



Lowerplace Newsletter

Monday 27th April

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A message from Ms Martin, Headteacher

Welcome back to the summer term.

It has been a real pleasure to see the children return to school so positively and settle so quickly back into routines. The calm and focused start to the term has created a strong foundation for the learning ahead.

I would like to thank parents and carers for the excellent attendance at Parents' Evening last week. These meetings are an important opportunity to work together to support children's learning and progress, and your engagement is greatly appreciated. If you were unable to make it, please contact your child's class teacher or the office to make an appointment.

At Parents Evening you will have received your child's attendance register showing how often your child has been in school. It's important that children are in school every day unless they are sick. In this newsletter is a poster showing you the impact absence and lateness has on your child's education. Let's keep working together to ensure good attendance across the year.

As we move through the term, our Year 6 pupils will soon be sitting their SATs. They have worked hard throughout the year, and we are incredibly proud of their effort, resilience, and maturity. Our focus is still on supporting them to feel confident, calm, and ready to do their best. We know that encouragement and reassurance from home makes a real difference, and we thank families for their continued support.

The summer term is always a busy and enjoyable one, with lots of opportunities for learning, enrichment, and celebration. Year 1 have already visited a Farm and this week a group of Year 5 pupils will be representing the school in an Inter-School Olympics Event at Kingsway and Reception will be going to Eureka. We look forward to sharing these moments with you over the coming weeks.

With best wishes,

Ms K Martin

Headteacher



Lowerplace Average YTD 94.4%

National Average YTD 94.6%

We are keeping in line with national for our attendance - well done everyone.

Easter bonnet and egg

Well done to all the children who entered the Easter bonnet and egg decorating competition at the end of last term. It was fantastic to see so many brilliant, creative entries—you truly made the judges' decision very difficult!

A big congratulations to our fabulous winners, and thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the event such a success.



Chocolate Hamper Competition

Congratulations to the three winners of our chocolate hampers!

Thank you to everyone who entered and supported this event.

We are delighted to share that we raised £350, which will go towards buying new books for our school.



School Uniform and PE Kit Reminder

– Being Ready for Learning

Please can we remind parents and carers of our school uniform expectations.

All children should come to school wearing black shoes (no trainers) and wearing the correct uniform helps promote pride in our school and ensures children are ready to learn.

In addition, all children must have a PE kit in school every week. This should include a white T-shirt, navy shorts and trainers/plimsolls, clearly named. Having the correct kit in school means pupils can fully take part in PE and sports activities without disruption.

Thank you for your continued support in helping all children be ready for learning every day.

Sun Safety as the Weather Warms Up

As we move into the warmer months, we kindly ask parents and carers to help us keep children safe and comfortable in the sun.



Please ensure your child comes to school with:

- A named sun hat
- Suncream applied before school (children should bring their own clearly named suncream if they need to reapply during the day)
- Plenty of water so they can stay well hydrated

We will continue to encourage children to take sensible precautions, including using shaded areas where possible.

Parent Survey

Parent Survey April 2026



Thank you to everyone who has already completed our Parent and Carer Survey, either at Parents Evening or via the PING message sent last week. The survey feedback is important in helping school leaders to develop actions to further improve provision, education and support for all of our children at Lowerplace. If you have not completed the survey, it is still open. Please follow the link / QR code to answer the questions. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring Lowerplace is the best it can be, for everyone. [Parent Survey April 2026 – Fill out form](#)



It's Time to Have Your Say! Apply to Be Rochdale's Next Children's Champion!

Linked to UNCRC Article 12: The Right to Be Heard

At Lowerplace, we believe every child's voice matters. This is at the heart of UNCRC Article 12, which says that every child has the right to express their views freely in all matters that affect them, and for those views to be taken seriously.

Now it's time to put that into action!

The search is on for the next Children's Champion for the Borough of Rochdale, and we are excited to invite pupils in Year 4 or Year 5 to take part in this amazing opportunity.

Could Someone in Our School Be the Next Children's Champion?

Do you know a pupil in Year 4 or Year 5 who is:

- A great communicator
- Passionate about making positive changes
- Confident speaking up for others
- Kind, responsible, and full of ideas?

If so—they could be the perfect candidate!

The role of Children's Champion is all about helping young people have their say about where they live and making sure their voices are heard across Rochdale Borough. This is a wonderful chance for children to make a real difference in their community.

How to Apply

Children who would like to apply can use the application pack, which has been shared with their Class Teacher. Application forms will also be available on the Rochdale Council Website.

Closing date for applications: Friday 8th May

If you have any questions or want more information, please get in touch. We can't wait to see which of our talented pupils step forward this year.

The Parenting and Relationship Team



Parenting can be filled with joy but can also have its challenges.
They say it takes a village to raise a child.
We all need some help along the way.

The Parenting & Family Relationship Programmes provide group support, advice and guidance to parents and carers to support healthy and respectful family relationships.

They are a great way to help understand different behaviours and development stages of your baby, child or teenager and understand the importance in positive relationships between all members of families.

It's a great time to explore these programmes as they have new ones starting at the end of April / May 2026.

To find out more about the programmes or to book a place:-

- visit the Rochdale webpage <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/childcare-children/parenting-support-courses>
- explore the programmes which work for you
- click on the link to make a booking enquiry and a member of their team will be touch.

For general queries about the programmes email parenting@rochdale.gov.uk

Dates for your diary

We hope you find the calendar of upcoming events helpful. Please pin this to your fridge/add to your calendar.

Summer Term

Dates	Event/Activity
Wed 22 nd & Thurs 23 rd April	Parents Evening
Wed 22 nd April	Y1 trip to the farm
Tues 28 th April	Y5 Inter-school Olympics Event
Wed 29 th April	Reception Eureka trip
Mon 4 th May	Public Holiday
Wed 6 th May and Thurs 7 th May	Y4 Production
Mon 11 th May – Fri 15 th May	Mental health Awareness Week
Mon 11 th May – Thurs 14 th May	Y6 Statutory Assessment (SATs week)
Monday 18 th – 22 nd May	Careers Week
Tues 19 th May	Sports day
Mon 25th May – Fri 29th May Half Term	
Mon 1 st June - Fri 12 th June	Y4 Multiplication Check (statutory assessment)
Tuesday 2 nd June	Reception eye tests
Wed 3 rd June	New Reception Welcome Meeting 3.30pm & 5pm
Fri 5 th June	Y6 Outdoor and Adventure Trip 7.30am– 7.30pm
Mon 8 th June – Fri 12 th June	Y1 Phonics Screening Check (statutory assessment)
Thurs 11 th June	RA Assembly
Mon 15 th June – Fri 19 th June	Y2 SATs
Thurs 18 th June	New Reception children Stay and Play
Monday 22 nd May	Inspirational Reading University event
Mon 22 nd – Friday 26 th May	Wellbeing Week
Wed 24 th June	Parent Wellbeing Day
Thurs 25 th June	New Reception Stay and Play
Thurs 2 nd July	Year 3 trip Tatton Park – Stone Age
Fri 3 rd July	INSET teacher training – school closed to children
Tues 7 th July	Y6 SATs Results Day
Tues 7 th July	Move Up Day
Wed 8 th July	RB assembly
Fri 10 th July	Annual reports sent home
Mon 13 th July	3B Ukelele performance
Tues 14 th July	2C Recorder performance
Wed 15 th July	Y6 Production
Tues 21 st July	Last day of term. Y6 Leavers Assembly

Summer holidays: Wed 22nd July - Wed 2nd Sept. School reopens on Thursday 3rd September