

Gargrave C of E Primary School Thursday 16th January 2025



Issue 9



White Ribbons

Daisy-Mae—Working hard on her reading
Elliott—Sharing good ideas on how to be a good friend
Eadie—A fantastic friend and always showing school values
Landon—Fantastic attitude to learning
George—Fantastic perseverance
Skylar—Excellent creativity
Millie—Excellent attitude to learning
Jude—Fabulous all round this week
Jack—Excellent Christmas card
Teddy—Fabulous painting in art
Harriet & Imogen —Reading every day in the holidays
Toby B & Theo—Excellent role models for the rest of school
Lenny—Excellent enthusiasm and engagement in science
Grace—Fantastic progress in maths and much more confidence

Clubs

We are once again offering after school clubs. These will run for approximately 6 weeks. Once your child has been allocated a club, please check the dates carefully as the dates are split due to half term and parents evening. A separate letter is being sent home with your child today. **Please return it before 22nd January to reserve your place.** Kanga will continue running until we break up for half term for R, Y1, Y2 and some Y3. A new block will begin after half term for some Y3, Y4, Y6 & Y6 for 5 weeks. Both blocks are full. Young Voices will also continue to run at lunchtime.

Keighley & Craven Schools' Cross Country 2024-25

We have had two events in the Autumn term, the next two are on the following dates: -

Wed February 5th 2025 Cliffe Castle 3.15pm
Tue 11th March 2025 Marley Playing Fields 3.15pm

These events are open to anyone in year 3,4,5 and 6. Girls and boys competing separately. Hopefully the 14 who have already taken part are keen to continue. If your child did take part, they will be familiar with the arrangements. Parents will need to get them to the venues in time for the races. Please email admin@gargrave.n-yorks.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Peel on the yard in a morning if you are taking part and we shall get vests and numbers ready.

If your child has not taken part but is keen to have a go, please speak to Mrs Peel who will explain the arrangements.

Milk in School

Just a reminder that milk is available in school at a low cost.

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting www.coolmilk.com, logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'.

If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit www.coolmilk.com/register. For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at www.coolmilk.com/contact.

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Menu

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

Monday 20th January

Salmon Bites
Oaty Biscuit

Tuesday 21st January

Meat Loaf
Plum Crumble

Wednesday 22nd January

Pork & Apple Plait
Chocolate Crispie

Thursday 23rd January

Chicken Pitta Pocket
Iced Bun

Friday 24th January

Lasagne & Garlic Bread
Grannies Crunch

Monday 27th January

Margarita Pizza
Super Seedy Flapjack

Tuesday 28th January

Chicken Curry
Very Berry Cobbler

Wednesday 29th January

Minced Beef & Yorkshire Pud
Crumbly Custard Biscuit

Thursday 30th January

Creamy Chicken Pasta
Tangy Lemon Drizzle Bun

Friday 31st January

Sausage Rolls
Syrup Pudding & Custard

Skipton RUFC

Starting tomorrow for 4 weeks, Y5 will be playing rugby with Darren from Skipton RUFC. This will be outside, so please dress warmly. There will be a tournament to which we will be invited to play (date to be advised).

Food in School

We have a child with a nut allergy in school and would therefore be grateful if you could refrain from sending nuts in snacks and packed lunches. There is also an increasing amount of crisps and chocolates in snacks and lunches and we would ask you to bear in mind that we try to be a "healthy school". Thank you.

Dates for Diaries

Date	Event	Information
20.1.25	Oak Class Library Visit	
29.1.25	Willow Class Library Visit	
31.1.25	Child Measurement Program	R & Y6 (Email sent)
3.2.25	Ash Class Library Visit	
5.2.25	Keighley & Craven Cross Country	Details on previous page
10.2.25	Apple Class Library Visit	
12.2.25	Come Dine with Me—Ash Class	11.30am 1 parent per child—menu to follow on class email
13.2.25	Dance Showcase (Apple & Ash)	Parents invited @ 2.30pm
14.2.25	Young Voices to sing at Milton House	Within School hours
14.2.25	School Closes for Half Term	
24.2.25	School Re-Opens	
24.2.25	Kanga Laser Tag begins for Y4, Y5, & Y6	5 week block
25.2.25	Young Voices @ Manchester	Full details to follow
3.3.25	Parents Evening	3.30-6.30 (details to follow)
4.3.25	Parents Evening	3.30-5.30 (details to follow)
5.3.25	Y5 Walk to Malham inc overnight stay	More details to follow. Please pay on The School Gateway
10.3.25	Y6 Trip to London	Itinerary to follow. Please pay on The School Gateway
11.3.25	Keighley & Craven Cross Country	Details on previous page
19.3.25	Crucial Crew—Y6	Details to follow
20.3.25	Oak Class Worship	9am—Parents welcome
25.3.25	Apple Class Worship	9am—Parents welcome
28.3.25	Sports Trilogy @ Sandylands	Willow class (details to follow)
2.4.25	Come Dine With Me—Apple Class	11.30 1 parent per child—menu to follow
3.4.25	Ash Class Worship	9am—Parents welcome
4.4.25	Easter Egg Bingo	To be held in school time
4.4.25	School Closes for Easter	
22.4.25	School Re-Opens	

Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Fortnite Battle Royale



Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>

WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARI 12.30 - 14.00

SOUP'S ON!



**WARM SPACE EVENT WITH CAKE!
NO CHARGE ONLY DONATIONS
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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