



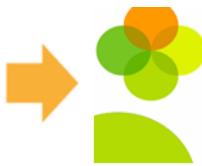
# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

## 9th January 2026



### New This Week:

We've moved to...



### Arbor Parent Portal and App

1. Receive important information about the school.
2. Report your child's absence and view their attendance.
3. Sign up to Trips and Morning and After School Clubs.
4. Pay for School Meals and Trips.
5. Update your details.

Download the Parent APP for free

Apple



Android



Click Get to download the Parent App. Once installed, click Open.

#### Logging in

Please wait until you receive a welcome email from school to set your password. Please then follow the 'Logging in for the first time' instructions in the Logging in on the Parent Portal section.

Click in the link in your welcome email to set up your password.

Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password.

You will also receive a prompt to receive notifications from Arbor.

Make sure you select Allow to enable your school to send you push notifications

#### Need help using Arbor?

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal, on 01706 648197.



### The NEW Evouchers app is here!

Available now on both the App Store and Google Play!

We're excited to announce the launch of the new Evouchers mobile app, making it even easier for you to access, manage, and redeem your vouchers on the go.



New, improved look and feel, and experience!



Search and sort your vouchers



Check voucher balance



Manage your profile and settings

...and much more!

Download the Evouchers app today and simplify the way you use your vouchers!



**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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL

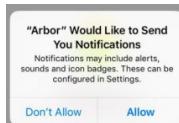
To enable school to communicate efficiently with parents, it is important that your device allows 'push notifications'.



#### On iOS

When the Arbor App is downloaded you should receive a prompt to receive notifications from Arbor. Make sure that you select **Allow** to enable school to send push notifications. This will ensure you receive a notification when you have a new In-App message from school.

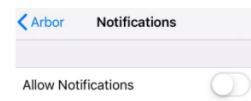
If you select **Don't Allow**, you can turn Push Notifications back on at any time by going to settings on your phone.



**E.g Settings>Arbor>Notifications**

**On Android, select:**

**Settings>Apps>Arbor>Notifications**



### SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS

Rochdale Facilities Management team are seeking to recruit both permanent and casual School Crossing patrols for various sites throughout the borough.



The roles are working term time only.

No previous experience is necessary, as full uniform and training is provided. The following posts are vacant. **Please see Greater Jobs Rochdale website for further information.**



Rochdale Daventry Road / Rhodes Crescent 08.15-09.00 & 15.00-15.35

Rochdale Edenfield Rd / Churchill St 08.00-09.05 & 14.50-15.40

Heywood Pilsworth Rd / Argyle St 07.40-08.40 & 14.55-15.50

Middleton Hollin Lane / Whalley Rd 08.05-08.50 & 15.00-15.45

Heywood Bury St / Peel St 08.20-09.05 & 15.00-15.45

Heywood Manchester St / Hardfield St 08:10-09:05 & 15:00-15:40

**Vacant from 12.01.26**

## NEW SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book through the Arbor App



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

Monday	Badminton	Years 5&6
Tuesday	Hockey	Years 3&4
Wednesday	Aerobics	Years 3,4,5&6
		<i>PE kit must be worn</i>
Thursday	Table Tennis	Years 5&6
Friday	Volleyball	Years 5&6

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support  
Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information  
Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm  
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies  
Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm

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



## NEW SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book via the Arbor App.

Monday	Pickleball	Years 3&4
Tuesday	Boys Football	Years 5&6
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Year 3
Wednesday	Girls Football	Years 5&6

There will be 20 places only for each club.



Rochdale Parent Carers

Voice

## January Coffee Session

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
January 2025  
10am-12pm

Private  
appointments with  
SENDAIAS please  
email us to book a  
time

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

### Guest Speakers

Roxanne from Rochdale Gateway Leisure to talk about the Service and what it can offer SEND families

Francesca from Rochdale Borough Council to talk about SLCN (Speech Language and Communication Needs)

No Booking needed 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.*

## 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.

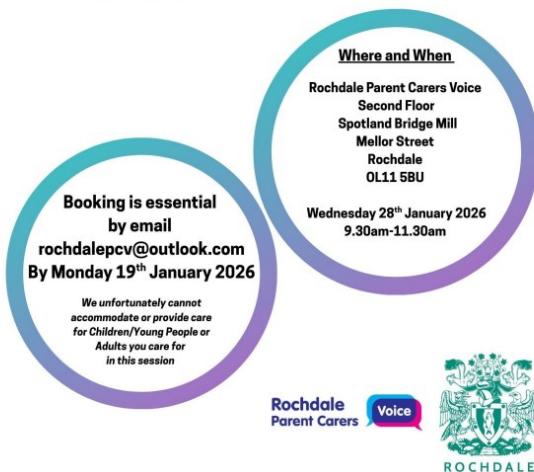
**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PLACES ARE NON REFUNDABLE**



Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton SEND Parent Carers

### Attendance with SEND Listening Event Invitation

Do you have a Child or Young Person who is experiencing difficulties with attendance, is under Section 19, Electively Home Educated or experiencing EBNA (Emotionally Based None Attendance) with SEND? Professionals want to know SEND families journey in a view to making things better. By working together we can all make a difference



- 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 2026

THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655  
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

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THURSDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 7.30PM -9PM AT HEATON PARK

GOLF CLUBHOUSE, MIDDLETON ROAD, PRESTWICH (ENTRANCE TO THE CLUBHOUSE IS ON MIDDLETON RD OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S THROUGH THE PARK GATE)

WE ARE A MALE SOCIAL CLUB SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AREA WHO HAVE OR CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES

• PEER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

• SIGN POSTING TO ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND THE PARENT FORUM IN YOUR AREA

• ORGANISED FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

DROP IN TO OUR SESSIONS IF YOU LIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

• MANCHESTER • STOCKPORT • TAMESIDE • OLDHAM • ROCHDALE • BURY • BOLTON • WIGAN • Salford • TRAFFORD

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## **Primary School Applications for September 2026 – Nursery Children**



This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a primary school place for your Nursery child.

This is done via the Rochdale Council Website.

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

<b>Monday, 15 September 2025</b>	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2026.
<b>Thursday, 15 January 2026</b>	<b>Closing date for applications</b> Ensure your reception class application for a primary school is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.
<b>Friday, 13 February 2026</b>	<b>Last date for any changes to the address in your application.</b>
<b>Thursday, 16 April 2026</b>	<b>National offer day.</b>
<b>Sunday, 10 May 2026</b>	<b>Closing date for Round 2 applications.</b>
<b>Friday, 5 June 2026</b>	<b>Round 2 offers are sent.</b>
<b>Saturday, 6 June 2026</b>	<b>Online applications re-open.</b> The online admissions system re-opens for primary school places starting in September 2026.
<b>Monday, 31 August 2026</b>	<b>Final closing date for applications.</b>

## Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENT</u>	
Last Day at School  Friday 13.02.26	<i>February Half Term</i> 	School Re-opens  Monday 23.02.26

## Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	17
Tuesday	19
Wednesday	10
Thursday	15
Friday	8

**A total of 69 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](http://www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk)**