

Meanwood Primary School Newsletter 10th October 2025







Parents Evenings

We have organised Parents' evening for parents/carers to come and speak to your child's class teacher to check how they are settling in to their new class, look at their work and ask any questions that you may have.

Appointments can be booked via the Arbor app.

(Please download this if you don't already have it).

10 minute appointments can be booked on 1 of the 3 days

Tuesday 11th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

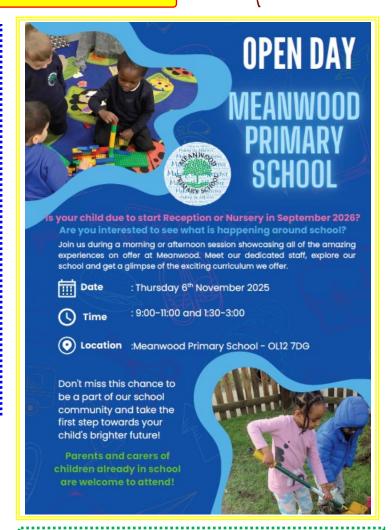
Wednesday 12th November 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 13th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Bookings will open today (Friday) at 3:00pm. If you are having problems booking appointments for your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or come to the school office from 3:00pm any day and they will be able to help you.

(Please note that the office will not be able to make any bookings before school as it is too busy).





WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

John Hunt photographers will be in school on Monday 13th October to take individual and photographs of all pupils in school.

Children's names and UPN's will be shared with John Hunt so they can provide you with a photo card, and so that you can order any photos should you wish to purchase any.

If you would like your children to have a sibling photo taken, then please take your children to the Junior Hall between 8.00am and 8.30am.

CASUAL CLEANERS WANTED

We are looking for casual cleaners. This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our staff and children can learn and work in a hygienic and safe environment.. This is a casual role and you would be called upon, often at short notice to work during staff

absences. If you are interested in being part of our community and would be available at short notice, please ask for a job description and application pack at the Reception desk in the main school.



Starting Senior School in September 2026

Senior School Experience Day FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS

Wednesday 5th November 2025



For more information or to book your place, please scan the QR code!





Maths & MFL



Art, Food & DT



15th Nov

Science



22nd Nov

English & Humanities



29th Nov

Become a BGS Star and join some fun lessons with some of our inspirational teachers!

For further details, please contact 0161 696 8600 (1) admissions@burygrammar.com

www.burygrammar.com

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SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK

9.30am

11.30am

Bury Grammar School invites current Year 6 pupils to their Senior School Experience Day on Wednesday 5th November.

They also hold BGS STARS events on Saturday mornings throughout November. BGS Stars are fun taster lessons run by some of their inspirational subject teachers, for current Year 6 pupils to take part in.

Please also bear in mind that there is an opportunity for pupils to apply for a bursary at Bury Grammar School to assist with school fees. More information can be found on their website. www.burygrammar.com.

If parents would like any more information, please get in touch. 0161 696 8600, option 1, or email admissions@burygrammar.com

'HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the Harvest Festival assembly for children will be held on Monday 13th October during assembly at 10.30am.

Reverend Margaret Smith, the Chaplin of Rochdale will be leading the whole school assembly. Our donations are sent to the foodbank in Rochdale, and they are currently asking for non-perishable foods and toiletry items.



Kindly return the Flu Immunisation Consent Forms to school if you have not already done so, if you want your child to have the vaccine or not.

The vaccinations will take place in school on:



Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Important Reminders

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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.

Childcare

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 $5.30 \mathrm{pm}$ 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

COFFEE MORNING AT DEEPLISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Deeplish Community Centre are inviting asylum –seeking and newly arrived international families to join in upcoming Coffee Mornings. These sessions are designed to offer a warm welcome and connect families with key local services and support.

Session Dates (9.30am to 12.00pm)

22nd October 2025 17th December 2025 11th February 2026 1st April 2026 20th May 2026 15th July 2025



Deeplish Community Centre, Hare Street, Rochdale, OL11 1JT

Please ensure that your child brings their coat to school every day from now on.

It may be sunny first thing in the morning, but the weather can be very changeable, and the children will be playing outside.



Before School Sports Clubs

These are available to book for this half term on the Arbor App. Your child must be booked in.

Monday Years 5/6 Dodgeball

Tuesday Years 3/4 Dodgeball

Wednesday Years 5/6 Netball

Thursday Years 3/4 Benchball

Friday Years 5/6 Cricket

UNWANTED GOOD QUALITY ACTION FIGURES NEEDED

Please could parents bring in to school any unwanted, good quality action figures, such as Barbie, Action Man etc.

Breakfast Club and After School Club would like any donations.

MEANWOOD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM— A REMINDER

The school uniform at Meanwood is:



- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with Meanwood logo, or a plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- NO SANDALS OR CROCS CAN BE WORN FROM SEPTEMBER

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

For INDOOR PE children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings and a plain white T-shirt

For OUTDOOR PE children need plain dark 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, a plain jumper and trainers.

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

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

Please ensure all your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name on.

Thank you



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Head Teacher: Mrs H Vyse

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES - 2025/2026

Ε	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025
je _	First day back at school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
를 T	Last day at school	Friday 24th October 2025
I	Half term holiday - School closed	Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31th October 2025

Half term 2		School re-opens	Monday 3rd November 2025
		Last day at school	Friday 19th December 2025
		Christmas holidays – School closed	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026
		Public holiday – School closed	Thursday 25th, Friday 26th December 2025 and
			Thursday 1st January 2026

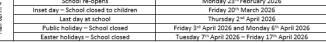
_ m	School re-opens	Monday 5th January 2026
Half	Last day at school	Friday 13th February 2026
_ m	Half term holiday – School closed	Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 Friday 20th March 2026 Last day at school Thursday 2nd April 2026 Half

Half term 5	School re-opens	Monday 20th April 2026	
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 4th May 2026	
	Last day at school	Friday 22nd May 2026	
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 25th May 2026	
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Half term 6	School re-opens	Monday 1st June 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 17th July 2026
	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 20th July 2026 & Tuesday 21st July 2026
	Summer holidays – School closed	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 - Tuesday 1 st September 2026

We will advise you on the date we return to school in September once we have been notified.





Monday Tuesday Wednesday 3&4J, RB and RL 2C, 5W and 5Q Thursday Friday 1&2S, 6H



Signing children out during school hours

Please could **all** parents kindly sign their children out (if necessary) during school hours at the Main School office.







Northern Care Alliance

Neurodiversity Hub Workshop Timetable

September –December 2025

Should you wish to book a place on a workshop, please email hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk or call 0161 206 0606

Please include your child's name and date of birth in the email.

Please note – it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as there are no childcare facilities available.

September

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Thursday 18 th September 9.30-	Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Primary
11.30			
Monday 22 nd	Bowlee Park Primary, Windermere	Visuals for communication	3-19
September 9.30-	Road, Manchester M24 4LA	and independence	
11.30			
Thursday 25th	Greenbank Primary, Greenbank	Managing Anger and	Primary and
September 9.30- 11.30	Road, Rochdale OL12 0HZ	Meltdowns	Secondary
Monday 29th	Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor	SEND Transition Coffee	Year 7
September 10-	Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU	Morning for parents and	
11.30		carers (Year 7)	
Tuesday 30 th	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby	SEND Transition Coffee	Year 7
September 10- 11.30	Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ	Morning for parents and carers (Year 7)	

October

Date	Venue	Workshop	
Thursday 2 nd	Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor	Tools for Emotional	Secondary
October 9.30-11.30	Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU	Regulation	
Friday 3 rd October	Langley Family Hub, Windermere	SEND Transition Coffee	Year 7
10-11.30	Road, Langley, Middleton M24 4LA	Morning for parents and carers (Year 7)	
Monday 6 [™]	Bowlee Park Primary, Windermere	Communication and Play	Under 5
October 9.30-	Road, Manchester M24 4LA		
11.30			

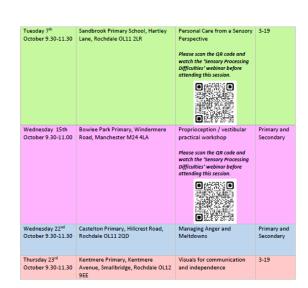








Backline Care Departures



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Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Tuesday 11 th November 9.30- 11.30	Castelton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD	Sensory Processing and Anxiety Please scan the QR code and worth the Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.	Primary and Secondary











Wednesday 12 th November 9.30- 11.30	Boarshaw Family Hub, Stanycliffe Lane, Middleton, M24 2PB	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Primary
Tuesday 18 th November 9.30- 11.30	St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, Middleton, Manchester M24 1FL	Managing Anger and Meltdowns	Primary and Secondary
Wednesday 19 th November 9.30- 11.30	Crossgates Primary School, Kiln Lane Milnrow, Rochdale OLIG 3HB	Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective Please scon the OR code and worth the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.	3-19
Thursday 20 th November 9.30- 11.30	Kentmere Primary, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge, Rochdale OL12 9EE	Communication and Play	Under 5
Wednesday 26 th November 9.30- 11.30	Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU	Visuals for communication and independence	3-19
Friday 28 th November 9.30- 11.30	Langley Family Hub, Windermere Road, Langley, Middleton M24 4LA	Tools for Emotional Regulation	Secondary

December

Date	Venue	Workshop	Age
Wednesday 3 rd December 9.30- 11.30	St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, Middleton, Manchester M24 1FL	Sensory Processing and Anxiety Please scan the QR code and watch the Sensory Processing Difficulties' webinar before attending this session.	Primary and Secondary











Workshop Session Information

What to expect?

Tools for	We will look at:
Emotional Regulation	Using the STAR tool to help you identify possible triggers and how you can make changes to support your child Flight, fight, freeze and fawn Spoon Theory
Managing Anger and Meltdowns	The workshop supports parent and carers to understand and manage anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.
Sensory Processing and Anxiety	The workshop will support parents and carers to understand how anxiety and sensory needs interlink and to recognise triggers. We will share ideas that you can try.
Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective	We will look at how sensory needs impact self-care and discuss practical day to day strategies. Toileting, teeth brushing, bathing, showing and dressing are some examples of self-care we will look at.
Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop	We will show some hands on activities you can use with your child. We will look at using equipment such as therabands, therapy balls, bean bags and using what you have at home.
SEND Transition Coffee Morning for Y7 parents and carers	Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew and the opportunity to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers
Visuals for communication and independence	A short, practical course where you will come away with the tools you need to get visuals working for your family, and meet and talk with other parents.









me along to this interactive session and learn why play is so vital in your child communication and interactive session and sear with play is 30 with an yout clinic communication and interaction development. You will get some new strategies for your toolbox to help to engage with your child on their level, whilst developing their interaction and communication with others. It is also a chance to meet and talk with

Webinars

You can access the Sensory Webinar by copying the following link into ar search bar: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilvLRSUjluk

Or scanning the QR-code below:



Sleep

This webinar will help your family gain a better understanding of sleep. The session

- What is sleep Sleep hygiene

- Common sleep problems

You can access the Sensory Webinar by copying the following link into an internet









WHAT IS CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION?

Have you got your own bank account? Do you have a bank card? If you do, you need to know about CFE.

CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION or CFE for short, is when criminals groom children, so they can exploit them and use their bank accounts to commit crimes

like money laundering or fraud.

They want to hide money made from crime, and they use children and young people to do this.

USING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A CRIME AND IT IS ABUSE!

LOOK OUT FOR!

A stranger or "new friend" asks for your bank account details.



They message you through games or social media. Promise of "easy money" for doing nothing. They ask you to open a bank account or use yo

Tell you not to tell your parents or teachers.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

Don't share your bank account or card details with anyone.



Never agree to receive or send money for someone. Tell a trusted adult if someone makes you feel unsure. Block and report strangers who ask you weird questions

Remember... real jobs don't ask you to move money!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED REMEMBER ...

To tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult right away They can help you check if the person is trustworthy or if they are trying to get you to do something wrong. They can help you report something suspicious to the police.

The police will listen, they will not judge you and they will help.

If something feels strange or makes you uncomfortable,

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO!

You can be smart. You can be strong. You can protect yourself and your friends and you can....



Spot it & Stop it!



Arbor Parent Portal App



Arbor Parent App





We are now using Arbor as our main way of communicating to parents and carers, and so would really appreciate it if ALL parents can now sign up for the APP.

Arbor will be the only way to book clubs from now and shortly we will be using it to order and pay for school dinners.

Apple



Android



It can be downloaded for free, using the QR codes above and then wait until you receive a welcome email from school to be able to set your password.

Thank you to all parents who have already downloaded the APP.

Please contact school if you have any questions about using the new App on 01706 648197.



Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton SEND Parent Carers

Do you want to join a team that makes a difference for SEND families in our area?

New Volunteers Breakfast

When

Wednesday 15th October 2025 9.30am-12pm

How to attend

Booking is essential by email rochdalepcv@outlook.com By Monday 6th October 2025

> We unfortunately cannot accommodate or provide care for Children/Young People or Adults you care for in this session

Rochdale **Parent Carers**



Where

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Second Floor Spotland Bridge Mill **Mellor Street** Rochdale **OL11 5BU**

Agenda

- 10.30am Safeguarding Training
- · 11.45am Q and A Session

Following this session should you wish to voluntee with us you will be offered a DBS check (fully funded) and a follow up meeting to discuss your skills and passion and what role you feel would be suitable for you in our team.

While in role we offer internal and external train to continue personal and professional growth





October Coffee Session

Tuesday 14th October 2025 10am-12pm

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

Private appointments with **SENDIASS** please email us to book a time

Guest Speakers

Justin Axon and Katie Berrisford- Parent Feedback on Increasing Physical Activity in Children and Young People with SEND/SEMH

Adam from GTAS (Get together after Serving CIC) New Alternative Provision in Rochdale

Roxanne from Rochdale Gateway Leisure - Day Service, Respite Provision and multiple social activities on



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

Dates for the diary



	<u>EVENT</u>	
Monday 13.10.25	John Hunt Photography in School (Whole school) JOHN HUNT PHOTOGRAPHY	During school hours
Monday 13.10.25	Harvest Festival Harvest Festival for children	During Assembly at 10.30am
Wednesday 22.10.25	Intra Health Flu Immunisations For KS1 and KS2	During school hours
Friday 24.10.25	Half Term Holidays	School reopens
Last Day in School	(Mon 27.10.25 to Fri 31.10.25)	Monday 03.11.25
Thursday 06.11.25	Open Day in School	9.00am to 11.00am 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Tuesday 11.11.25	Parents Evening Parents Evening	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 12.11.25	Parents Evening Parents Evening	3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 13.11.25	Parents Evening Parents Tuening	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 14.11.25	Children in Need Day	During school hours





This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child. This is done via the Rochdale Council Website https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place

Monday, 15	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in
September 2025	September 2026.
Thursday, 15 January 2026	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.
Friday, 13 February 2026	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Thursday, 16 April 2026	National offer day.
Sunday, 10 May 2026	Closing date for Round 2 applications.
Friday, 5 June 2026	Round 2 offers are sent.
Saturday, 6 June 2026	Online applications re-open. The online admissions system re-opens for primary school places starting in September 2026.
Monday, 31 August 2026	Final closing date for applications.

Late Arrivals This Week:



DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	14
Tuesday	3
Wednesday	11
Thursday	3
Friday	7

A total of 38 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