



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



New This Week:



Fri 09.10.26	'Hello Yellow' Day (Wear something yellow to school) £1 donation
Mon 12.10.26	John Hunt Photography in School (All Pupils)
Mon 26.10.26 to Fri 30.10.26	SCHOOL CLOSED (October Half Term)
Mon 02.11.26	Back to School



A total of **45** 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**.

HARVEST COLLECTION

If parents / carers would like to contribute to the **Harvest of Hope**, school will be collecting donations from the **Shopping List** from **Monday 12th October**, and Rochdale Food Bank will come into school and collect the items.

Please hand the donations to your child's class teacher.

Thank you



Shopping list

- Tinned meat/fish
- Tinned potatoes
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tea/coffee/sugar
- Soup/noodles/pasta
- Rice pudding/custard
- Cereal
- Fruit juice (long life)
- Milk (long life)
- Biscuits/snacks

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

John Hunt photographers will be in school on **Monday 12th October** to take individual photographs of all pupils in school.

Children's names and UPN's will be shared with John Hunt so they can provide you with a photo card, and so that you can order any photos should you wish to purchase any.

If you would like your children to have a sibling photo taken, then please take your children to either the Infant or Junior Hall between 8.00am and 8.30am.

Thank you

JOHN HUNT
PHOTOGRAPHY

HELLO YELLOW DAY—FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

On Friday 9th October, our school will be participating in **Hello Yellow** to support World Mental Health Day.

Launched in 2016 by the charity Young Minds, Hello Yellow is now a nationwide movement. Every year, thousands of schools, workplaces, and communities across the UK wear yellow to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

Young Minds provides vital tools and resources that help children manage their mental health, empower adults to support them, and give young people a voice to drive positive change.

To take part, we are asking children to **wear something yellow to school on Friday 9th October and bring a £1 donation**. All funds raised will go directly to Young Minds to support their vital work. Thank you for your continued support.

You can also donate by using this QR code.



YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2027

This is the timetable for applying for applying for a **Reception** place at a Primary School

You should follow the 4-step process to apply.

Monday, 14 September 2026	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2027.
Friday, 15 January 2027	Closing date for applications Ensure your reception class application for a primary school is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.
Friday, 12 February 2027	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Friday, 16 April 2027	National offer day.
Sunday, 9 May 2027	Closing date for Round 2 applications.
Friday, 4 June 2027	Round 2 offers are sent.
Saturday, 5 June 2027	Online applications re-open. The online admissions system re-opens for primary school places starting in September 2027.
Tuesday, 31 August 2027	Final closing date for applications.

[About applying for a reception place](#) | [Apply for a reception place at a primary school](#) | [Rochdale Borough Council](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2027

This is the timetable for applying for a **Secondary** place at High School.

You should follow the 4-step process to apply.

Tuesday, 1 September 2026	The online admissions system opens for secondary school places.
Saturday, 31 October 2026	Closing date for applications Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.
Friday, 11 December 2026	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Monday, 1 March 2027	National offer day. Sign in to view your school place offer.

[About applying for a secondary school place](#) | [Apply for a year 7 secondary school place](#) | [Rochdale Borough Council](#)

Or, contact School Admissions Services on:

Email : school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 303 0340 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 4.45pm)

Early Help and Schools, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

Rochdale Best Start Family Hub App

Rochdale has worked with Essential Parent and local services to create the new **Family Hub app**. The app is designed to make it easier for families to get the right help when they need it.



Download the Family Hub app

- [Download the GM Family Hub app for your Apple device](#)
- [Download the GM Family Hub app for your Android device](#)

Once downloaded, choose Rochdale to get started.

The Rochdale Family Hub app will:

- bring trusted local and national information straight to your phone
- give clear guidance for every stage of being a parent
- connect you to local health, education and community services

Whether you are getting ready for a new baby, looking after a toddler, or supporting an older child, the app has helpful advice all in one place.

The Family Hub app is here to help you feel supported and confident every step of the way.

How the app works

You can personalise the app by adding your due date or your child's date of birth. This helps you receive tailored information for your stage of pregnancy or your child's age. You'll also get updates from your local Family Hub team.

The app includes details of local groups and services in Rochdale, and the content is available in 75 languages.

**** Please click the link on the attached email to register for fantastic resources for families, providing a wealth of information and support in one place. The app is quick and easy to sign up to.**

zzZarach

The Children's Bed Charity

We're on a mission to end child bed poverty.

Did you know that Zarach is a charity working in your area to provide brand new beds, pyjamas, and bedding for children where families can no longer afford to buy them? If you are one of these families, please see the pastoral team in your child's school and they can submit a referral to Zarach - you can read more about the process on our website.

Zarach can help to provide:

Bed frame

Mattress

Pillows

Quilt

Bed Linens

Pyjamas

After the referral has been made:

- We'll visit your home
- Assess which beds would be best for your children
- Make a delivery within a couple of weeks

For more information visit www.zarach.org

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR
Charity number: 1179539

Story Time at the Town Hall

First Monday of every month starting
5th October 2026 | 11am-12noon

A partnership between Rochdale Town Hall & Rochdale Library Service to celebrate the National Year of Reading

Looking for an activity for your pre-schooler on those wet & wild winter months? We've got just the thing, come along to Story Time

Interactive story sessions designed especially for pre-school children and their grandparents (or other grown-ups)

Snuggle in, nestle down and see what's in the story sack this month.

For more information:
hello@rochdaletownhall.co.uk rochdaletownhall.co.uk

To book scan the QR Code



Parent Carer Information Coffee Session

We want to welcome all parents and carers who live in Heywood, Rochdale, Middleton and Pennines who take care of children and young people with SEND (0-25 years old with/without a diagnosis) to our information coffee session.

When
Tuesday 13th
October 2026
10am-12pm

Where
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale OL11 5BU

What to expect

10am: Arrival - You will receive a warm welcome from our team and refreshments are provided.

10.15am-10.45am - SENDIASS service discussion on their service and what they offer

11am-11.30am - Families First discussion on their service, what they offer and opportunity to feedback as parent carers

This is a safe and open Parent Carer space for discussion so please do not bring Children and Young People you care for to this session

ROCHDALE INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES FAIR

Saturday 10th October 2026
2pm - 4pm
Heywood Sports Village
FREE Just Come Along!

For children & young people aged 0 - 25 with SEND & SEMH needs, their families and those that work to support them across the Rochdale Borough.

Meet Local Providers

Talk directly to Rochdale based activity providers from different locals.

Try Activities

Have a go at inclusive activities suitable for a wide range of needs.

Book Sessions

Sign up and arrange sessions that work for your child.



Our Parent Carer Social Coffee Sessions Timetable

This is a relaxed opportunity to meet other SEND families, have a brew and a chat! Our RPCV Team are on hand to support. SENDIASS Service will also be in one of our private rooms for parents to pop in for a chat and guidance if needed.

Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 11th May
Tuesday 13th July

Rochdale Parent Carers
Voice
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale
OL11 5BU

10am-12pm

Keep up to date with all our sessions by signing up as a parent or professional member to receive a monthly email via our website:
www.rochdaleparentcarersvoice.co.uk

Join our Facebook closed group page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Chat

*Professionals and Services can join Facebook page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Professionals and Services Page

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Dates for the diary

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