

## **White Ribbons**

Noah, Cole, Evalyna and Lottie - a great first week in Little Apples

**Grace** - a kind and caring friend to all **Landon** - a great attitude to his writing **Miko** - being a kind member of Ash Class

Kateryna - wonderful 3D art

Emilia - fantastic engagement in all learning

**Jude** - an excellent start to term **Zach** - excellent written work

**Amber G'son** - super decimals work **Shereen** – excellent focus in English **Elliot** - fabulous attitude to learning

Elijah - kind and patient with those around him

**Thomas** - great work in WCGR

Grace - excellent position and direction work in maths

#### Staffing news

Mrs Holme has decided to retire from teaching at the end of this term. The governors are organising her replacement. We wish to celebrate her 19 years at this school and her hard work and endeavours with so many of our pupils from a range of ages.

Mrs Aldous shall be returning to work following surgery after half-term. Mrs Gormley and Miss Heseltine have done a great job covering. Thank you for your patience.

Mrs Abbey will be visiting school in the next few weeks as part of her 'Keeping In Touch' during her maternity leave.

#### **Arriving and Leaving School**

We must know who is collecting your child from school. For those who arrive on bikes, which is lovely to see, they MUST wear a helmet and be supervised. In the school grounds, the bike should be pushed to the bike racks. If your child is allowed to go home alone, please talk to them about the route they take and the importance of arriving on time. If your child feels unsafe at any point, they can be told they should return to school as someone is here until 6pm every night. Please make sure you know where your child is at all times and talk to them about being safe when allowed some independence, such as walking home.

#### **SATs**

Next week is the final SATs Club for Year 6s before the tests start on Monday 12th May. We wish them the very best of luck.

#### **Tennis Sessions**

Junior tennis sessions started on Tuesday 28th April at Craven Lawn Tennis Club and will continue for 10 weeks. All equipment is provided, just clean trainers are needed and appropriate clothing for the weather. The cost is £6 per session or £50 for the block. Contact Ji Mukherjee on 07845 416301to

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#### Menu

This is the main choice—there is a vegetarian option and jacket potato available every day.

#### Thursday 1st May

Cowboy pie Zesty Lemon Biscuit

#### Friday 2nd May

Popcorn chicken Fruit trifle

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#### Tuesday 6th May

Ham & cheese puff with potatoes and veg
Fresh fruit salad

#### Wednesday 7th May

Cottage pie with veg Chocolate chip Cookie

#### Thursday 8th May

Veggie bake with garlic bread and veg sticks Banoffee muffin

#### Friday 9th May

Burger in a bun with wedges and peas/beans
Fruit cheesecake

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#### Monday 12th May

Katsu Chicken with rice & veg
Rhubard & Custard Cake

#### Tuesday 13th May

Meat & Potato Pie with veg Yoghurt & Summer Fruit

#### Wednesday 14th May

Chicken Pasta Bake with salad & garlic bread Strawberry Delight

#### Thursday 15th May

Mexican Quesadilla with wedges and dip Chocolate Fudge Biscuit

#### **Easter competitions**

Every child took home an egg following our fun Easter Bingo. Many thanks to everyone who donated to this event. Rev. Andrew had the unenviable task of judging this year's Egg Decorating Competition. It was fantastic to see such incredible creations on display. Well done to everyone who entered and to each of the class winners. See photos below.

#### Oak Class - Transition Days and Open Evenings

The following schools have confirmed their transition days for pupils starting in 2025. Once we have dates for Settle College and Ermysted's, we will let you know.

The Skipton Academy—Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Upper Wharfedale School—Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June Skipton Girls' High School—Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June

To assist parents of Year 5 children who will be starting secondary school in September 2026, we have compiled some information about upcoming open evenings and admission policies. Please check school websites for further information.

School	Open Day	Admissions
Erymsted's Grammar School	Tuesday 1st July 2025 6-8pm	Ermysted's Grammar School is a voluntary aided, selective grammar school for boys aged 11-18. Test registration opens at 12:00 pm (noon) on Tuesday, 22 April 2025 and closes at 12:00 pm on Monday, 1 September 2025. The test takes place on Saturday, 27 September 2025. https://ermysteds.uk/admissions/
Settle College	Early Autumn Term	Settle College is a non-selective comprehensive community school. <a href="https://www.settlecollege.org.uk/home/our-school/admissions/">https://www.settlecollege.org.uk/home/our-school/admissions/</a>
Skipton Girls' High School	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 6-8pm	Skipton Girls' High School is a selective school, so girls will sit a set of selection tests on Saturday 27th September 2025. Registration for the test must be submitted by midnight on Wednesday 27th August 2025. They have now adopted the Future Stories Community Enterprise Ltd entrance test.  https://www.sghs.org.uk/our-school/admissions
The Skipton Academy	Early Autumn term	The Skipton Academy is a small rural 11–16 coeducational secondary school located in Skipton. The school has a comprehensive admissions policy.  https://www.theskiptonacademy.co.uk/ourschool/admission/
Upper Wharfedal e School	Early Autumn term	Upper Wharfedale School is a non-selective maintained school. <a href="https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/information/admissions-primary-transition/">https://uws.n-yorks.sch.uk/information/admissions-primary-transition/</a>
West Craven High School	Early Autumn term	West Craven High School is a secondary comprehensive school.  https://www.westcraven.co.uk/admissions-202526/1372.html

## **Dates for Diaries**

Date	Event
05.05.25	Bank Holiday
09.05.25	Richard Mason Football Cup @ Sandylands—selected Oak pupils will receive a letter this week
w/c 12.05.25	Year 6 SATs week
22.05.25	Tempest Class Photos
22.05.25	Willow Class hosting bake sale to raise funds for PTA
26.05.25 – 02.06.25	Summer Half-term
w/c 02.06.25	Year 4 Multiplication Check
w/c 09.06.25	Phonics Screening Check Week
11.06.25	Wild Explorers (Oak)
12.06.25	Wild Explorers (Willow)
13.06.25	Mini-Olympics at Sandylands (Willow)
18.06.25	Wild Explorers (Ash)
19.06.25	Oak hosting bake sale to raise funds for PTA
24.06.25	Whole school sports afternoon
25.06.25 & 26.06.25	The Skipton Academy Transition Days
26.06.25	Upper Wharfedale School and SGHS Transition Day Transition morning for new starters
30.06.25	Rehearsal for Year 6 Production at Gargrave Village Hall
03.07.25	Year 6 Production at Gargrave Village Hall
07.07.25 & 08.07.25	Bikeability (Year 5)
07.07.25	Transition morning for new starters
08.07.25	Trip to RHS Harlow Carr (Apple & Ash)
11.07.25	Trip to Salts Mill (Willow & Oak—details to follow)
14.07.25	Raving Readers 200 read treat with Mrs Peel
16.07.25	Whole School Walk
17.07.25	Year 6 Leavers Service at church (Time TBC)
18.07.25	School closes for Summer (Re-opens 03.09.25)





## Online Safety Newsletter

## May 2025

### Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home

#### Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

https://www.minecraft.net/enus/article/parental-controls

#### **Further information**

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/min ecraft

## Cyberbullying

#### What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social medica platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- · Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- · Excluding somebody on purpose
- · Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- · Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

#### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so



that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.

#### Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/
- <a href="https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and-advice-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-and-advice-advice-and-advice

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## Roblox

## New parental controls

#### What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

#### **New Parental Features**

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

- Friend blocking you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
- Experience blocking you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
- Top game insights you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox

#### **Further information**

You can find out more about Roblox here:

https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ

## Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:



https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/

# How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device. Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/ expert-opinion/how-to-use-locationtracking-apps-in-your-family/

#### JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.

Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of: https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/

## Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do: https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing

# **Egg Decorating Competition**











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SKIPTON TENNIS CENTRE







## Parent / Carer Workshops

**Bradford District Care** 

**NHS Foundation Trust** 

An informal opportunity for you to meet our friendly nursing team



#### Behaviour strategies and support

Up to 15% of children with special educational needs use behaviours of concern. Explore the reasons for these behaviours and what they may be trying to communicate. as well as strategies to manage and reduce them.

#### Friday 25 April 10am-12pm

Join in person at: The Place, Settle 11 Commercial Courtyard, Duke Street, BD24 9RH



#### Strategies to improve Sleep

Children with additional needs are significantly more likely to experience poor sleep than their peers. Join our qualified Sleep Practitioners to explore ways to develop sleep strategies. helping the whole family get a more restful night's sleep!

#### Friday 16 May 12:30-14:30pm

Join in person at: Fisher Medical Centre Community Hub Room, Millfields. Coach Street. Skipton, BD23 1EU



#### Toilet Training Support

Almost all children can achieve toilet training. however children with additional needs may take longer and need more support. Receive specialist advice and support to help make this a consistent and positive journey.

#### Friday 20 June 12:30-14:30pm

Join in person at: Fisher Medical Centre Community Hub Room, Millfields. Coach Street. Skipton, BD23 1EU



#### Preparing for Puberty

Puberty can be a worrying time of change for children with additional needs and their family. We welcome parents of children aged 7 and above to explore strategies to help prepare for these years. Taking some of the stress away from these first steps towards adulthood.

#### Monday 14 July 10am-12pm

Join in person at: The Place, Settle 11 Commercial Courtyard, Duke Street, BD24 9RH

Tea and biscuits will be available. Places are limited to 10 parent / carers. If you cannot attend in person, a virtual option will be available.



modality Book your place today! email: ChildrensLearningDisabilities@bdct.nhs.uk



#### **Parent Support Groups**

Parent Support Groups are a safe space for parents to get together, share their experiences and build positive relationships. They are facilitated by Mental Health Practitioners and are open to all parents in the Bradford district and Craven. The sessions start with a presentation on a topic chosen by parents and carers then they have the opportunity to discuss the topic and offer peer support to each other.

The next session takes place on 20th May and the topic is 'Anxiety'.



**Bradford District and Craven** Health and Care Partnership





## Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting Emotional and Mental Health







#### THIS MONTHS TOPIC:

## **Anxiety: How to Help Your Child**



Join us for this session where you will learn what anxiety is and the different types and symptoms. We will discuss coping strategies and gain peer support by having the opportunity of sharing experiences and learn various strategies how you may help your child.