

10th January 2025

New This Week:



NHS
Northern Care Alliance
NHS Foundation Trust

Speech, Language and Communication Advice Sessions

for Parents / Carers (Age 6-11)

Where?

THE ADVICE SESSIONS FOR THE PARENTS/CARERS OF PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN AGED 6-11 WILL BE HELD:

- In various locations across our borough
- Within a Family Hub or a community library
- For children aged 6-11 who live within the borough of Rochdale
- See dates, times and locations below

Why go?

- If you are concerned about your child's speech, language and communication skills and you would like advice and support then these sessions could be for you

What to expect

- These sessions are drop ins so no need to book. This may mean a short wait until the therapist is available
- These are information and advice sessions focusing on speech, language and communication skills and do not replace any clinic appointments
- You do not need to bring your child to the session. You will have an opportunity to discuss the concerns about your child, and receive advice and support from a Speech and Language Therapist

What happens after the session?

At the end of the session, the Speech and Language Therapist can:

- Signpost to any key services in the borough that may be able to offer further support
- Provide ideas for how you can support your child's speech and language development through everyday activities and routines

Wednesday 29th January 2025	1pm - 4pm	Boarshaw Family Hub, Stanycliffe Lane, Boarshaw, Middleton, M24 2PB
Friday 14th February 2025	9am - 12pm	Heywood Library, Lance Corporal Stephen Shaw MC Way, Heywood, OL10 1LL
Wednesday 26th February 2025	9am - 12pm	Newbold Family Hub, Moss Street, Rochdale, OL16 5NL
Thursday 20th March	1pm - 4pm	Wardle Library, 448 Birch Road, Wardle, Rochdale, OL12 9LH

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Casual Lunchtime Organisers

We are looking for casual lunchtime supervisors. 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 and application pack at the Reception desk.

Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th January 10am—12pm

Second Floor, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

If you live in Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale, and have a young person you take care of with SEND or you have concerns and at the start of your journey with SEND, come and chat to us and have a brew! You do not need a diagnosis to attend our sessions.

Refreshments will be provided. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate children and young people under 18 in our base.

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

Email: rochdpc@outlook.com



New School Website

We have just launched our new website. Please take a look at what's going on and let us know if there's anything else you would like to see -

www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk

Parent Governor vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. This is an exciting opportunity to help shape the direction of Meanwood in the future.



If you are interested or would like to nominate another parent, please click on the Microsoft form and read through. If we have more than 1 applicant, this will go to parental ballot.

The closing date for applications is **Wednesday 29th January 2025** at 12:00pm. <https://forms.office.com/e/WUGi9y99KQ>

What is Riding the Rapids?



It is a free course designed for Parents and Carers children and young people aged 3-16 whose needs indicate they are Neurodivergent.

The course aims to help parents to understand and support their child's well being and reduce stress. Distress and distress-related behaviours or other behaviours of concern.

Research shows that parents and carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- **Develop effective strategies to support their children.**
- **Increase their coping skills and confidence, reducing stress.**

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

St Clements Church visit (Year 1 children)

On **Thursday 23rd January**, Year 1 children will be walking to St Clements to learn more about the church, artefacts that are used within the church and why. In addition to this, they will learn why Christians go to church to worship.



A warm coat and sensible shoes will be needed on this day. Thank you.

Important Reminders



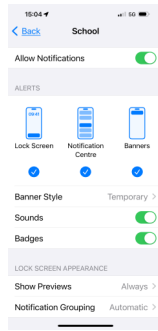
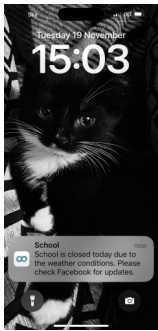
School Gateway



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



The Neurodiversity Hub



Transition to Secondary School Coffee Mornings for Year 6 Parents and Carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew to discuss your child's transition to High School.

They provide advice, information and resources on things such as:

- Supporting your child's anxiety over things like homework and getting lost
- Practical issues such as travel, equipment, uniforms etc.
- Creating a pupil passport you can share with the Secondary School

Please see the attached flyer for more information

Before and After School Clubs (Now bookable via the App)

	Before School (starts at 8.00am)	After School (until 4.15pm)
Monday	Years 5/6	Table Tennis
Tuesday	Years 5/6	Volleyball
Wednesday	Years 3/4/5	Benchball
Thursday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football
Thursday	Years 5/6	Badminton
Friday	Years 5/6	Netball
Friday	Years 3/4	Ball Games

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MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



There is still no School Crossing Patrol at

Sandy Lane / Football Ground.



WISE OWLS PRICE INCREASE— A Reminder



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 is now **£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.

NEWSPAPERS WANTED

The children in Year 1 are currently working with newspaper in Art.



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

Much appreciated

NORDEN SOCCER SCHOOL

Norden Soccer School is now starting at Norden Primary School.

All children from across the borough are invited.

Reception-Year 1	17.00 to 17.45
Year 2—Year 3	17.00 to 17.45
Year 4—Year 6	17.45 to 18.45



To book visit wfsoccerschool.com/Rochdale or call 0330 043 2903

Activity Dates for the diary

Thursday 23.01.25	<i>Visit to St Clements Church</i>	Year 1 children 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.

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.

Wednesday 16th April 2025

National Offer Day

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	11
Tuesday	11
Wednesday	27
Thursday	14
Friday	15

A total of **78** 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