

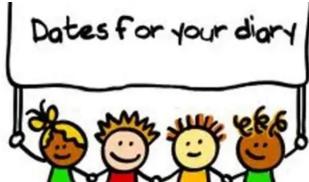


Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

6th February 2026



New This Week:



Wed 11.02.26	4B & 3H Liverpool World Museum Visit
Mon 16.02.26 to Fri 20.02.26	February Half Term
Tues 03.03.26, Wed 04.03.26, Thu 05.03.26	Parents Evenings (Reception to Year 6)
Thu 05.03.26	World Book Day
Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26	Year 6 SATS



A total of **21** 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**.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

For parents / carers of children from Reception to Year 6, we invite you to book appointments for Parents' evenings on either:

Tuesday 3rd March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 4th March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 5th March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

You can speak with your child' teacher and have a look at their work so far this year.

Bookings will be open from Friday 6th February and can be made via the Arbor app.

Nursery parents can book directly with Miss Gartside for appointments straight after the Nursery Sessions.

Please speak to your childs' class teacher after school, or come to the School Office from 3.00 to 3.15pm for help with booking these appointments if needed. Thank you.



Parents Evening



COFFEE MORNING

Deeplish Community Centre are holding a monthly coffee morning for all families newly arrived and recently arrived in the UK.

The next one is on **Wednesday 11th February** from **9.30am to 12.00pm**.



RAMADAN

We are fast approaching Ramadan. Parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 have already been sent an email with a link to complete if their child wishes to fast during school hours.

Please note that pupils can only fast if this form has been completed.

If your child wishes to fast, please complete this form as soon as possible. It should only take 2 minutes to complete. Thank you.



New 'Before' School and 'After' School Clubs for after February Half Term are on Page 2, and can be booked via the Arbor app from Monday 16.02.26.

Important Reminders

'NEW' SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are available to book through the Arbor App from Monday 16.02.26



Children must arrive promptly for 8.00am at the Year 6 gate.

Monday	Years 5/6	Badminton
Tuesday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Darts <i>16 places only</i>
Thursday	Years 3/4	Pickleball
Friday	Years 5/6	Volleyball

'NEW' SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are available to book via the Arbor App from Monday 16.02.26

Monday	Years 3 & 4	Football
Tuesday	Years 5 & 6	Rugby
Tuesday	Year 3	Mindfulness
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Netball

There will be 20 places only for each club.



APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Aged between 9-15 and love to bake?
We'd love to hear from you!

WWW.APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK



APPLICATIONS CLOSE 15TH MARCH 2026

The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- Has your child got a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism?
- Are you on the way to getting a diagnosis?
- Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?

ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?
Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

The sessions will use person-centred approaches to build understanding of your child's Neurodiversity and increase resilience to support them on their journey in a positive and empowering way

Sessions are at Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU
Neurodiversity and school
Tuesday January 13th 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Thursday January 15th 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm

Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies
Wednesday March 11th 12-2pm

Please book Sessions via Eventbrite or
For more information please contact rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com

BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

This is a **gentle reminder** that pupils attending Before School Sports Clubs must meet at the Year 6 gate for 8.00am **promptly**. Thank you.

8am

Important Reminders

PUSH NOTIFICATIONS— IMPORTANT

Please could parents / carers make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and have 'push notifications' enabled as this is the way school will contact you regarding any school closures.

E.g. *If the weather is bad and school is going to close.*



PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION— Please could parents kindly supervise children on the playground before school and do not let them play on the equipment if it is wet, as it can be very slippery and we do not want any accidents to happen. Thank you.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL / HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

Do you receive Free School Meal holiday vouchers?



They are £15 per child per week in school holidays and can be used for shopping in either Aldi or Iceland.

You can apply to Rochdale Council, and they will send you a letter with the outcome. Please then bring a copy of this into school.

If you need any help to complete the form, please ask at the School Office.



Meanwood Parking Squad

Please be aware School Council will be patrolling the pavements around school looking at inconsiderate and illegal parking in the following months along with a PCSO.

Please park further away from school to keep our children safe. Thank you.

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.



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

TIMETABLE 2026

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 21ST MAY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 16TH JULY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

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FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY



February Coffee Session

Tuesday 10th
February 2026
10am-12pm

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

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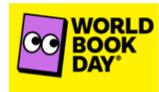
Guest Speakers

Laura and Dawn from Younique Talent - an AQA Accredited Training Centre offering Alternative Provision, E-Learning and Blended Learning

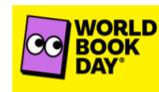
CAMHS Quality Assurance to gain feedback from Parent Carers

No Booking Required - just turn up!

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.



World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2026
This year's theme is aligned with the
National Year of Reading



"Reading for Pleasure"

This is to encourage a daily reading habit.

This year, we are asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character / hero. Attached is a guide to simple costume making should you need some inspiration. We are busy planning activities to help us enjoy our day. More details will be shared nearer the time.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.



What if I/my child....

...doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support
your child
to read for
pleasure...



PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

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Dates for the diary

<u>EVENTS</u>		
Wednesday 11.02.26	Classes 4B & 3H visit to Liverpool World Museum	Returning apx 3.45pm
Last Day at School Friday 13.02.26	February Half Term 	School Re-opens Monday 23.02.26
Tues 03.03.26	Parents Evening (Reception to Year 6)	3.30pm to 4.30pm
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Monday 11.05.26 to Thursday 14.05.26	Year 6 SATS <i>All Year 6 children are required to be in school</i>	Mornings