

Meanwood Primary School Newsletter



Please note that school is closed on Monday 5th May for May Bank Holiday

2nd May 2025

New This Week:

PASSPORTS

Please note that staff cannot sign passport forms for pupils or parents / carers, as they would have to share private confidential information.



SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

Please bring your sunflower plants back next *Friday 9th of May*.

Please bring your plants, before school starts, to the school garden, next to the canteen, making sure that your child's name and class are clearly labelled. We will be planting them in the kitchen garden area and near our new bird and butterfly wildlife garden once they have been judged. All plants returned will get dojos and a certificate. The tallest plant will get our star prize of a free family ticket to visit Eureka - the science museum in Halifax, which is very easy to get to by train from Rochdale. There will also be

some smaller prizes for the next tallest runner ups.

Good luck everyone. Mrs Quigley



REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS RE EARLY BIRDS BREAKFAST CLUB

Please ensure that you have booked your child onto Early Birds Breakfast Club before attending.

You can check this on the App by going onto:

Clubs—Early Birds—Manage Booking

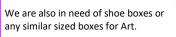
(You can view booked sessions here)

This club is getting very full, and places are limited due to staffing.

If a place is not available on the day, we will be unable to accept your child into the session.



Year 1 classes are still collecting egg boxes for Maths.





Please can parents save them and bring them into school.

Thank you. (Year 1 Staff)

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK

Year 6 SATS week is

Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May.



Please that you ensure your child is in school promptly for 8.30am.

Please also ensure your child has breakfast and goes to bed early to prepare for the week.



Please find below a link to a free digital magazine aimed at giving parents valuable information for their children. There is exclusive content from OFSTED, NSPCC, St John Ambulance and more, including advice on:

Internet safety, Phonics, Books, First Aid, Healthy Eating, Snap Chat/Instagram/WhatsApp advice, Family Law Advice and more.

www.allabout-family.co.uk/nw-magazine/

Important Reminders







THURSDAY 18TH DEC 7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655 FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY





The following website is an online resource providing on Ofsted registered childcare activities and community groups, employment and training, parenting advise and support, youth support, and Early Help support available to families and those working with them. If you need any help finding childcare or family support, please contact the Family Information Service on 01706 719900 or email: family.info@rochdale.qov.uk

https://www.ourrochdale.org.uk/kb5/rochdale/directory/family.page? newfamilychannel=0

Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Advanced notice)

This will be held on



Thursday 17th July 2025

From around 2.00pm (Exact time will be confirmed nearer the time)



MISSING LIBRARY BOOK

We have a missing Rochdale library book that is now very overdue.





There will be a small reward for its safe return to Mrs Quigley.

Please note that school has a new Schoolcomms mobile number for inbound text messages 07507284707

Meanwood Sports Teams

(Home Matches)





Children who are unaccompanied by an adult will be asked to leave the school premises.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (SUMMER TERM)

DAY	YEAR/S	BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB	AFTER SCHOOL CLUB
Monday	Years 5/6		Tennis (FULL)
Tuesday	Year 2		Reading Club—17 places left
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Cricket—9 places left	Basketball (FULL)
Thursday	Years 3/4	Handball—6 places left	
<mark>Friday</mark>	Year 2		Football—7 places left
<mark>Friday</mark>	Years 3/4	Hockey—9 places left	
Friday	Years 5/6	ı	Rounders (FULL)
Friday	Year 6		Gardening - 6 places left

To book your child on to either a 'Before' school club, or 'After' school club, please book them on via the School Gateway App.

WELL DONE to all who came to plant a sunflower.

Mrs Quigley's grow the biggest sunflower competition will end in the middle of May.

Instructions on how to grow your sunflower are below.

You are now asked to return the sunflower to school for $\$ measuring and planting out on Friday 9th May .

Good luck.



How to look after your sunflower

While your seed is germinating, until you see a green shoot, keep the pot in a darker place, where it is not cold.

Keep the compost damp, but not soggy.

Once you can see a shoot, put the plant pot in a warm and sunny place where it will get lots of light. You could put it outside on a warm sunny day but don't leave it outside at night until the weather is warmer (usually in May) and there are no frosts overnight. Keep it away from slugs and snails too. Keep the compost damp but not soggy. If it is too wet, the roots might rot.

You might like to research ways of giving your sunflower plant extra nutrients, there are ways you can make plant food from home scraps.

https://sustainableholly.com/15-easy-organic-fertilizers-to-make-at-home/

https://www.marthastewart.com/how-to-make-homemade-fertilizer-7481114

If your plants gets quite tall, you might need to add a stick/stake to to support it - don't tie the plant too tightly to it though or you will snap the stem. It also needs room to move and grow still, so you might also need a bigger pot. You could use a large yoghurt pot with holes made in the bottom.

COULD YOU HELP?

We need large plastic boxes /metal containers/ old planters /tubs or tyres for our new wildlife bird and butterfly garden. Anything that is sturdy enough to take soil and last. From tin bath size to bathtub size. We would also like to paint our tyres, so if anyone has any left over masonry or other outdoor paint, we'd be very grateful.

Please bring them to Mrs Quigley in KS2.







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	Dates for the diary	
Monday 05.05.25	May Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED
BANK HOLIDAY		BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 08.05.25	80th Anniversary celebration of VE Day Picnic on the field	Reception to Year 6
	(Children are invited to wear red, white and blue)	
Friday 09.05.25	Reception visit to Smithills Farm	Reception children
	OPEN FARM	All Day
Thu 22.05.25	Nursery Spring Story and Song Performance	Morning
Friday 27.06.25	Year 6 trip to 'Mission Out' Outdoor Adventure Park—Leeds	All Day
Wednesday 02.07.25	Year 6 (6C) Hollingworth Lake Trip	Class 6C
Friday 04.07.25	Year 6 (6H) Hollingworth Lake Trip	Class 6H
Thursday 17.07.25	Year 6 Leavers Assembly YEAR 6 LEAVER'S ASSEMBLY	Apx 2pm Time TBC

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	8
Tuesday	4
Wednesday	14
Thursday	10
Friday	15

A total of 51 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 class room at 8:45am. The class room doors close at 8:51am. If your child arrives after this time they are LATE.

Attendance



School fines for unauthorised absence have changed.

The government (Department for Education) has introduced a new national framework for penalty notices which parent/carers must pay if they take a child out of school during term time, for holidays or unauthorised absence. The changes came into effect for fines issued after 19 August 2024. We urge parents/carers not to interrupt their children's schooling and talk to the office staff before booking leave of absence.



2024 – 2025 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website: www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk