



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

2nd April 2026



New This Week:



Thu 02.04.26	Last day at School
Fri 03.04.26 to Fri 17.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS — School closed to children
Mon 20.04.26	School re-opens
Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26	Year 6 SATS—All Year 6 children must be in school

PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES TODAY FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS



A total of **35** children were **late this week!!** A big 'thank you' to those who arrive on time every day!!

The main gates open at **8.30am**. Your child needs to enter the classroom at **8.45am**.

The classroom doors close at **8.51am**. If your child arrives after this time, they are **LATE**.

NEW—SUMMER TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS)

Please meet at the Year 6 gate at 8am promptly.

These will be available to book using the Arbor App from 13.04.26.



Monday	Rounders	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Unihoc	Years 3/4
Wednesday	Tennis	Years 5/6
Thursday	Handball	Years 3/4
Friday	Cricket	Years 5/6



NEW— SUMMER (AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS)

These will be available to book via the Arbor App from 13.04.26 and there will be a maximum of 20 places for each club.



Monday	Handball	Years 3/4
Monday	Karaoke	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Handball	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Year 3
Wednesday	Tennis	Years 5/6
Friday	Gardening	FULL

PE KIT—A REMINDER

Please can parents / carers ensure that children bring a PE kit into school. We have too many children turning up to school without a PE kit. AS summer is upon us, it is important that children have a outdoor PE kit. Thank you.



ST GEORGES DAY

Children in uniformed groups (Beavers, Brownies, Guides etc,) are welcome to attend school in their uniform on **Thursday 23.04.26** to celebrate St. Georges Day.



All other children must come to school in their usual school uniform.



Important Reminders

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

To see if you are eligible for Free School Meals with Rochdale Council, please visit www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals to complete the electronic form. You will get an immediate response and will not be required to fill out any further paperwork. Rochdale Council will process your application and they will send you a letter to inform you of the outcome. Please bring a copy of this letter to school and we can update your child's record. Please note any school meals taken will need to be paid for until eligibility is confirmed.

For every pupil registered under the criteria above, the school will receive an additional 'Pupil Premium' funding of £1450 per child which is spent on ensuring our children are supported to make the best possible progress in school. This is also used to access to facilities, clubs and subsidised trips.

We encourage as many families as possible to apply for free school meals so that we receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding.

BOOK CLUB

School are starting a **Book Club** and so are in need of pre loved children's books.

If parents / carers have any unwanted pre-loved children's books, in good condition please bring them into school and hand them to Miss Litster or to the School office.

Thank you.



#Get ready with **Teddy**

Launching 25 April

Join our 'Get ready with Teddy' launch

Saturday 25 April, 9.30am-12.30pm

At various Best Start Family Hubs: Derby Street, Newbold, Belfield, Langley and Howard Street

If your child is starting reception this September, join us for a morning of fun activities and take the opportunity to learn more about our exciting new 'Get ready with Teddy' programme to prepare your little ones for school. (Siblings welcome).

Activities will include:

- Decorate and personalise your teddies T-shirt
- Enjoy a teddy bear picnic
- Make teddy bear biscuits
- Arts and crafts
- Outdoor play and much more.

Early years professionals will also be available to answer any questions you may have about your child's development. Don't forget to bring along the teddy you received from your early years setting too. If your child doesn't attend an early years setting, speak to your nearest family hub about how to receive your teddy.

#GetReadyWithTeddy

BEST START IN LIFE

Rochdale Borough Family Hubs
Support that grows with you

For more information visit www.ourrochdale.org.uk/GetReadyWithTeddy or scan the QR code.

ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL



WI SCARECROW COMPETITION 2026

theme: **Famous People!**

Let your creativity shine and bring your favourite famous figure to life!

Scarecrows to be displayed
Friday 29th May - 8am until Saturday 30th May - 6pm

Locations will be from Baitings Close to Elmsfield Avenue, should you be out of the area or not have the space, Jubilee Gardens will be provided to place your scarecrow

- Create a scarecrow inspired by a famous person (past or present!)
- Display your scarecrow during the event
- Winners will be judged by the public

Map of scarecrow locations will be provided before the event for public to view and judge.

£5 per entry

Winners will receive a prize and bragging rights for the best scarecrow in the village!

Get Creative. Get Famous. Get Building!

Register by 1st May 2026:
wiscarecrowcompetition@gmail.com





Rochdale AFC Community Trust launch first-ever Colour Dash!

Rochdale AFC Community Trust is delighted to announce the launch of its first-ever Colour Dash, a fun-filled, family-friendly event taking place on Saturday 11 April at Denehurst Park.

The Colour Dash promises a vibrant and unforgettable experience, with participants taking on a route around Denehurst Park, complete with colour paint stations and fun obstacles, suitable for all ages and abilities.

Walk or run, on your own or with a group – don't miss a matchday warm up like no other! The event will kick off at 1.30pm with an energising warm-up led by Desmond, before starting waves from 2.30pm. All activities will be wrapped up in plenty of time for participants and supporters to head to the Crown Oil Arena for Rochdale AFC v Wealdstone later that evening.

Thanks to generous funding and sponsorship, the event is free to enter, with every participant receiving:

- A specially commissioned Rochdale AFC Colour Dash medal
- A match ticket for Rochdale AFC v Wealdstone (first 100 participants)

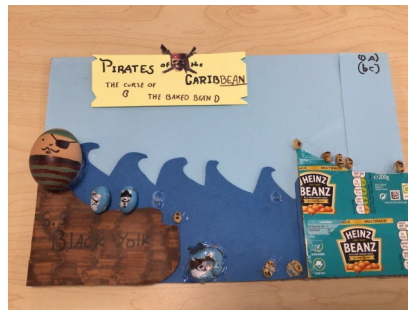
Participants who raise £10 or more in sponsorship will also receive a free official event t-shirt!

<https://givestar.io/ev/rochdale-afc-colour-dash>



Thank you to all the children for their **Egg-cellent EGGS** Here are just a few of them.

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Sleep Support Drop-In Sessions at Family Hubs

Is your child or young person experiencing mild to moderate sleep difficulties?

Come along to our informal drop-in for friendly advice, practical tips and support.

No appointment needed

Open to all families

Relaxed, welcoming space

Hub	Date	Time
Howard St Family Hub OL12 OPP	Mon 20th April	9.30am-11.30am
Langley Family Hub M24 4LA	Wed 22 nd April	12pm-2pm
Derby St Family Hub OL10 4QJ	Thurs 23 rd April	9.30am-11.30am
Newbold Family Hub OL16 5NL	Fri 24 th April	9.30am-11.30am

If you have any questions, please contact the SEND Advice Service on 0300 303 0380



Neurodiversity Hub Workshop Timetable for Parents and Carers - April-July 2026



Tools for Emotional Regulation (primary and secondary aged children)

We will look at how the STAR tool and the Hand-Brain Model can help you understand what might be happening for your child and explore supportive ways to help them feel safe and regulated.

30th April 9:30-11:30 at Milnrow Parish Primary School, James St, Rochdale OL16 3JT
8th June 9.30-11.30 at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

Join us for a shorter, online session designed to help you better understand your child's emotional and sensory responses.

7th May 6-7pm 29th June 10-11am 16th July 12-1pm

Managing Anger and Meltdowns (primary and secondary)

We will look at understanding and managing anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.

27th April 9.30 - 11.30am at Bowlee Park Primary School, Windemere Rd, M24 4LA
20th May 5pm - 7pm at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU
22nd June 9.30-11.30 at Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU

SEND Transition coffee mornings for Year 6 parents and carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and RANS NOTES to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers. Please book on both dates.

21st April 10-11:30 at All Souls CE Primary School, Healey Ave, Heywood OL10 4DE
27th April 10-11:30 at Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD
1st May 10-11:30 at St Peter's RC Primary School, Middleton, M24 1FL

The workshops below will be delivered by the Occupational Therapy Team and the Neurodiversity Hub

Sensory Processing Difficulties Webinar

To access the Sensory Webinar scan the QR code:



Please watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' Webinar before attending any of the workshops below.

Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective (age 3-19)

We will look at how sensory needs impact self-care and discuss practical day to day strategies.

22nd April 9:30-11:30 at Norden Family Hub, Shawfield Lane Rochdale, OL12 7RQ

Sensory Processing and Anxiety (primary/secondary)

We will look at how anxiety and sensory needs interlink and to recognise triggers. We will share ideas that you can try.

13th May 9:30-11:30 Boarshaw Family Hub, Stanycliffe Lane, Middleton, M24 2PB

Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop (primary/secondary)
We will demonstrate practical, hands-on activities you can try with your child.

24th June 9.30-11.30 Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

How to book:

Email: hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk - Please include the workshop you want to attend, your child's name and date of birth in the email

Phone: 0161 206 0606

Please note – it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as we do not have childcare facilities available.

How to access the Neurodiversity Hub - Support for parents and carers - April-July 2026

Information and Advice Sessions

What to expect: You will have the opportunity to access advice and signposting from a range of local support services.

Services available:



SENDclass



SEND Advice Service



Home-Start RAASS



The Neurodiversity Hub

23rd April 9:30am - 11am at St Mary's CE Primary School, Oldham Road, OL11 2HB

30th April 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

21st May 9:30am-11am at St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, M24 1FL

18th June 9:30am - 11am at Deeplish Primary Academy, Derby Street, OL11 1LT

25th June 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

9th July 9:30am - 11am at Oak Haven SEMH School, Sutherland Road, OL10 3PY

Advice Line

What to expect: We will discuss your concerns and support available.

Tuesday Advice Line

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on a Tuesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 1pm-5.30pm.

Wednesday Evening Advice Line (once a month)

1st April 20th May 3rd June 1st July

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on the Wednesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 5-7pm.

Drop in sessions

What to expect: We attend Home Start RAASS Parent Support Group. During these sessions a member of the Neurodiversity Hub and the RAASS team will be available to offer signposting and support.

Middleton - Burnside Community Centre, 36 Burnside Crescent Langley Middleton, M24 5NN, 9.30-11.30am

Friday 8th May Friday 5th June Friday 3rd July

Milnrow - Butterworth Hall, New St, Milnrow OL16 3PQ, 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 12th May Tuesday 9th June Tuesday 7th July

Heywood - Heywood Baptist Church, Rochdale Road, Heywood, OL10 1LE, 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 22nd April Wednesday 20th May Wednesday 17th June



Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENTS</u>		
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Thu 21.05.26		Nursery Story and Song Performance	11.20am EYFS Unit

