



Lowerplace Newsletter

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A message from the Ms Martin, Headteacher

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another successful academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our children, families and staff for their hard work, commitment and support throughout the year.

On Friday, your child's annual report was sent home. These reports celebrate the progress, achievements and personal growth children have made across the year. We are incredibly proud of all that our pupils have accomplished and hope you enjoy reading about their successes.

The recent warm weather has certainly reminded us that summer is here! Thank you for your support in ensuring children come to school prepared for the heat with water bottles, sun hats and appropriate clothing. Your partnership helps us keep everyone safe and comfortable.

Many of our children have also been enjoying following the excitement of the Football World Cup, with plenty of football discussion taking place around school. It has been wonderful to see children inspired by teamwork, determination and sportsmanship—qualities we value highly at Lowerplace.

As another academic year draws to a close, I would like to express my sincere thanks for the continued support, kindness and encouragement you have shown the school. Education works best when school and home work together, and we are grateful for the positive relationships we have with our families and community.

To those children and families who are moving on, we wish you every success and happiness for the future. To everyone returning in September, we look forward to welcoming you back for another exciting year of learning.

On behalf of all the staff at Lowerplace Primary School, I wish you a safe, restful and enjoyable summer holiday.

With best wishes,

Ms K Martin

Headteacher



A new date for your diary
– 3rd time lucky
Monday 20th July

Reception and KS1 Sports Day - morning
KS2 Sports Day - afternoon.

Let's hope the weather is kind to us!

Staffing Update

As the academic year comes to a close, we would like to share some staffing changes that will take place in September.



Farewell and Best Wishes

This summer, we will be saying goodbye to:

- **Miss Khanum**, 5B class teacher, will be leaving us to relocate to Kuwait to take up a teaching post.
- **Miss Combs**, RA class teacher, will be leaving us to relocate to Leicestershire to take up a teaching post and set up home with her partner.
- **Mrs Foy**, RB teacher and Phase Leader, will be leaving us to take up promotion as a permanent phase leader of a nursery and reception team in a nearby Rochdale school.
- **Mr Coburn**, teaching assistant, will be leaving us to work in a similar role but with 16 – 18-year-olds.
- **Mrs Khamisa**, teaching assistant, will be leaving us to begin a teacher training course.

We would like to thank them for their dedication, hard work and commitment to the children, families and staff of Lowerplace Primary School. They have each made a valued contribution to our school community, and we wish them every happiness and success for the future.

Welcome to Our New Colleagues

We are also delighted to welcome the following member of staff who will be joining us in September:

- **Miss Wren**, classteacher

We look forward to welcoming her to the Lowerplace family and know that she will make a valuable contribution to our school.

Welcome back from maternity leave

We are also pleased to welcome back colleagues who will be returning from maternity leave in September:

- Mrs Lomax, Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Babar Class teacher

We know many families will be delighted to see them back and we are looking forward to having them rejoin our team.

On behalf of the whole school community, thank you to our departing colleagues, welcome to our new starters, and a very warm welcome back to our returning staff members. We look forward to another exciting year together in September.

Reception's trip to Rochdale Town Hall

Linking with our current topic, "**Is every place like Rochdale?**", our Reception class embarked on an exciting trip to Rochdale Town Hall on Monday, 6th July.

Our wonderful Year 6's joined us, holding hands and walking with Reception all the way to the Town Hall and back.

As we arrived, the town hall clock struck 10 o'clock right on cue, almost as if it were welcoming us! Upon seeing the grandeur of the building many of the Reception children said "Look, there's the castle!"

The Town Hall officially opened on September 27th, 1871, the building is celebrated as one of the finest examples of Victorian Gothic Revival architecture in the entire United Kingdom and it certainly wowed our young children. Whilst inside the Town Hall, we got to explore the massive building and tour its historic rooms, including:

- The Grand Banquet Room
- The stunning Ballroom
- The prestigious Mayor's Parlour

The children had a hands-on, immersive day. They got to dress-up in historic costumes, construct their own mini town halls using building bricks, and look up in awe at the beautifully restored ceiling paintings and intricate wood carvings.

The absolute highlight of the day was getting to meet the Mayor and Mayoress of Rochdale! They very kindly spent time speaking with the children and even handed out some very special pins to those who did a brilliant job answering their questions.

It was a truly fantastic day out. As always, our Reception children were an absolute credit to the school and were extremely well-behaved throughout the trip.

A huge thank you to our Year 6 partners and all the staff who made this memorable day possible

Important End of Term Reminder

A reminder that school closes for the summer holidays on Tuesday 21st July.

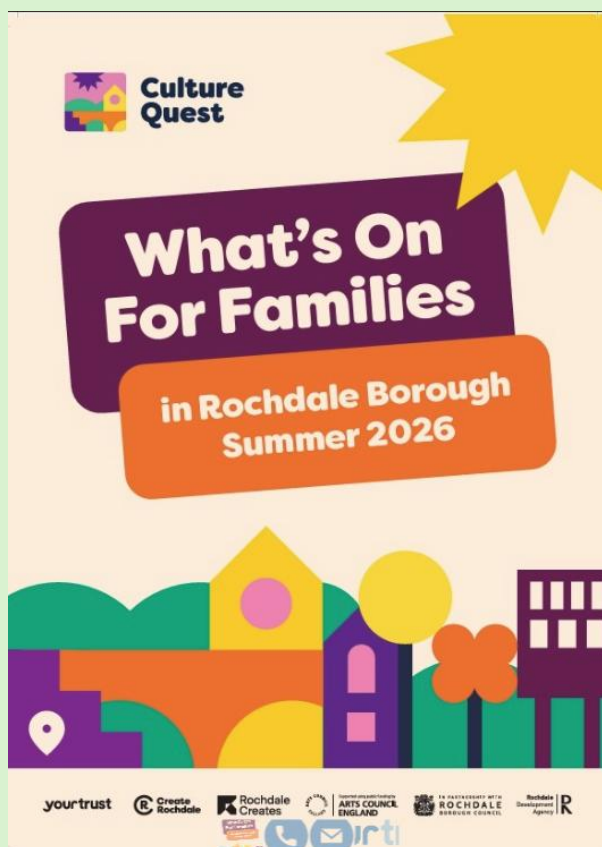


Learning will continue right up to the end of term, with children taking part in important lessons, transition activities, celebrations and end-of-year events. For this reason, it is essential that children attend school every day until we break up for the summer.

We respectfully ask families not to book holidays or begin summer travel before the end of term, as this can result in children missing valuable learning opportunities and important time with their classmates and teachers.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring excellent attendance. Every day counts, and we look forward to celebrating the final days of the school year together before welcoming the summer break.

25 family friendly cultural events and activities this summer



Rochdale's Cultural Education Partnership has put together a printed booklet listing over 25 family friendly cultural events and activities taking place across Rochdale Borough over the summer holidays.

There's something for everyone including community festivals, workshops, dance classes and outdoor cinema screenings.

Most of the events are free to attend.

A digital copy of the booklet will be sent out separately to families with this newsletter.

In the booklet is a QR code that you can scan to access an online directory of all the events listed.

Places Kids Eat Free This Summer!



Looking for ways to keep the children entertained and save money over the summer holidays? Many restaurants, cafés and family-friendly venues offer "Kids Eat Free" or discounted children's meals during the school break.

Whether you are planning a day out, visiting family, or simply treating the children to lunch, these offers can help make the summer holidays a little more affordable. We have included a list of current offers for families to explore.

Staying Safe While Enjoying Summer Offers

When using restaurant and attraction offers, please remember to:

- Check the offer details before travelling, as dates, locations and terms can change.
- Plan your journey in advance and ensure children know what to do if they become separated from you.
- Supervise children closely, particularly in busy restaurants, shopping centres and public places.
- Ensure children stay hydrated during hot weather and take regular breaks from the sun.
- Be mindful of food allergies and dietary requirements when ordering meals.
- Never leave children unattended while collecting food, using facilities or making purchases.
- Remind children about road safety when visiting unfamiliar areas.

We hope these offers help you enjoy some quality family time over the summer and wish you a happy, safe and enjoyable holiday

Visit this link for more details <https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free>