

NEWSLETTER

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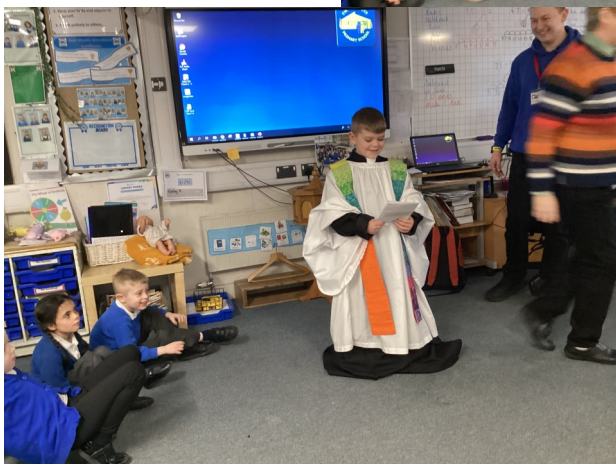
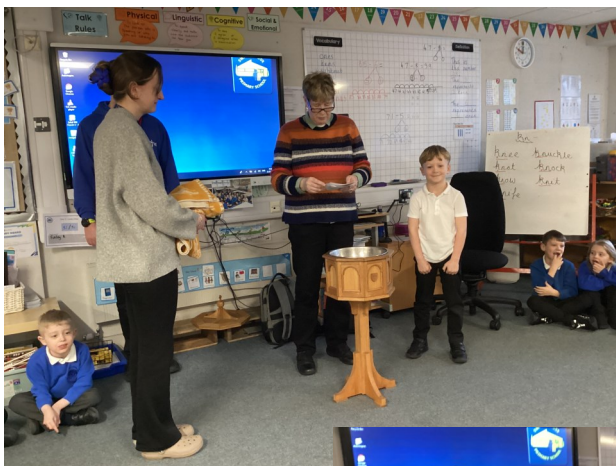
BELIEVE

PERSEVERE

ACHIEVE

YEAR 2 ST JAMES CHURCH

Tracy and Jonny from St James Church came to visit Year 2 to teach them about the Christian ceremony of baptism. Then Tracy showed the children what she wears at Church and two of our children enjoyed dressing up as the vicar. Year 2 had a lovely time learning all about baptism.



MYHAPPYMIND APPRECIATE ASSEMBLY



Mrs Pugh and the 'Happiness Heroes' presented a special assembly this week, introducing our next module—**Appreciate**

We recapped the previous modules **Meet your Brain** and **Celebrate** then talked about what the Appreciate module will include this year.

This half term the children will enjoy building on last years learning about developing an 'Attitude of Gratitude'.



A WHOLE SCHOOL CHALLENGE!



Let's set ourselves a school challenge...

...to spin the Wheel of Gratitude every day and share what we are grateful for with others.

When you go back to your classroom, talk as a class about how you will do this.

The Happiness Heroes set a whole school challenge!

Each classroom has their own wheel of Gratitude. Children will spin it each day and talk about what they are grateful for.



GIRL POWER TEAM!

This week our Girl Power team had a meeting with Mrs Pugh to discuss the gender sports gap, the effects it has and how and what we can do to change this in our school. The girls have big plans and look forward to making a difference!



PARENTS COURSE

Please join us for a parents course about supporting your child in the digital world —see information below. If you will be attending please let a member of the office staff know—thank you.



Please join us for a parent course

Supporting your Child in the Digital World

In this interactive workshop, you will:

- Understand the opportunities and risks of **mobile phones and social media** for children
- Learn practical strategies for setting healthy boundaries
- Build a personalised 'digital family agreement'

Tuesday 10th February
8.45am - 10.00am

Refreshments will be provided



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.



The Finney Island Files—Alien Attack!

Earth Level

This book is about aliens coming to Earth. Then people go on a UFO and the aliens try to take over Earth!

I like this book because there is a spaceship that comes to Earth and it's funny when the aliens try to take the humans away. I recommend this book to children who like space stories or aliens.

By Halima—Year 4

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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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 **23.01.26**.

Early Years and Key Stage 1:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Elm	97.6%	3
Willow	91.7%	3
Kandinsky	90.4%	5
Matisse	97.9%	1
Lowry	96.3%	0
Van Gogh	93.4%	1

Key Stage 2:

CLASS	PERCENTAGE %	LATES
Anne Fine	93.1%	2
Roald Dahl	93.3%	4
JK Rowling	95.3%	1
Michael Morpurgo	95.8%	2
Elgar	97.1%	1
Mozart	97.1%	1
Beethoven	91.4%	4
Vivaldi	95.3%	1

Congratulations to **Matisse Class**, **Elgar Class** and **Mozart Class** for having the **best attendance** this week.

Congratulations to **Lowry Class** for having **no lates**!

Our whole school attendance this week:

94.7%

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 'Roblox'.
LETTERS:	22.01.26 - MMO Class Assembly
MESSAGES VIA PARENTAPPS:	19.01.26 - Pedestrian Gate

COMMUNITY NEWS



**BOYS
DEVELOPMENT
SESSIONS**

**Goals
Bradford**

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TUESDAYS

AGES 6-9

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.



MYHAPPYMIND APP

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



Download your FREE myHappyMind Parent App



...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappyMind to support your child.



myHappyMind for Parents

Exclusively for parents with children at a myHappyMind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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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

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
WEDNESDAY	28.01.26	3.10PM - 6.15PM	PARENTS EVENING
THURSDAY	12.02.26		NON UNIFORM & TOY DAY
THURSDAY	12.02.26		SCHOOL CLOSURES

COMING UP IN SPRING TERM

SPRING TERM ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday	29.01.26	2.20pm	Michael Morpurgo Class Assembly
Thursday	05.02.26	2.20pm	Elgar Class Assembly
Thursday	12.02.26	2.20pm	Lowry Class Assembly
Thursday	26.02.26	2.20pm	JK Rowling Class Assembly
Thursday	12.03.26	2.20pm	Kandinsky Class Holi Assembly
Thursday	19.03.26	2.20pm	Roald Dahl Class Passover Assembly
Tuesday	24.03.26	2.20pm	Mozart Class Easter Assembly

DATES TO REMEMBER!



Toy Day and non-uniform—Thursday 12th
February 2026



MENU 26/01/26

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 TUES WED THUR FRI

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 meaty 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)

**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)

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

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

**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
(Chili Tomato Sauce with
Lentils and Peppers, served
with Pasta & Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes

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

**MSC Breaded Fish
Fillet Fingers**
(MSC Fish Fillet Fingers, served with
Seasoned Potatoes)

**Southern Fried Chicken
Gouljons & Garlic Mayo**
(Red Tractor Accredited pre-fried
Breaded Chicken, served with Garlic
Mayonnaise & baked Jacket Wedges)

Vegetable Samosa
(Vegetables with a light Spice
encased in Pastry & Baked,
served with Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

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

WEEK 2

**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)

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

Golden Cheese Whirl
(Cheese, Potato & Onion encase
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)

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)

**Hearty Shepherd's
Pie**
(Soya Mince, Veg and Gravy
filling, topped with Mashed
Potato)

Sprinkle Cake
(Homemade Vanilla
Sponge, lightly topped with
Water long and Sprinkles)

**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
(Chili Tomato Sauce with
Lentils and Peppers, served
with Pasta & Crusty Bread)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

Gallydale Biscuits
(Homemade, Charming,
Catty Biscuits)

**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 & Raita)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

**Marble Sponge &
Chocolate Sauce**
(Homemade Sponge with
Ribbons of both Vanilla &
Chocolate Cake, served
with Chocolate Sauce)

WEEK 3

**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 Barbecue
flavoured Tomato Sauce, served
with Wholemeal Pasta)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Hot Sub Roll

**Apple Crumble
& Custard**
(Sliced Apples topped with
Oat Crumble, 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
Thinly Sliced Peaches with a
Chocolate flavoured Syrup)

**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)

Spaghetti Marinara
(A Tomato and meaty spiced
Sauce combined into cooked
Spaghetti, topped with Cheese)

Assorted Jacket Potatoes /
Selection of Sandwiches

**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)

**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

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

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& nutritional
information
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NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is an online platform where users can play and create games known as 'experiences' made by other users. Roblox has a large UK audience. ITV News has reported that millions of people in Britain use the platform regularly, with children forming a significant proportion of its users. The sheer scale of it makes it extremely difficult to moderate effectively, creating risks for unsupervised children.

A PLATFORM RATHER THAN A GAME

Roblox differs from traditional video games in that it hosts millions of user-created experiences rather than a fixed set of developer-produced content. Each experience is self-rated by its creator rather than independently age-rated in advance, as is the case with PEGI-rated games. With millions of user-created experiences, moderation is largely automated which means that inappropriate content may reach younger players and have a harmful effect.

MATURE CONTENT

With much of Roblox's moderation automated through AI and creators self-certifying suitability, inappropriate content frequently appears on the platform. Some experiences may include content intended for older players. While Roblox has tools to restrict access based on age settings, these systems are not always perfect. Younger players are likely to encounter content you may deem unsuitable.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Roblox is free to play, but many experiences and cosmetics include optional purchases using Robux, the platform's virtual currency, to get advantages in games. This business model is common across online games, but reporting has highlighted cases where children have spent large amounts of money unintentionally or without understanding the real-world cost.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox encourages repeated and extended play. Many experiences are made of short tasks, rewards, and progression systems that can prompt users to keep playing for longer periods of time. Some games also use reminders, daily rewards, or timed events to encourage frequent logins. These designs can make it difficult to stop playing. Spending long periods online may affect sleep, schoolwork, or other activities if boundaries are not in place.

COMMUNICATION WITH OTHER USERS

Roblox includes text and voice features that allow players to chat in shared game spaces. While the platform uses automated filters and moderation tools, media investigations have found that inappropriate and potentially harmful messages can still get through. There are risks that children could be targeted by groomers. In response, Roblox has announced changes to how chat works. The platform plans to use facial age-estimation technology to restrict chat access between adults and children they do not know.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox's parental controls provide an important starting point. Linking a child's account to an adult account allows parents to apply spending controls, limit communication features, and review recent activity. Regular supervision, use of parental controls, and conversations with children about what they see online can help reduce the risk of exposure to inappropriate content.

CONSIDER LIMITING OR DISABLING CHAT

Although Roblox is introducing tighter age-based chat restrictions, some parents and educators may prefer to disable chat entirely for younger children. Children can still play games while communicating with friends they know through other supervised platforms.

PLAY TOGETHER WHERE POSSIBLE

Playing Roblox with a child can help adults understand the types of experiences available, how monetisation works, and how children interact online. This shared engagement can also make it easier for children to raise concerns if something feels wrong. Parents and educators should monitor all games played on Roblox due to its self-rating nature.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Many Roblox experiences are creative and age appropriate, and for many children, the platform is an important way to socialise with friends. Rather than banning it outright, parents and educators should talk openly with children about online safety, spending, and how to respond to inappropriate behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

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