the year for the Yorkshire Dragons. We are proud of you Harry!

SHARING YOUR NEWS



Cohen and Charlie have had an exciting weekend. With their football team, the Phoenix Allstars, they took part in the U9s Aire League Cup final and their team won! They have been awarded with these super medals. Well done boys - what an achievement!



Evie has achieved her Bronze level award in gymnastics! Well done Evie, we love hearing about your achievements outside of school!

MULTI SPORTS MORNING

This morning, 8 children from Year 1 took part in a Multi Skills sports festival at Bradford University. They all worked extremely hard and showed perseverance in all the activities.

Ada and Finley managed to pick up a Sportsmanship award. Luna took home the Excellent Athlete award. Mr Birkinshaw and Mrs Scott were extremely proud of them!



MENU 01/06/26

Week 2: 20th Apr, 11th May,
1st Jun, 22nd Jun, 13th Jul,
3rd Aug, 24th Aug, 14th Sep,
5th Oct, 26th 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 Mild Chicken Curry**
Indian inspired aromatic Red Tractor Chicken, Sweet Potato & Vegetable Curry, served with Rainbow Rice.

✔ **ProVeg Creamy Mac & Cheese**
A Macaroni Pasta dish, coated in a creamy Mature Cheddar Sauce, served with crusty Bread.

✔ **Mascarpone Pasta**
A creamy Sauce with Tomatoes, Mascarpone Cheese and Herbs, served with Crusty Bread.

✔ **Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**

✔ **Paris Sandwich**
A light, sweet Pastry with Jam, sandwiched in between, served with Custard.

Tue

✔ **Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasty**
Creamed Potatoes with Cheese & Onions encased in Pastry.

✔ **Super Savoury Roll**
Flakey Puff Pastry with a seasoned filling, served with Seasoned Potatoes.

✔ **Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**

✔ **Peaches & Ice Cream with Syrup**
Vanilla Ice Cream with Tinned Peach Slices, with a Chocolate flavoured Syrup.

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.

✔ **Toad in the Hole**
Quorn Sausage, baked in a light Batter, served with Roast Potatoes.

✔ **Selection of Sandwiches / Hot Sub Roll**

✔ **Lemon Drizzle**
A fluffy Lemon Sponge with Icing Drizzle, served with optional Custard.

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.

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

✔ **Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**

✔ **Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce**
Homemade Sponge with hints of both Vanilla & Chocolate Cake, served with Chocolate Sauce.

Fri

✔ **Beef Burger in a Bun**
Red Tractor Accredited Beef & Spinach Burger, served in a Bun with Chips / Baked Potato Wedges.

✔ **Halal Chicken Burger in a Bun**
Red Tractor accredited HMC Chicken Burger, served in a Bread Roll with Salad and Chips / Jacket Wedges.

✔ **Quorn Pattie Burger in a Bun**
Quorn Sausage-style Pattie, served in a Breadcake with baked Jacket Wedges / Chips.

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

✔ **Assorted Jacket Potatoes / Selection of Sandwiches**

✔ **Gallydale Biscuits**
Homemade, crumbly, Oaty Biscuit.



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



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 **21.05.26**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	93.3%	0
Willow	85.0%	1
Kandinsky	91.5%	1
Matisse	95.5%	2
Lowry	94.1%	2
Van Gogh	96.0%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	92.3%	0
Roald Dahl	97.9%	0
JK Rowling	92.4%	3
Michael Morpurgo	98.4%	0
Elgar	94.3%	0
Mozart	92.6%	0
Beethoven	92.1%	0
Vivaldi	94.4%	0

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

Congratulations to **Elm Class, Van Gogh Class, Anne Fine Class, Roald Dahl Class, MMO Class, Elgar Class, Mozart Class, Beethoven Class & Vivaldi Class** for having no lates!

Our whole school attendance this week:

93.6%

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 - 'What parents and educators need to know about Minecraft
LETTERS:	21.05.26 - Year 3 Road Safety
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	

COMING UP IN SUMMER TERM

SUMMER TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
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

Road Safety lessons for Year 3 pupils — Monday 1st June 2026





Music in Action



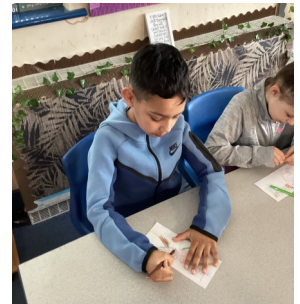
At Swain House Primary School, we have timetabled music lessons in all year groups. We use the Charanga music scheme for our lessons which is aligned to the National Curriculum for Music. The four areas of the Music Curriculum (Listen & Appraise, Playing and Composing and Performing) are taught in every year group.

So far this year...

Year 4 have been listening to and appraising pieces of music by the Beatles. They have been focusing particularly on the song, Blackbird - learning to sing the song and practising the right notes to accompany it on the recorders.



Year 3 have been listening to and appraising "The Dragon Song". It is a traditional folk tune from around the world, celebrating our differences and being kind to one another.



Year 3 really enjoyed taking part in the "Big Sing" event at St George's Hall, where a local gospel choir performed with guests from Bradford's African and Caribbean communities.

Year 1 have been working hard learning the song 'Round and Round'. During the song, we thought about how we need to project our voices. We worked hard on identifying the 'pitch' in the song.



Early Years have really enjoyed their Laulau song drawing sessions. They have had lots of fun singing, drawing and making different movements with their bodies!

Year 5 have really enjoyed their ukulele sessions this year. They have worked hard and have enjoyed learning new songs and skills.



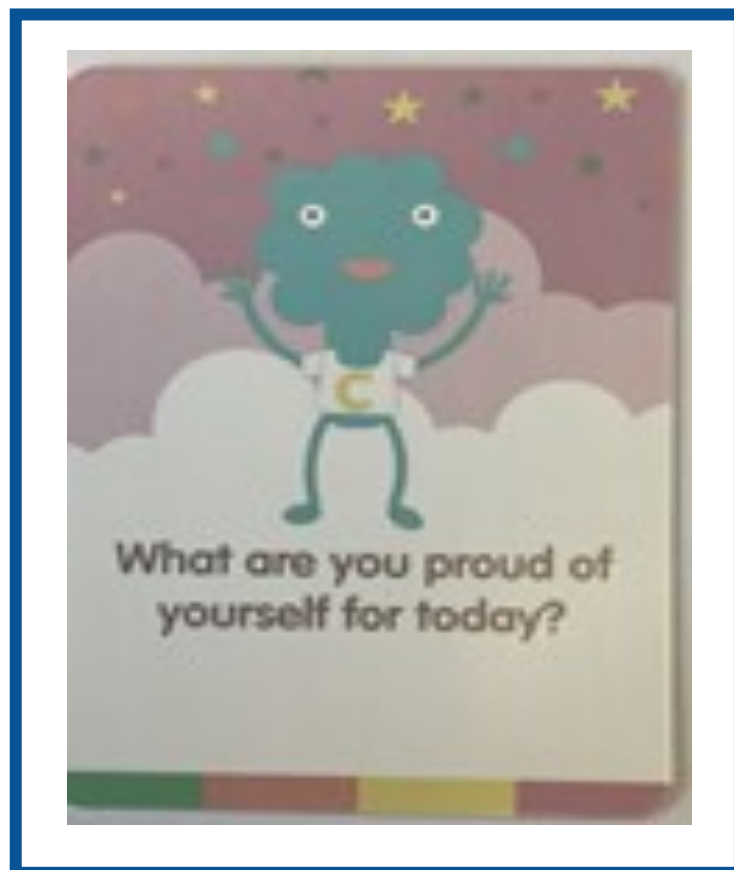
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OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK



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.



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

What parents and educators need to know about Minecraft

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



See full reference list on our website

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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
FRIDAY	05.06.26		RECEPTION THORNTON HALL FARM TRIP
MONDAY	15.06.26		YEAR 5 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRIP
THURSDAY	18.06.26		YEAR 1 YORKSHIRE WILDLIFE TRIP
THURSDAY	25.06.26		YEAR 3 WHITBY TRIP
WEDNESDAY	01.07.26		YEAR 2 TROPICAL BUTTERFLY HOUSE TRIP
FRIDAY	03.07.26		NURSERY MOBILE FARM VISIT
WEDNESDAY	08.07.26		LAZERZONE & HOLLYWOOD BOWL TRIP

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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

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

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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



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**After school
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new website coming soon!

