



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

3rd October 2025



New This Week:

HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the Harvest Festival assembly for children will be held on **Monday 13th October** during assembly at **10.30am**.

Reverend Margaret Smith, the Chaplin of Rochdale will be leading the whole school assembly. Our donations are sent to the foodbank in Rochdale, and they are currently asking for non-perishable foods and toiletry items.



Casual Lunchtime Organisers needed.

This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our children have a safe and enjoyable lunch break.

If you are interested in being part of our school community and would be available to be called upon, often at short notice, to work during staff absences, then please ask for a job description pack at Main Reception.



Closing date for applications is Wednesday 08.10.25 at 3pm.

WHITWORTH DENTAL CARE

Whitworth Dental Care now have the capacity on the NHS to see children up to the age of 18.



Regular dental checks are an essential part of a child's overall health. They are passionate about ensuring that every child has access to an NHS dentist. There are limited places available.

If you would like your child to be seen by an NHS dentist, please contact the practice to book an appointment on 01706 353355, or visit the practice at 311-315 Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale, OL12 8PW

School have been advised that there will be **no crossing patrol** on both Sandy Lane / Football Ground and Edenfield Road / Churchill Street, from today (until the patrol is able to return).





OPEN DAY

MEANWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child due to start Reception or Nursery in September 2026?
Are you interested to see what is happening around school?

Join us during a morning or afternoon session showcasing all of the amazing experiences on offer at Meanwood. Meet our dedicated staff, explore our school and get a glimpse of the exciting curriculum we offer.

Date : Thursday 6th November 2025

Time : 9:00-11:00 and 1:30-3:00

Location : Meanwood Primary School - OL12 7DG

Don't miss this chance to be a part of our school community and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!

Parents and carers of children already in school are welcome to attend!



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



John Hunt photographers will be in school on **Monday 13th October** to take individual and 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.

Signing children out during school hours

Please could **all** parents kindly sign their children out (if necessary) during school hours at the Main School office (before walking over to the KS1 building to collect your child).



Important Reminders



WRAPAROUND CARE

We have now extended our wraparound care provision.

Early Birds Before School Club

This is from 7.45am to 8.45am each day and for £1 per session we offer a healthy breakfast and a range of activities. Children are then escorted to their classroom after the session.

Bookings **must** be made on the Arbor app in advance and must be booked at the latest by 7:15am before the session for that day. Please note that pupils must arrive at the club before 8.15am.

Wise Owls After School Club

The club runs from **3.15pm to 5.30pm** every day.

For £6 per session we offer childcare with a healthy snack and drink and a range of activities. Bookings **must** be made on the Arbor app by 2:30pm the day before the place is required e.g. book by 2:30pm on Tuesday for a place at the club on Wednesday.

Please note that children must be collected by 5.30pm or your child's place may be withdrawn.

You can now only book these sessions on the Arbor App.

If you have any questions about our wraparound care or the Arbor app please contact the office on 01706 648197.

The Early Birds and Wise Owls Clubs both run on a first come, first served basis. If you are not able to book a session, this is because the session is full and we will not be able to accept any other children that day. Please do not turn up if you have not booked a place.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PLACES ARE NON REFUNDABLE



'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

This year Meanwood Primary will be taking part in Hello Yellow Day to support Young Minds, on **Friday 10th October 2025**, by having a non-uniform day.

We will be joining thousands of other schools, communities and companies **wearing something yellow** to support World Mental Health Day, and helping to raise money to show young people that they are not alone.

£1 donations will be greatly appreciated and / or a donation for the upcoming Harvest Festival on **Monday 13th October**.

Donations can only be made on the Arbor App, by clicking on **'School Shop-Products'** as cash can no longer be accepted in school.



UNWANTED GOOD QUALITY ACTION FIGURES NEEDED

Please could parents bring in to school any unwanted, good quality action figures, such as Barbie, Action Man etc.

Breakfast Club and After School Club would like any donations.

COFFEE MORNING AT DEEPLISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Deeplish Community Centre are inviting asylum –seeking and newly arrived international families to join in upcoming Coffee Mornings. These sessions are designed to offer a warm welcome and connect families with key local services and support.

Session Dates (9.30am to 12.00pm)

22nd October 2025
17th December 2025
11th February 2026
1st April 2026
20th May 2026
15th July 2025



Deeplish Community Centre, Hare Street, Rochdale, OL11 1JT

Please ensure that your child brings their coat to school every day from now on.

It may be sunny first thing in the morning, but the weather can be very changeable, and the children will be playing outside.



MEANWOOD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM— A REMINDER

The school uniform at Meanwood is:

- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with Meanwood logo, or a plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- **NO SANDALS OR CROCS CAN BE WORN FROM SEPTEMBER**



For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery except plain stud earrings –which will need covering for PE if they cannot be removed by the child.

For **INDOOR PE** children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings and a plain white T-shirt

For **OUTDOOR PE** children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings, a plain white T-shirt and trainers.

For **OUTDOOR PE** (colder months) children will need a plain dark coloured tracksuit / fleece bottoms, a plain jumper and trainers.

Children will also need a **pump bag** to store their PE kit in.

Children will need a bag as they will be bringing a reading book and reading record home every day, plus homework and letters from school. It helps your child to be organised if they get into a good habit of bringing their book bag to school every day.

Please ensure all your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name on.

Thank you



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES – 2025/2026

Half term 1	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
	First day back at school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
	Last day at school	Friday 24 th October 2025
	Half term holiday – School closed	Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025

Half term 2	School re-opens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
	Last day at school	Friday 19 th December 2025
	Christmas holidays – School closed	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Thursday 25 th , Friday 26 th December 2025 and Thursday 1 st January 2026

Half term 3	School re-opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 13 th February 2026
	Half term holiday – School closed	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026

Half term 4	School re-opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
	Inset days – School closed to children	Friday 20 th March 2026
	Last day at school	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Friday 3 rd April 2026 and Monday 6 th April 2026
	Easter holidays – School closed	Tuesday 7 th April 2026 – Friday 17 th April 2026

Half term 5	School re-opens	Monday 20 th April 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 4 th May 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 22 nd May 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 25 th May 2026
	Half term holiday – School closed	Tuesday 26 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026

Half term 6	School re-opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 17 th July 2026
	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 20 th July 2026 & Tuesday 21 st July 2026
	Summer holidays – School closed	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 – Tuesday 1 st September 2026

We will advise you on the date we return to school in September once we have been notified.



Kindly return the Flu Immunisation Consent Forms to school if you have not already done so, if you want your child to have the vaccine or not.

The vaccinations will take place in school on:

Wednesday 22nd October 2025



Before School Sports Clubs

These are now available to book for this half term on the Arbor App. Your child must be booked in.

Monday **Years 5/6** **Dodgeball**

Tuesday **Years 3/4** **Dodgeball**

Wednesday **Years 5/6** **Netball**

Thursday **Years 3/4** **Benchball**

Friday **Years 5/6** **Cricket**

Please wait at the Year 6 gate, and Mr Vyse will meet you there promptly at 8.00am.



ROCHDALE TOWN HALL

SEND SUNDAYS

FREE

- Puppet Making
- Theatre Craft
- The Orchestra of Sound
- Family Theatre
- Eliza Says

First Sunday of each month

BOOK NOW

PE Day (A reminder to parents)

Monday **6C**
Tuesday **3H and 1W**
Wednesday **3&4J, RB and RL**
Thursday **2C, 5W and 5Q**
Friday **1&2S, 6H**



Neurodiversity Hub Workshop Timetable

September – December 2025

Should you wish to book a place on a workshop, please email hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk or call 0161 206 0606

Please include your child's name and date of birth in the email.

Please note – it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as there are no childcare facilities available.

September

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Thursday 18 th September 9.30-11.30	Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Primary
Monday 22 nd September 9.30-11.30	Bowlee Park Primary, Windermere Road, Manchester M24 4LA	Visuals for communication and independence	3-19
Thursday 25 th September 9.30-11.30	Greenbank Primary, Greenbank Road, Rochdale OL12 0HZ	Managing Anger and Meltdowns	Primary and Secondary
Monday 29 th September 10-11.30	Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU	SEND Transition Coffee Morning for parents and carers (Year 7)	Year 7
Tuesday 30 th September 10-11.30	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ	SEND Transition Coffee Morning for parents and carers (Year 7)	Year 7

October

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Thursday 2 nd October 9.30-11.30	Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Secondary
Friday 3 rd October 10-11.30	Langley Family Hub, Windermere Road, Langley, Middleton M24 4LA	SEND Transition Coffee Morning for parents and carers (Year 7)	Year 7
Monday 6 th October 9.30-11.30	Bowlee Park Primary, Windermere Road, Manchester M24 4LA	Communication and Play	Under 5

Tuesday 7 th October 9.30-11.30	Sandbrook Primary School, Hartley Lane, Rochdale OL11 2LR	Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	3-19
Wednesday 15 th October 9.30-11.00	Bowlee Park Primary, Windermere Road, Manchester M24 4LA	Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	Primary and Secondary
Wednesday 22 nd October 9.30-11.30	Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD	Managing Anger and Meltdowns	Primary and Secondary
Thursday 23 rd October 9.30-11.30	Kentmere Primary, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale OL12 9EE	Visuals for communication and independence	3-19

November

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Tuesday 11 th November 9.30-11.30	Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD	Sensory Processing and Anxiety <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	Primary and Secondary

Wednesday 12 th November 9.30-11.30	Boarshaw Family Hub, Stancliffe Lane, Middleton, M24 2PB	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Primary
Tuesday 18 th November 9.30-11.30	St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, Middleton, Manchester M24 1FL	Managing Anger and Meltdowns	Primary and Secondary
Wednesday 19 th November 9.30-11.30	Crossgates Primary School, Kiln Lane Milnrow, Rochdale OL16 3HB	Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	3-19
Thursday 20 th November 9.30-11.30	Kentmere Primary, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale OL12 9EE	Communication and Play	Under 5
Wednesday 26 th November 9.30-11.30	Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU	Visuals for communication and independence	3-19
Friday 28 th November 9.30-11.30	Langley Family Hub, Windermere Road, Langley, Middleton M24 4LA	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Secondary

December

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Wednesday 3 rd December 9.30-11.30	St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, Middleton, Manchester M24 1FL	Sensory Processing and Anxiety <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	Primary and Secondary

Tuesday 9 th December 9.30-11	Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD	Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop <i>Please scan the QR code and watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.</i>	Primary and Secondary
Thursday 11 th December 9.30-11.30	Sandbrook Primary School, Hartley Lane, Rochdale OL11 2LR	Managing Anger and Meltdowns	Primary and Secondary


Workshop Session Information

What to expect?

Tools for Emotional Regulation	We will look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the STAR tool to help you identify possible triggers and how you can make changes to support your child Flight, fight, freeze and fawn Spoon Theory
Managing Anger and Meltdowns	The workshop supports parent and carers to understand and manage anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.
Sensory Processing and Anxiety	The workshop will support parents and carers to understand how anxiety and sensory needs interlink and to recognise triggers. We will share ideas that you can try.
Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective	We will look at how sensory needs impact self-care and discuss practical day to day strategies. Toileting, teeth brushing, bathing, showing and dressing are some examples of self-care we will look at.
Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop	We will show some hands on activities you can use with your child. We will look at using equipment such as therapbands, therapy balls, bean bags and using what you have at home.
SEND Transition Coffee Morning for Y7 parents and carers	Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew and the opportunity to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers
Visuals for communication and independence	A short, practical course where you will come away with the tools you need to get visuals working for your family, and meet and talk with other parents.

Communication and Play	Come along to this interactive session and learn why play is so vital in your child's communication and interaction development. You will get some new strategies for your toolbox to help to engage with your child on their level, whilst developing their interaction and communication with others. It is also a chance to meet and talk with other parents.
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Webinars

Sensory Processing Difficulties	This webinar looks at how sensory processing difficulties can impact on day to day activities and gives ideas for what you can do about it.
This workshop is a webinar	You can access the Sensory Webinar by copying the following link into an internet search bar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ivLR5UJuk Or scanning the QR-code below: 
Sleep	This webinar will help your family gain a better understanding of sleep. The session will look at:
This workshop is a webinar	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is sleep • Sleep hygiene • Routines • Common sleep problems • Basic strategies <p>You can access the Sensory Webinar by copying the following link into an internet search bar: https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/sleep-tight-rochdale</p>



Arbor Parent Portal App



Arbor Parent App
Parent & Guardian Portal

Get



We are now using Arbor as our main way of communicating to parents and carers, and so would really appreciate it if **ALL** parents can now sign up for the APP.

Arbor will be the **only way** to book clubs from now and shortly we will be using it to order and pay for *school dinners*.

Apple



Android



It can be downloaded for free, using the QR codes above and then wait until you receive a **welcome email** from school to be able to set your password.

Thank you to all parents who have already downloaded the APP.

Please contact school if you have any questions about using the new App on **01706 648197**.

WHAT IS CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION?

Have you got your own bank account? Do you have a bank card? If you do, you need to know about CFE.

CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION or **CFE** for short, is when criminals groom children, so they can exploit them and use their bank accounts to commit crimes like money laundering or fraud.

They want to hide money made from crime, and they use children and young people to do this.

USING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A CRIME AND IT IS ABUSE!

LOOK OUT FOR!



A stranger or "new friend" asks for your bank account details.
They message you through games or social media.
Promise of "easy money" for doing nothing.
They ask you to open a bank account or use your card.
Tell you not to tell your parents or teachers.

How to STAY SAFE



Don't share your bank account or card details with anyone.
Never agree to receive or send money for someone.
Tell a trusted adult if someone makes you feel unsure.
Block and report strangers who ask you weird questions online.
Remember... real jobs don't ask you to move money!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED REMEMBER...

To tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult right away.
They can help you check if the person is trustworthy or if they are trying to get you to do something wrong.
They can help you report something suspicious to the police.
The police will listen, they will not judge you and they will help.

If something feels strange or makes you uncomfortable,

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO!

You can be smart. You can be strong. You can protect yourself and your friends and you can....



GREATER MANCHESTER
POLICE

Spot it &
Stop it!

NORTH WEST
ROCU

• FREE DROP IN
SESSION
• NO SIGN UP
• TALK OR LISTEN-
UP TO YOU



• NO DIAGNOSIS
NEEDED TO
ATTEND
• ADULTS ONLY

HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH,
MANCHESTER M25 2SW

TIMETABLE 2025

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025
7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025
7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale
Parent Carers



Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton SEND Parent Carers

Do you want to join a team that makes a difference for SEND families in our area?

New Volunteers Breakfast

When

Wednesday 15th
October 2025
9.30am-12pm

Where

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

How to attend

Booking is essential
by email
rochdalepcv@outlook.com
By Monday 6th October 2025

*We unfortunately cannot
accommodate or provide care
for Children/Young People or
Adults you care for
in this session*

Agenda

- 9.30am Welcome and Information Session
- 10.30am Safeguarding Training
- 11.45am Q and A Session

Following this session should you wish to volunteer with us you will be offered a DBS check (fully funded) and a follow up meeting to discuss your skills and passion and what role you feel would be suitable for you in our team.

While in role we offer internal and external training to continue personal and professional growth

Rochdale
Parent Carers



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Voice

October Coffee Session

Tuesday 14th
October 2025
10am-12pm

Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale OL11 5BU
rochdalepcv@outlook.com

Private
appointments with
SENDIASS please
email us to book a
time

Guest Speakers

Justin Axon and Katie Berrisford- Parent Feedback on
Increasing Physical Activity in Children and Young
People with SEND/SEMH

Adam from GTAS (Get together after Serving CIC) New
Alternative Provision in Rochdale

Roxanne from Rochdale Gateway Leisure - Day Service,
Respite Provision and multiple social activities on
offer



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

Dates for the diary



	<u>EVENT</u>	
Friday 10.10.25	<i>'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day</i> 	During school hours
Monday 13.10.25	<i>John Hunt Photography in School (Whole school)</i> 	During school hours
Monday 13.10.25	 <i>Harvest Festival for children</i>	During Assembly at 10.30am
Wednesday 22.10.25	<i>Intra Health Flu Immunisations</i> <i>For KS1 and KS2</i> 	During school hours
Friday 24.10.25 Last Day in School	 <i>Half Term Holidays</i> <i>(Mon 27.10.25 to Fri 31.10.25)</i>	School reopens Monday 03.11.25
Thursday 06.11.25	<i>Open Day in School</i> 	9.00am to 11.00am 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 11.11.25	 <i>Parents Evening</i>	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 12.11.25	<i>Parents Evening</i> 	3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 13.11.25	 <i>Parents Evening</i>	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 14.11.25	<i>Children in Need Day</i> 	During school hours



ROCHDALE
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Secondary School Applications for September 2026 – Year 6 Children

This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child. This is done via the Rochdale Council Website

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

Monday, 15 September 2025	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2026.
Thursday, 15 January 2026	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, 13 February 2026	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Thursday, 16 April 2026	National offer day.
Sunday, 10 May 2026	Closing date for Round 2 applications.
Friday, 5 June 2026	Round 2 offers are sent.
Saturday, 6 June 2026	Online applications re-open. The online admissions system re-opens for primary school places starting in September 2026.
Monday, 31 August 2026	Final closing date for applications.

Late Arrivals This Week:



DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	8
Tuesday	8
Wednesday	6
Thursday	5
Friday	6

A total of **33** 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.



2025 – 2026 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website:
www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk