

# NEWSLETTER

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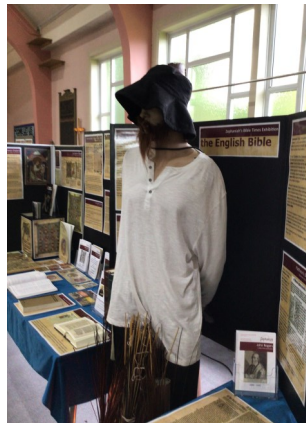
## Y4 RE VISIT FROM THE INTERFAITH CENTRE!

This week, Year 4 had a visit from Narinder from the Interfaith centre. He came to visit us today to talk about Diwali. He explained the differences between the Sikh and Hindu Diwali stories. He played us some music too.



# Y5 RE TRIP TO ST CUTHBERTS CHURCH!

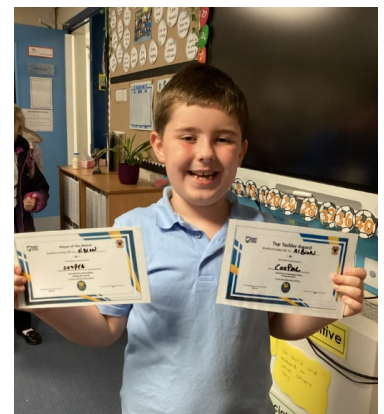
Year 5 visited St Cuthberts to see the Bible Times Exhibition. We were invited to look at different bibles and we learned about some of the key people in history who have been involved in the translations of bibles from Hebrew into different languages. We also learned some key facts about bibles through the ages.



## SHARING YOUR NEWS!

This week, we would like to say a huge well done to Cooper! Cooper from Anne Fine class is really proud of the two certificates he received at Rugby this week! He is doing so well!

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!





# SCHOOL COUNCIL RESULTS!

Here are our school councillors for this year. We would like to say a huge congratulations to all of the children who were nominated.



## SCHOOL DINNERS

As of 30th October 2023 school dinners will be £2.20.

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



# SPOTLIGHT ON SEND

## (SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES)

Each half-term, I write a section on our school newsletter to keep parents and carers of pupils on the SEND register 'in the loop' about all things SEND related. I highlight support available in school and also resources and workshops available in the local area.

Mrs White  
Assistant Head/SENDco

Keep updated with all things SEND at Swain House. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code.



### Bradford Local Offer

The Local Offer brings together information for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities and their families.

<https://localoffer.bradford.gov.uk/>



### World Mental Health Day - 10th October 2023

Every year, World Mental Health Day is celebrated on 10th October. World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

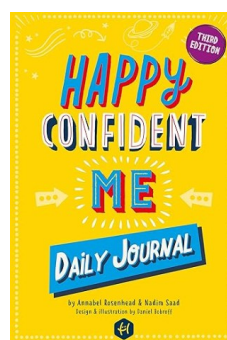
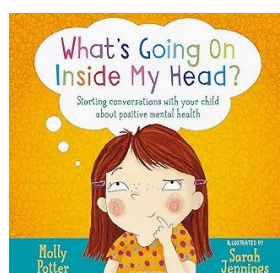
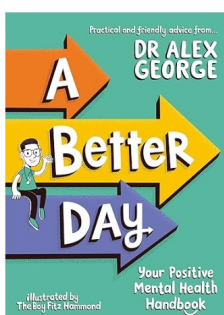
It's also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling.

Please click the images below to access information and resources to support mental health.



Studies have shown that reading for just a few minutes a day reduces anxiety and can improve sleep quality.

**Below is a selection of books that you might enjoying sharing**



### Upcoming Dates:

World Mental Health Day - 10th October

ADHD awareness Month—October

Black History Month—October

# 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 **06/10/23**.

### Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	94.7%	6
Willow	97.3%	0
Kandinsky	93.8%	1
Matisse	97.7%	1
Lowry	97.9%	3
Van Gogh	95.8%	3

### Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	96.2%	0
Roald Dahl	92.5%	2
JK Rowling	97.7%	4
J Wilson	95.9%	1
Elgar	94.5%	2
Mozart	94.7%	4
Beethoven	99.4%	1
Vivaldi	95.7%	0

Congratulations to **Willow Class, Matisse Class, Lowry Class, Anne Fine Class, JK Rowling Class and Beethoven Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Well done to **Willow Class, Anne Fine 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 - Among Us
LETTERS:	02.10.23 - Year 2 Visit to Peel Park 03.10.23 - Scout Assembly and Parents Meeting for KS1 03.10.23 - Free School Meals 03.10.23 - Halloween Disco 05.10.23 - Roald Dahl Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	05.10.23 - Great Oak Nursery Harvest Day 06.10.23 - Year 6 Homework



# MENU 09/10/23

## Swain House Primary School

Week Commencing

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

## MENU Week 2

MON

### Choose from...

- ⑦ Mascarpone Pasta
- ⑦ Vegetable Lasagne
- Garlic Bread, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ⑦ Oat Cookie
- ⑦ Freshly Prepared Fruit

TUE

### Choose from...

- BBQ Chicken & Rice
- ⑦ Halal Chicken Tikka Masala
- ⑦ Soya Mince Keema Curry
- Pilau Rice, Naan Bread, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ⑦ Decorated Iced Bun
- ⑦ Fruit Jelly
- ⑦ Freshly Prepared Fruit

WED

### Choose from...

- Roast Pork Loin
- ⑦ Halal Cottage Pie
- ⑦ Quorn Roast
- Dry Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Seasonal Vegetables, Assorted Individual Salads

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ⑦ Syrup Sponge
- ⑦ Freshly Prepared Fruit

THUR

### Choose from...

- ⑦ Cheese & Tomato Pizza
- Dry Roast Jacket Potato Wedges
- Assorted Individual Salads, Sweetcorn

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ⑦ Flapjack
- ⑦ Freshly Prepared Fruit

FRI

### Choose from...

- Battered Fillet of Fish
- ⑦ Vegetable Dippers
- Salmon Fish Cake
- Herby Potatoes, Freshly Prepared White Bread
- Sweetcorn, Assorted Individual Salads

Assorted Jacket Potatoes, Panini

### Desserts...

- ⑦ Chocolate Sponge
- ⑦ Freshly Prepared Fruit

Suitable for



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



For full allergen & nutritional information  
go to the FM School Meals App:  
<https://schoolmeals.bradford.gov.uk>

# 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
Monday	09.10.2023	3.00pm—3.30pm	Scout Assembly and Parents Meeting for KS1
Thursday	12.10.2023	2.30pm	Roald Dahl Class Assembly
Friday	13.10.2023	10.00am—11.00am 2.00pm –3.00pm	Great Oak Nursery Harvest Day
Thursday	19.10.2023	During school hours	Year 2 Visit to Peel Park
Thursday	19.10.2023	5.30pm—7.00pm	Halloween Disco

# COMING UP THIS HALF TERM

## ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	11/10/23	2.30pm	Y3 Roald Dahl Assembly
Thursday	02/11/23	2.30pm	Y6 Vivaldi Assembly
Thursday	09/11/23	2.30pm	Y4 Diwali Assembly
Thursday	15/11/23	2.30pm	Y5 Ingleborough Assembly
Thursday	23/11/23	2.30pm	Y6 Beethoven Assembly
Thursday	07/12/23	2.30pm	Y4 Hanukkah Assembly

## HARVEST DAY

On Friday 13th October, we will be having a Harvest Day. Parents and carers are invited into school between 2pm and 3pm to spend time with their children in their classrooms to complete some Harvest craft activities.



## HALLOWEEN DISCO

Please see information below about our Halloween Disco.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM

### FREE SPECIAL EVENT

**DATE:** 23–27 October 2023

**LOCATION:** The Broadway, Oastler and Kirkgate shopping centres

Learn, create and play together this October half term.

We're back on the road this October, bringing our free live shows and family activities to shopping centres across Bradford.

Our activities are part of the [Family Learning Festival](#), with events happening across Bradford District.

### WHAT'S ON

#### SECRETS OF SPACE

**When:** 23, 24 and 25 October, 11.00–16.00, drop in

**Where:** The Broadway shopping centre

How do people visit the moon? What are planets made of? Learn the secrets of space with the National Science and Media Museum and Future Transformation this half term.

#### HOCUS POCUS

**When:** 26 October, shows at 11.00, 12.00, 13.00 and 14.00

Activities 11.00–15.00, drop in

**Where:** Oastler shopping centre

Join us for 30-minute Halloween science shows and spooky family activities.

#### MONSTER MAKE-UP AND SPOOKY SLIME

**When:** 27 October, 11.00–12.30 and 13.30–15.30, drop in

**Where:** Kirkgate shopping centre

Have a go at special effects make-up in our workshop and try your hand at finding our spooky toys in oozing oobleck.



KICKSTART SWIMMING ACADEMY

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Kickstart Swimming Academy  
St Joseph's Catholic College BD8 7AP

## SEN SWIMMING LESSONS

£10 per Lesson

**Quieter times**  
Saturday 4-6pm  
30 minute lessons

**Qualified teachers of all Disabilities**  
STA Level 2  
Maximum 4 to a class

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Anna: 07494850284  
Arianne: 07561429567  
Via WhatsApp



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#### JUNIOR CHOIRS

Treble choirs for boys and girls aged 9 – 15

#### SENIOR CHOIR

An SATB choir for children from 11+ and boys with changed voices

2 residential courses per year • Bursaries available

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Email: [info@nccgb.com](mailto:info@nccgb.com) or call: 07894 021279



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# NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **AMONG US**

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**7**  
**PEGI**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

#### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

#### CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

#### GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord: a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grislier elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

### CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

### DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

### AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

### STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and experts site GoRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



### National Online Safety

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