



# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

## Friday 10th July 2026



### New This Week:



Tues 14.07.26	Year 5 Taster Day at Oulder Hill from 1.30pm to 2.45pm
Thu 16.07.26	Year 6 Leavers Celebration at 2.00pm
Thu 03.09.26	School re-opens after the summer break



A total of **55** 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**.

### YEAR 5 TASTER DAY AT OULDER HILL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Year 5 pupils have been invited for a Taster Day session within the Science Department at Oulder Hill Leadership Academy on **Tuesday 14.07.26**, from 1.30pm to 2.45pm. They will be taking part in some practical Science Work. Pupils should arrive back at school for 3.15pm.

Letters have been sent home for parents.



### CHILDRENS BOOK CHARITY

School have partnered with the Children's Book Project charity and we are now a designated book off point. We welcome donations of carefully used books which we will be donating to the children throughout the coming year. Please bring any donations to the School Office. Further details about the charity can be found at [www.childrensbookproject.co.uk](http://www.childrensbookproject.co.uk). Thank you.



### PARENT SURVEY

Thank you to the 26 parents / carers who took the time to complete our recent survey.



*Attached is a summary for you to have a look through.*

### FREE BREAKFAST FOR SUMMER—(MORRISONS AND KELLOGG'S TEAM UP TO FEED FAMILIES)

Morrisons and Kellogg's have announced the return of their school holiday 'Breakfast Clubs' offering free meals to families across the UK to help ease the financial pressure over the summer holidays.



*Please see the attachment to the Newsletter for further information.*

### UNIFORM FOR ALL

The Uniform For All box is still in the Office entrance for you to put any pre-loved uniform in. It will remain there until the summer holidays.

They are a community project for recycling used school uniforms for schools within Rochdale, and recycle uniforms for free! Contact them on their Facebook page.



### WISE OWLS—'AFTER SCHOOL' CLUB ( A reminder)

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.



### NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—NEXT WEEK

All After School Clubs will finish today.

There will be no After School Clubs next week **except for Wise Owls** which will close at 5.00pm on Friday 17.07.26

## Important Reminders

### ARBOR PAYMENTS

School are making it easier for parents to pay by card in Arbor. Whether parents are topping up an account, purchasing an item from the school shop, or paying for a trip —you can now enter and save your card details and also by **Apple** or **Google Pay** on your desktop. *(Similar improvements will be made for parents using the Arbor App shortly).*

When entering card details in the MIS or Parent Portal, you will be taken to a new, more intuitive page (powered by ultra-secure **Stripe**).

Simply follow the instructions and you will be taken back to the Parent Portal once your transaction is complete.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS FOR DESKTOP USER USERS ONLY, SIMILAR IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR PARENTS USING THE ARBOR APP TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH**



- FREE DROP IN SESSION
- NO SIGN UP
- TALK OR LISTEN - UP TO YOU

SEND DADS SOCIETY



- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655  
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



**Eliza says SEND HOLIDAY HUB**  
**HAF HOLIDAY CLUB**  
**PAID PLACES AVAILABLE**

**AGES 4-11**

**DATES**  
23RD JULY TO 12TH AUGUST

**WE ARE A CHILD LED ENVIRONMENT**

**ACTIVITIES**

- Multi Sports
- British Sign Language
- Arts & Crafts
- Karate
- Outdoor Fun
- Sensory & Messy Play
- Baking
- Furry Animals
- Yoga
- Mini First Aid

**VENUE**  
CROSSGATES PRIMARY SCHOOL  
KILN LANE  
OL16 3HB

**HAF BOOKING LINK:**  
<https://haf-rochdale.co.uk/>

**TO BOOK EMAIL:**  
[elizasays@hotmail.com](mailto:elizasays@hotmail.com)

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**  
We are a friendly, inclusive holiday hub supporting a wide range of needs.  
A safe space where every child can shine, play, and belong!

Rochdale Parent Carers

Voice



## Our Parent Carer Coffee Sessions

**When**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
July 2026  
10am-12pm

**Where**  
Second Floor  
Spotland Bridge Mill  
Mellor Street,  
Rochdale OL11 5BU  
[rochdalepcv@outlook.com](mailto:rochdalepcv@outlook.com)

### Information

We have 1-1 SENDIASS Appointments available. Please email us and we will book you a 30mins slot. These slots are limited.

This month our Guest Speakers are:

Cat and Siobhan from Rochdale Town Hall to discuss what events are on offer and gain feedback from parent carers on SEND events

Sara from GM Toddler 2-5 years Mental Health Hub (10am-10.40am)

*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*

## MEANWOOD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

The school uniform at Meanwood is:

- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with Meanwood school logo, or plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes
- In summer, blue gingham dresses or grey shorts can be worn.



You can purchase Meanwood branded uniform from the following local stores:

<a href="#">Moses Schoolwear</a>	<a href="#">Ziggy's Schoolwear</a>
21-23 Oldham Road	101 Yorkshire Street
Rochdale OL16 1UA	Rochdale OL16 1DW
01706 644447	01706 655141

Unbranded uniform (no logo) is also available from supermarkets and other clothing retailers and is welcomed at Meanwood and it is often cheaper than the branded alternatives.

*Please see the flyer below that has some great school uniform offers on for July 2026*

**Save these predicted school uniform sale dates for June and July 2026.**

For **INDOOR PE** children will need plain dark coloured shorts/leggings and a plain white t-shirt.

For **OUTDOOR PE** children will need dark plain coloured shorts/leggings, a plain white t-shirt and trainers.

For **OUTDOOR PE** (colder months) children will need a plain dark coloured tracksuit/fleece bottoms, plain jumper and trainers.

Children will need a **pump bag** to store their PE kit.

Children will also need a **bag** as they will be bringing a reading book, and a reading record home every day, plus homework and letters from school. It helps your child to be organised and independent if they get into a good habit of bringing their book bag every day.

*Please also ensure that your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name on*

Finally, for safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery except for plain stud earrings. These will need covering for PE if they cannot be removed by the child.





For family or friends who step up to raise a child.



## Are you a kinship carer in Rochdale?

Kinship carers are friends or family who step up to raise a child when their parents aren't able to.

### Get FREE support and be part of a national research trial

Kinship, the national charity for kinship carers is funded to provide support to 40 kinship carers in Rochdale over the next year.

#### What this means

We're looking for **40 kinship carers** to receive our 6-month Kinship Connected programme.

This is **absolutely free** and you'll receive independent support from a charity worker called a Kinship Navigator.

They'll work with you to:

- understand you and your family needs
- develop your own personalised and practical toolkit and plan
- help you to advocate for kinship child or children
- help you to access and understand things like the schools system or applying for an EHCP and much more

#### Want to find out more?

Go to this website to read about the research trial and what that might mean for you: [www.kinship.org.uk/Rochdale](http://www.kinship.org.uk/Rochdale)

For more information, please contact [navigator@kinship.org.uk](mailto:navigator@kinship.org.uk)

Charity Registration: 1093975



For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

#### Sign up to our free information event

You can meet the Kinship team and our Rochdale Kinship Navigator at a special event on **Tuesday 9 June 2026** at:

**Castlemere Community Centre**  
60 Tweedale St  
Rochdale  
OL11 1HH

#### Public transport

The venue is accessible by public transport, with regular bus lines servicing Tweedale Street and nearby Moore Street and Norman Road. The Community Centre is a 7 minute walk from Rochdale Station.

#### Accessibility

Castlemere has wheelchair accessible areas.

#### What to expect

We are running 2 sessions on the day, 1 in the morning and 1 in the afternoon with a **FREE delicious lunch at 12pm** for all kinship carers.

#### Book your free place

You must be a kinship carer to attend. This programme is for all kinship carers except kinship foster carers. This is event is filled on a first come basis.

**Book**  
10.30am - 12pm



**Book**  
12.30pm - 2pm



## FREE FOOTBALL CAMPS WITH KELLOGG'S THIS SUMMER

Kellogg's wish to share a great opportunity with families for over the school holidays.

They are offering free places at professionally run football camps for children, led by FA qualified coaches and delivered in partnership with the English Football League (EFL), Manchester City, Celtic FC and Rangers FC.

The sessions are designed to be fun, inclusive and confidence building, helping children stay active, meet new friends, and enjoy a positive experience during the holidays. They also provide a valuable free childcare option for families over the break, with supervised sessions taking place at a range of clubs nationwide.

How to book your FREE place :

Scan the QR code below to find your local club, enter the code **SCHOOL**, and book a FREE day of football fun.



### REQUEST A CODE FOR A FREE DAY AT A KELLOGG'S FOOTBALL CAMP

Get your code to book a place at one of our Kellogg's Football Camps. Plus, enter for the chance to win fantastic footie experiences! Purchase a valid Kellogg's product and scan the QR Code below to get started.

Scan the QR code to claim a free day at a Kellogg's Football Camp

\* 18+. GB only. Enter between 01/04/26 - 27/08/26. Read all T&Cs

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



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.

## Dates for the diary

	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
Thu 16.07.26	 <b><i>Year 6 Leavers Celebration</i></b>	2.00pm
Thu 03.09.26	<b><i>School re-opens after the summer holidays</i></b>	8.45am
Thu 17.09.26	<b><i>Intra Health Flu Injections</i></b> 	During school hours
Mon 26.10.26 to Fri 30.10.26	<b><i>October Half Term</i></b>	