



6th December 2024



New This Week:

Biometric Residence Permits (BRP's) are being replaced by eVisas

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, which is a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to access their eVisa now, and do so on behalf of their children too. Please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa>

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It is free and their immigration status will not be affected.



WISE OWLS

NEW BOOKING CONDITIONS

From now on school will **ONLY** be taking **advanced bookings** for WISE OWLS.

If you need to book a place, it **MUST** be done **the day before, by 3pm**. Bookings cannot be made after this time either on the app or by phoning the school office.

Please check your bookings are correct each week to avoid missing deadlines. You can check this on the app under the 'club and manage bookings'.

Terms and conditions will be updated on the app for any bookings made from this date.

WISE OWLS PRICE INCREASE

We are always sensitive to any costs that our families incur and we do not like to increase prices, however since our last review of charges for After School Club in September 2023, increased overheads and rising staffing, costs now need to be taken into account and after careful consideration we have found it necessary to implement a slight increase in our charged for, **Wise Owls**—After School Club.

Therefore, the cost of Wise Owls from **Monday 6th January 2025** will be **£2.25 until 4.30pm**, and **£3.00 until 5.00pm**.

We believe that this is still very good value for the childcare provided. We do hope that you are able to continue to benefit from the club, and can support us in this decision.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 12th December

Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform for a donation of

£1 for Save the Children Charity

They can wear anything Christmassy (red, green, glittery)

(It does not have to be a Christmas jumper).

DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

There is also a competition on this day to design / colour your own Christmas Card.

Please hand your designs in on Jumper Day, with a donation of 50p towards **Save The Children**.

We look forward to seeing all your designs and prizes will be announced by Mrs Vyse on Friday.



ELIZA SAYS—HAF HOLIDAY HUB

This is a Christmas HAF inclusive holiday club for children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals.

CHRISTMAS

*This is a Christmas HAF holiday scheme. The provision is for both SEN and non SEN children. There will be trained staff who are all DBS checked and who have taken all necessary training to help support children who are needing extra care, support and attention. There is so much festive fun planned, from sign language, golf, multi-sports, sensory & messy play, confidence building, Christmas baking, Christmas Crafts, music and movement, talent show, karate, getting active and many more fun and games. Milnrow Cricket Club **LIMITED SPACES***

27th and 30th December 2024 / 2nd and 3rd January 2025

Contact email: Elizasays@hotmail.com



Important Reminders



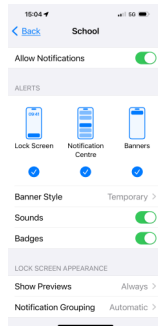
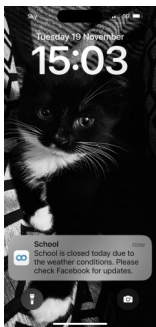
School Gateway



School Gateway is the easiest way to interact with your child's life at school. It helps you manage school communications, payments, clubs, dinner money and more in one simple, easy to use free app.

It is especially useful during the **winter months** to get up to date information regarding school closures, as the messages are instant and will pop up on the screen providing the notifications are set as below.

Find out more at schoolgateway.co.uk



Change of school's text number

Please note that the new text number for school is **07507282005**



Christmas Crafts Stay and Play at Meanwood Nursery

We offer you a warm welcome to come and join us for our Christmas Crafts stay and play...

Thursday 19th December 10.45 - 11.45 am

Please come to the usual Nursery door for 10.45 am.

Join in some Christmas craft fun with your child, have a look at their Nursery and all the lovely work they have been doing. Enjoy some singing and a story.

All Nursery parents and carers welcome.



For EYFS and KS1 parents:

Could you please complete a short survey about Nursery Provision to help us provide child care options that meets the needs of our community?

Please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j54vFHZkO0msiyKLOM7bn4VHWwsBcpVMiLHsvok8gNdUNO1JMjAxVzVFNURMUEtXTIY5U0g0VzdVUC4u>

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



There is still no School Crossing Patrol at

Sandy Lane / Football Ground.



SING AND CRAFT AFTERNOONS

Parents are invited into school to listen to each class / year group singing songs. Parents are then invited into their child's class to help with some Christmas crafts.

KS2 parents 16.12.24 at 2.00pm

KS1 parents 18.12.24 at 2.00pm



ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS



A huge 'Thank You' to everyone for contributing towards our Asda Cashpot

Together we have made **£524.67** for Meanwood Community Nursery and Primary School.

Thank you to everyone for scanning the app over the last few months. We will share the plan for the money very soon now we know how much you wonderful people have raised for our children!

Thank You

NEWSPAPERS WANTED

After Christmas the children in Year 1 will be working with newspaper.






If you have any old newspapers, please could you save them and send them in to a member of the Year 1 staff team.



Christmas Activity Dates for the diary



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
Thu 12/12/24	 Christmas Jumper Day 	All Day
Fri 13/12/24	Reception Christmas Party <i>Reception children can come to school in party clothes</i>	Afternoon only
Mon 16/12/24	KS2 (Years 3-6) Sing and Craft afternoon <i>Parents are welcome to attend</i>	2pm in school
Tues 17/12/24	Nursery Christmas Party (Children only) Years 3-6 Carol Concert from 1.30pm at St Clements Church <i>Parents are welcome to attend</i>	Morning only
Wed 18/12/24 	Christmas Dinner Day KS1 (Reception, Years 1&2) Sing and Craft afternoon <i>Parents are welcome to attend</i> Years 3&4 Christmas Party <i>Years 3&4 children can come into school in party clothes</i>	1.45pm in school Afternoon only
Thu 19/12/24	Year 1 Christmas Party <i>Year 1 children can come into school in party clothes</i> Nursery Christmas Crafts (Stay and Play) <i>All nursery parents and carers are welcome</i> Year 5 Christmas Party <i>Year 5 children can come into school in party clothes</i>	Morning only Morning only 10:45am Afternoon only
Fri 20/12/24	Year 2 Christmas Party <i>Year 2 children can come into school in party clothes</i> Year 6 Christmas Party <i>Year 6 children can come into school in party clothes</i>	Morning only Morning only

Reception Class Applications for September 2025 – Nursery Children

This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a reception Class place for your nursery child. This is done via the Rochdale Council Website, please copy and paste this link into your internet browser to apply for a place:

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

Monday 9th September 2024	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2025.
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Wednesday 15th January 2025	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.
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Wednesday 16th April 2025	National Offer Day
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Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	7
Tuesday	12
Wednesday	8
Thursday	8
Friday	7

A total of **42** 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