



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026



New This Week:



Mon 15.06.26

RSE presentation for all parents at 3.30pm in KS2 building on playground

Mon 08.06.26 to Fri 12.06.26

Year 6 Enterprise Week



A total of **47** 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 CLASSES

All children from Reception to Year 5 should have brought a letter home today informing you of their new class teacher from September.

If your child has not brought home a letter, please speak with your child's current class teacher who will be able to give you a copy.

Sadly, Miss Woods will not be with us in September but we would like to wish her all the very best at her new school from September. Thank you.

RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION (RSE)

We are holding a parent information session (for parents of all year groups) to discuss how relationship and sex education are taught here in school.

This will be explaining the RSE policy which can be found in the policy section of the school website.

If you would like to attend, please come to the Music Room (in the building on the KS2 playground) at 3.30pm on Monday 15th June for a short presentation and your opportunity to ask any questions.

Thank you.

Relationships, Sex and Health Education



Please note that there will be **NO Sports clubs 'after school'** this Half Term due to other sporting fixtures and tournaments taking place.

NO CROCS IN SCHOOL

Please do not allow your child to wear crocs for school as they pose a trip hazard, can fall off easily and do not support your child's feet properly.

Children must attend school in hard rubber soled footwear. Thank you.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free school meal eligibility is changing.

More parents will become eligible in September with the new government rules.

Any child whose household is in receipt of

Universal Credit will qualify for a free school meal.

Please refer to the information on the next page for more details from Rochdale Council.

Further updates will be provided when school receive them.

Free School Meals



Please ensure that if your child attends any of the 'Before or After' School Clubs, that they have been registered and booked on to the clubs using the Arbor App.

This is to ensure that your child has been given permission to attend and also that there are places for your child to attend.

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE



ENTERPRISE WEEK

Year 6 will be taking part in Enterprise Week from **Mon 08.06.26 to Fri 12.06.26**. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children are invited to bring money to make purchases during break times of this week.

Please send your child with **COINS** only for this special event. Thank you.



Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Credit Eligibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from the start of the 2026/27 school year.

The UK Government has confirmed that, from September 2026, all children in England whose households receive Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of their overall household income.

What is Changing?

Under current rules, families must earn below £7,400 per year (after tax and not including benefits) to qualify for free school meals. From September 2026, this earnings threshold will no longer apply — any family receiving Universal Credit will be eligible. This change is expected to support over half a million additional pupils across England.

What This Means for Your Family

- No income cap: If your household receives Universal Credit, your child will be eligible.
- Financial savings: Families could save up to £500 per child per year on school lunches.
- Support for wellbeing: Access to a nutritious daily meal has been shown to improve children's health, concentration, and learning outcomes.

When Will This Happen?

The new entitlement will begin at the start of the school year in September 2026. Schools nationwide are preparing now to accommodate the increased number of children who will receive meals.

Do Parents Need to Apply?

Yes. Although eligibility will cover all families on Universal Credit, parents will still need to apply for free school meals so the school can process and confirm entitlement.

Applications are expected to open before the start of the 2026 school year, typically requiring your National Insurance Number and Universal Credit Reference Number.

We are awaiting an update from Rochdale Borough Council regarding how to apply.

Why Is This Change Being Made?

This expansion aims to:

- Reduce child poverty — estimates suggest around 100,000 children will be lifted out of poverty.
- Ease living costs for families during a period of rising expenses.
- Ensure fair access to healthy school meals for all children on Universal Credit.

Important Reminders

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

The following Summer Term *'Before School'* Clubs can be booked via the Arbor App. Only children who are booked on to the clubs will be able to attend.

Your child must arrive promptly at school for 8.00am.





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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

The following Summer Term *'After School'* can be booked via the Arbor App. Only children who are booked on to the clubs will be able to attend.


Please note that there will be no after school Sports Clubs from now due to other sporting fixtures and tournaments taking place.

Monday	Karaoke	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Years 3
Friday	Gardening	FULL








Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

- 'Communication Through Play'**
Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'**
Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'**
Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Lifeskills and Independence'**
Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'**
Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm
- 'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'**
Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm



Scan QR Code for more & to book!



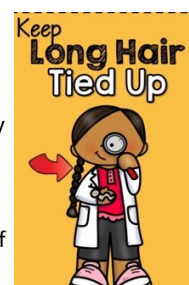


HEAD LICE—REMINDER

Please be reminded to check your child's hair regularly and thoroughly for Head Lice, and treat promptly if necessary so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

Please also ensure that your child's hair is tied up for school to help reduce the risk of contact.

Thank you.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A SET OF 4 TICKETS TO GULLIVERS WORLD?

School have 2 sets of tickets available for 2 lucky winners.

Expiry dates for the tickets is 31.08.26, so perfect for the summer holidays.

Proceeds will go towards raising funds for the Year 6 leavers.

The last day to purchase them is 11.06.26 at 9am, and the live draw will take place on **12.06.26.**

Tickets are £1.00 each and are now available to be purchased on the Arbor App in the school shop section.



WISE OWLS—'AFTER SCHOOL' CLUB

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 17.07.26) **Wise Owls will close at 5.00pm.**

Please ensure that your child is collected before this time. Thank you.



‘What Matters To Me’ Person Centred Planning Session


Person-centred thinking and planning tools can help to improve understanding, communication and relationships, supporting your neurodiverse child or young person to lead a full and fulfilling life based on their own aspirations and dreams.

This session is focused on helping individuals identify what really matters to them. Person-centred planning puts your child at the heart of every decision, supporting them to set meaningful goals, build on their strengths, and shape the life they want. This session will introduce simple tools, encouraging choice, confidence, and positive future planning.

Sessions will be held at:
Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor)
Bridgfold Road (off Mellor Street)
Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Monday June 8th 10-12noon
Monday June 8th 6-8pm

Sessions are booked via
Eventbrite - search for
Umbrella sessions or email
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com



June Coffee Session

**Tuesday 9th
June 2026
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

- CAMHS - Childrens and Adolescence Mental Health Service
- Rochdale Council Public Health Team to discuss Oral Health



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, Heywood, Middleton SEND Parent Carers

Listening Event Feedback Sessions

Have you ever attended one of the Listening Events facilitated by Rochdale Parent Carers Voice?

We want to know :

What worked, what didn't work and what improvements can be made. We want your feedback to help shape how these events run in the future for Parent and Carers

These will be group sessions with other Parent Carers alongside Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Leadership Team and an Independent SEND Development Lead

Wednesday 24th June 2026

In Person Session: 10am-11am Rochdale Parent Carers Voice at Spotland Bridge Mill

Online Session : 11.30am-12pm

Online Session: 8pm-8.30pm

If you would like to join us please email rochdalepcv@outlook.com for more details and online links. If you would prefer to have an individual feedback session please email and let us know.

New Volunteers Breakfast



Do you care for a Child or Young Person 0-25 years with SEND/SEMH needs?

Do you want to volunteer in a team that makes a difference?

Book a place on our Volunteers Breakfast and learn more about us!




Bookings can be made by email rochdalepcv@outlook.com by the 10th June 2026

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10am-12pm**

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Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENTS</u>	
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Mon 15.06.26	<i>Relationship and Sex education (RSE) presentation</i>	3.30pm in the KS2 building on the playground
Thu 16.07.26	 <i>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</i>	2.00pm
Thu 17.09.26	<i>Intra Health Flu Injections</i> 	During school hours