NEWSLETTER

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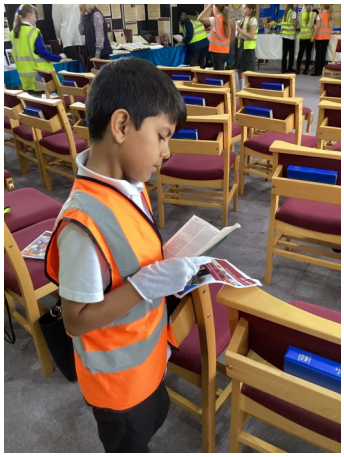
YEAR 5 VISIT TO CHURCH

Year 5 visited St Cuthberts church to look at the Bible Times Exhibition. The exhibition showed us Bibles from different countries, and some of the Bibles were in foreign texts which were very interesting to look at. Some of us acted out characters from some Bible stories.



HARVEST DAY

Children can come to school wearing **autumnal colours** and the day will be spent learning about and celebrating Harvest. Parents/Guardians are invited to come into school from 2.00pm till 3.00pm to join in with some of our Harvest activities.

This year we will be supporting 'The Bradford Food Bank', a charity which offers food parcels to people in crisis from the Bradford area. They provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support local people in food crisis. They are part of the Trussell Trusts nationwide network of foodbanks, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Due to a large increase in demand recently they are appealing for food donations to aid their project. We are asking if you would be kind enough to send a contribution of any of the following items, in support of our Harvest celebrations, which will then be collected and used by the Bradford Food Bank .

DONATE FOOD

These are some of the urgently needed food items:

- Washing Up Liquid
- Toilet rolls
- Toiletries (Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant)
- UHT milk
- Tinned Meat
- Cereal
- Tinned tomatoes
- Soup
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Tinned Custard

Bradford Central foodbank

SWAIN HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Enquire Now for September 2026 Reception Places

Come and look around our amazing Early Years learning environments and meet our fantastic team!

Scan the QR code below for a virtual tour of our Reception classroom.

Call the Office on 01274 639049
or email the Reception Team at
Reception@swainhouse.bradford.sch.uk

WHO TO SPEAK TO IN SCHOOL

Who to speak to in school

There may be times when you need to speak to a member of staff in school about your child. Please always speak to your child's Class Teacher first. If you need to speak to your child's Phase Leader, their details are below.

If your child is in Early Years, you can speak to Mrs Laycock.

If your child is in KS1, you can speak to Mr Doogan.

If your child is in Lower Key Stage 2, you can speak to Miss Broomfield.

If your child is in Upper Key Stage 2, you can speak to Mr Gibbs.

READING PLANET REVIEWS!

As part of our Key Stage 2 reading scheme, we would like to use our weekly newsletter to help promote and share some of your children's favourite stories that they have read. Each week, we will be sharing book reviews that have been written by your children. Hopefully these reviews will inspire our children to read one of the books when they choose their next one.

Animal Engineers—Charlotte Guillain

Level –Lime

This book is great if you like animals. I liked learning about very clever beavers who use sticks and branches to block rivers. I liked looking at the contents page and choosing which animals I'm most interested in. Read this if you like interesting non-fiction books!

Scarlett—Year 3

The apollo time capsule— By David and Kathy Macphail

Level—Saturn

I love this story. It is about a space geek who got a mysterious letter from a time capsule from his school and turns out they predicted the future! I would recommend this to people who love science and space

Aala—Year 6

SHARING YOUR NEWS!

Caleb in Van Gogh enjoys making lego models with his dad. He brought one to show the class. The children were impressed that it had a moving part. I wonder if he will be an engineer when he grows up.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TO NEWBY WISKE

Year 6 have had a great time at Newby Wiske—come back next week to find out more!

CLICK THE ICON TO SEE REGULAR UPDATES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!

MYHAPPYMIND

OUR CONVERSATION CARD OF THE WEEK

Enjoy a conversation!

Each week we will share a conversation card. These are to aid conversations about mental health and happiness.

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 **03/10/25.**

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94.0%	1
Willow	93.3%	1
Kandinsky	89.6%	1
Matisse	93.0%	5
Lowry	94.4%	0
Van Gogh	99.4%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	92.8%	0
Roald Dahl	94.7%	1
JK Rowling	85.6%	2
Michael Morpurgo	92.7%	2
Elgar	99.7%	1
Mozart	88.5%	1
Beethoven	98.6%	0
Vivaldi	94.0%	0

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

Congratulations to **Lowry Class, Anne Fine Class, Beethoven Class and 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 - 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'EA Sports FC 26'
LETTERS:	02.10.25 - Year 6 Residential Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	02.10.25 - Parents Evening Reminder

COMMUNITY NEWS

Bradford Children and Families Trust

Care for the Family

Time Out For Dads

This is an evidence-based programme that aims to enable dads to increase confidence in their parenting; learn how to develop the dad/child relationship now and for the future and work out strategies for dealing with anger and conflict. It will also give dads an opportunity to meet other dads and share experiences in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Aimed At: Suitable for dads/stepdads of children 0-19
Course Duration: 2 hours a week for 5 weeks

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

- Parenting goals, the impact of our own fathers and aspirations of being a dad.
- Children's temperaments and needs along with building emotional security.
- The importance of time and family life. The power of words and recognising children's feelings.
- Discipline and setting boundaries. Different parenting styles and positive parenting.
- The importance for time for yourself, letting off steam and handling conflict

COURSE DETAILS

Date: TBC
13th January 2026
6pm to 8pm
Venue: Bradford City Club
Contact Details:
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MYHAPPYMIND APP

The myHappymind app includes lots of fantastic features such as—kids zone, myHappymind games and mini master classes for parents .

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REMINDERS

BREAKFAST 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

AFTER SCHOOL 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 5.30pm 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
Tuesday	**07.10.25**	**3.10pm - 6.15pm**	**Parent Consultations**
Friday	**17.10.25**		**Harvest Day**

COMING UP IN AUTUMN TERM

AUTUMN TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	09.10.25	2.30pm	Year 6 Residential Assembly
Thursday	16.10.25	2.30pm	Roald Dahl Class Assembly
Thursday	23.10.25	2.30pm	Michael Morpurgo Class Deepawali Assembly
Thursday	13.11.25	2.30pm	Beethoven Class Assembly
Thursday	27.11.25	2.30pm	JK Rowling Class Hanukkah Assembly
Thursday	11.12.25	2.30pm	Vivaldi Class Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Halloween Disco

Thursday 23rd October 2025

5:00pm - 6.30pm

More details to follow!

Parent Consultations

Tuesday 7th October 2025

MENU 06/10/25

Homemade bread, selection of seasonal vegetables or fresh salad served daily

Swain House Primary School

Wk 1 - 21st Apr, 12th May, 2nd Jun, 23rd Jun, 14th Jul, 1st Sep, 22nd Sep, 13th Oct
Wk 2 - 28th Apr, 19th May, 9th Jun, 30th Jun, 21st Jul, 8th Sep, 29th Sep, 20th Oct
Wk 3 - 5th May, 26th May, 16th Jun, 7th Jul, 28th Jul, 15th Sep, 6th Oct, 27th Oct

	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI
WEEK 1	Cheese Flan (Served with Paprika Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables or Salad) Fajita Pasta Bake (Served with Crusty Bread, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Apple Cake (Baked Vanilla Sponge with Blended Apples & topped with Icing Sugar) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chicken Tikka Masala (Served with Rice & Salad) Halal Chicken Korma (Served with Naan Bread & Salad) Vegetarian Mince Lasagne (Served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Flapjack Freshly Prepared Fruit	Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Veggie Mince Shepherds Pie (Served with Yorkshire Pudding & Seasonal Vegetables) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Cornflake Tart (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges & Beans or Salad) Mini Meatless Ball Pizza (Served with Jacket Wedges, Baked Beans or Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Marble Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Southern Fried Chicken Goujons (Served with Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables) MSC Battered Fish (Served with Chips, Salad or Vegetables) Vegetable Dippers (Served with Ketchup, Chips, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Ice Cream Tubs Freshly Prepared Fruit
WEEK 2	Homemade Cheese & Onion Pasty (Served with Seasoned Potatoes, Salad or Seasonal Vegetables) Bombay Veg Biryani (Curried Vegetables & Rice served with Naan Bread & Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Chocolate Crispy Crunch Freshly Prepared Fruit	Spaghetti Bolognaise (Spaghetti Bolognaise, served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Halal Spaghetti Bolognaise (Spaghetti Bolognaise served with Garlic Bread & Salad) Arrabiata Pasta (Served with Crusty Bread & Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Volcano Buns (A Sponge-like Biscuit with a Jam / Lemon filling) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Savoury Veggie Mince & Tatties (Soya Mince & Vegetables served in a Yorkshire Pudding) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Old School Sponge Cake (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips & Beans or Salad) Savoury Rolls (Served with Chips & Salad or Beans) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit	All Day Brunch (Traditional Breakfast Items: Sausage, Egg, Toast & Beans) MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Jacket Wedges & Salad or Seasonal Vegetables) All Day Vegetarian Brunch (Quorn Sausage, Scrambled Egg, Baked Beans, Chips & Bread and Butter) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Oat Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit
WEEK 3	Mac & Cheese (Served with Crusty / Garlic Bread & Salad) Veg Jambalaya (Seasoned Vegetables & Rice, served with Crusty Bread & Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Jam Sponge (Served with Custard) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Chicken Pie (Served with Seasoned Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables) Halal Keema & Peas (Served with Pilau Rice & Salad) Cheese Roll (Served with Seasoned Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Fruity Flapjack Freshly Prepared Fruit	Roast Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Halal Roast Chicken Tikka Dinner (Served with Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy) Quorn Roast (Served with Yorkshire Pudding & Seasonal Vegetables) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Hot Sub Roll Fruit Jelly (Fruit Jelly topped with Cream) Freshly Prepared Fruit	Cheesy Beef Taco Pasta (Served with a side Salad) Cheese & Tomato Pizza (Served with Chips & Beans or Salad) Loaded Vegetable Pizza (Served with Chips & Salad) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Chocolate Sponge (Served with Chocolate Sauce) Freshly Prepared Fruit	MSC Fish Fingers (Served with Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables) MSC Salmon & Sweet Potato Fishcake (Served with Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables) Breaded Cheese & Vegetable Grill (Served in a Bun with Salad & Optional Coleslaw) Assorted Jacket Potatoes Selection of Sandwiches Vanilla Cookie Freshly Prepared Fruit

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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

This week, our 'Wake Up Wednesday' guide from National Online Safety is about 'EA Sports FC 26'.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

EA SPORTS FC 26

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 3

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

ULTIMATE TEAM

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

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