

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025



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CHILDREN IN NEED



BBC
Children
in Need



Last week, we celebrated and raised money for Children in Need. With your 50p donations and contributions towards our bun sale, we are pleased to announce that we raised a total of **£359!** We are so pleased that we could all come together to raise money for Children in Need.



CHILDREN IN NEED



LIVING WELL PARENT COURSE

Please join us for a parent's course about supporting your child's emotional wellbeing—see information below. If you will be attending please let a member of the office staff know—thank you.

The poster features a background of crumpled paper in shades of blue, pink, and white. At the top left is a circular logo with 'LIVING WELL' in pink and a rainbow border. In the center is the Swain House Primary School logo, a circular emblem with a house and the motto 'Aspire Believe Persevere'. At the top right is a green logo for 'LIVING WELL ACADEMY' with a starburst effect. The text is centered and reads: 'Please join us for a parent course', 'Tuesday 25th November', '8.45am - 10.00am', and a large bold title 'Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing'. Below the title, it says 'This course looks at:' followed by a bulleted list of three points. At the bottom, it states 'Refreshments will be provided' next to an illustration of a mug and cookies.

LIVING WELL

Aspire Believe Persevere
SWAIN HOUSE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

**LIVING WELL
ACADEMY**

Please join us for a parent course

Tuesday 25th November
8.45am - 10.00am

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing

This course looks at:

- Understanding the common emotional wellbeing needs of children
- Understanding how to support your child to build emotional resilience.
- Practise active listening and supportive communication.

Refreshments will be provided



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

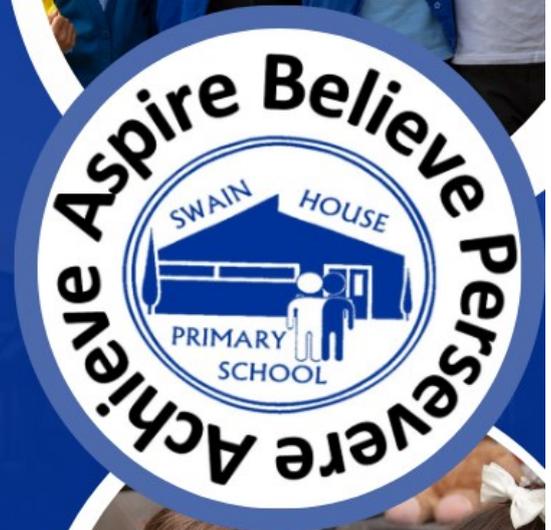
TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY - 9.00AM
THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY - 3.30PM
TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY - 9.15AM
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY - 9.30AM
THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY - 4.30PM



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CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to Mr George on the safe arrival of his son Ezra. Mr George says he is a good sleeper and is doing well!



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ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**



CHRISTMAS AT SWAIN HOUSE 2025!



Friday 21st November	Non-Uniform for a bottle
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform for chocolates and sweets
Friday 5th December	Christmas Fair
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 CRAFT SESSIONS



Christmas Craft Sessions

<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Times</u>
Little Acorns Nursery	Monday 1 st December 2025	10.15 – 11.00 2.00 – 2.45
Great Oak Nursery	Monday 1 st December 2025	10.15 – 11.00 2.00 – 2.45
Reception	Monday 1 st December 2025	9.00 – 9.45 2.00 – 2.45
Year 1	Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	2.00 – 2.45
Year 2	Wednesday 3 rd December 2025	2.00 – 2.45
Year 3	Thursday 4 th December 2025	2.00 – 2.45
Year 4	Thursday 4 th December 2025	2.00 – 2.45
Year 5	Monday 8 th December 2025	2.00 – 2.45
Year 6	Monday 8 th December 2025	2.00 – 2.45

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

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Yours sincerely

Mrs Clare Pugh
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

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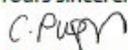
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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025



Friends of Swain House

Christmas Fair

50P ENTRY
SWAIN HOUSE PUPIL
ENTRY IS FREE

TOMBOLAS, GAMES,
FOOD AND RAFFLE
CASH ONLY

DECEMBER

FRIDAY

| 5 |

4-5:30PM

JOIN US FOR STALLS, GAMES, FOOD AND
RAFFLE INCLUDING SOME AMAZING PRIZES!



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 **21/11/25**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	99.0%	0
Willow	98.3%	3
Kandinsky	82.8%	1
Matisse	91.5%	3
Lowry	96.6%	2
Van Gogh	95.5%	0

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	98.1%	1
Roald Dahl	98.3%	1
JK Rowling	94.8%	2
Michael Morpurgo	92.3%	0
Elgar	94.8%	1
Mozart	97.4%	0
Beethoven	96.6%	0
Vivaldi	88.7%	0

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

Congratulations to **Elm Class**, **Van Gogh Class**, **MMO Class**, **Mozart Class**, **Beethoven Class** and **Vivaldi Class** for having **no lates!**

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.8%

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 'Tracking Devices'.
LETTERS:	20.11.25 - JKR Class Hanukkah Assembly 20.11.25 - Early Years & KS1 Christmas Performances 20.11.25 - KS2 Christmas Information 20.11.25 - Christmas Craft Sessions
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	10.11.25 - Drop off at the start of the day/Breakfast Club

COMMUNITY NEWS



EXCLUSIVE OFFER FOR YOUR
EMPLOYEES & CUSTOMERS

SCAN HERE

TO BOOK YOUR FREE TOUR AND DISCOVER EVERYTHING OUR
CLUB HAS TO OFFER



• POOL



• GYM



• CLASSES



• SPA



• CAFE

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MEMBERSHIP!



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COMMUNITY NEWS



**BOYS
DEVELOPMENT
SESSIONS**

**Goals
Bradford**

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TUESDAYS

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5-6PM

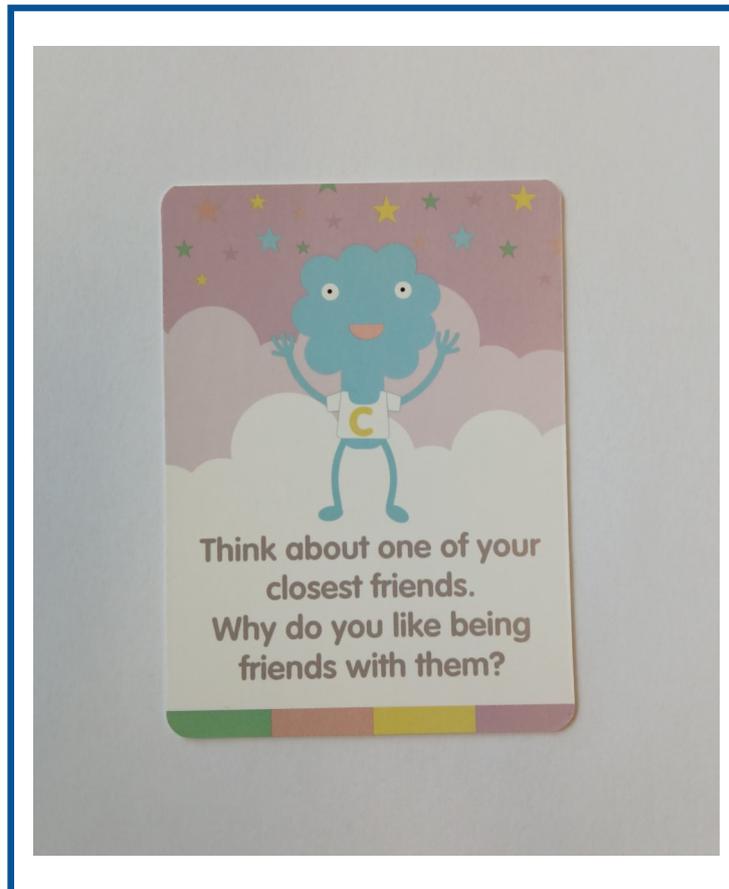
MYHAPPYMIND

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.



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	28.11.25		NON UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY	05.12.25	4.00 - 5.30	CHRISTMAS FAIR

COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	27.11.25	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Hanukkah Assembly
Thursday	11.12.25	2.30pm	Vivaldi Class Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!



Thursday 11th December 2025

More details to follow!

MENU 24/11/25

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

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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 mild 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)

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)

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 Barbeque Flavoured Tomato Sauce, served with Wholemeal Pasta)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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

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)

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

Golden Cheese Whirl
(Cheese, Potato & Onion encased 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)

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)

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

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Hot Sub Roll

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

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(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)

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)

Arrabiata Pasta
(Chilli Tomato Sauce with Lentils and Peppers, served with Pasta & Crusty Bread)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes

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

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Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

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Selection of Sandwiches

Gallydale Biscuits
(Homemade, cranberry, Catty Biscuits)

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 mild spiced Sauce combined into cooked Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)
Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

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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)

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 Rata)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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

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 & Rata)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

Marble Sponge & Chocolate Sauce
(Homemade Sponge with swirls of both Vanilla & Chocolate Cakes, 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

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



food quarter

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City of
BRADFORD
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COUNCIL



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TRACKING DEVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College