

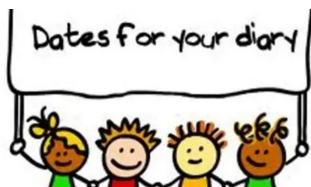


# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

## 13th February 2026



### New This Week:



Mon 16.02.26 to Fri 20.02.26

February HALF TERM

Tues 03.03.26, Wed 04.03.26, Thu 05.03.26

Parents Evenings (Reception to Year 6)

Thu 05.03.26

World Book Day (Book character dressing up day)

Fri 20.03.26

INSET DAY—School closed to children

Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26

Year 6 SATS



A total of **54** 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**.

### PARENTS' EVENINGS

For parents / carers of children from Reception to Year 6, we invite you to book appointments for Parents' evenings on either:

**Tuesday 3rd March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

**Wednesday 4th March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm**

**Thursday 5th March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm**

You can speak with your child's teacher and have a look at their work so far this year.

**Bookings will be open from Friday 6th February and can be made via the Arbor app.**

Nursery parents can book directly with Miss Gartside for appointments straight after the Nursery Sessions.

Please speak to your child's class teacher after school, or come to the School Office from 3.00 to 3.15pm for help with booking these appointments if needed. Thank you.



### FALSE / ACRYLIC NAILS

Please **do not** allow your child to come to school wearing artificial or false nails.



At this age children are very active and regularly participate in physical education, playground activities, art and practical classroom tasks.

For safety and hygiene reasons, false and artificial nails are not appropriate or allowed in school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

### RAMADAN

We are fast approaching Ramadan. Parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 have already been sent an email with a link to complete if their child wishes to fast during school hours.

Please note that pupils can only fast if this form has been completed.

If your child wishes to fast, please complete this form as soon as possible. It should only take 2 minutes to complete. Thank you.



**New 'Before' School and 'After' School Clubs for after February Half Term can be booked via the Arbor app from Monday 16.02.26.**



**PARENT CHAMPIONS**

☕ **COFFEE** ☕  
**MORNING**

Come and join us for a friendly, informal get-together! Meet other parents, share experiences, and enjoy a warm drink.

📅 **Wednesday 25th February**

🕒 **9:00-10:00am**

📍 **The Treehouse**

**Making the difference**



## Important Reminders

### 'NEW' SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are available to book through the Arbor App from Monday 16.02.26



**8am**

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

Monday	Years 5/6	Badminton
Tuesday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Darts
		<i>16 places only</i>
Thursday	Years 3/4	Pickleball
Friday	Years 5/6	Volleyball

### 'NEW' SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are available to book via the Arbor App from Monday 16.02.26

Monday	Years 3 & 4	Football
Tuesday	Years 5 & 6	Rugby
Tuesday	Year 3	Mindfulness
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Netball

There will be 20 places only for each club.



### FREE SCHOOL MEAL / HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

Do you receive Free School Meal holiday vouchers?

They are £15 per child per week in school holidays and can be used for shopping in either Aldi or Iceland.



You can apply to Rochdale Council, and they will send you a letter with the outcome. Please then bring a copy of this into school.

If you need any help to complete the form, please ask at the School Office.

### ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

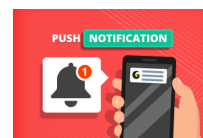
To see if you are eligible for Free School Meals with Rochdale Council, please visit [www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals) to complete the electronic form. You will get an immediate response and will not be required to fill out any further paperwork. Rochdale Council will process your application and they will send you a letter to inform you of the outcome. Please bring a copy of this letter to school and we can update your child's record. Please note any school meals taken will need to be paid for until eligibility is confirmed.

For every pupil registered under the criteria above, the school will receive an additional 'Pupil Premium' funding of £1450 per child which is spent on ensuring our children are supported to make the best possible progress in school. This is also used to access to facilities, clubs and subsidised trips.

We encourage as many families as possible to apply for free school meals so that we receive our maximum Pupil Premium funding.

### PUSH NOTIFICATIONS—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.**

**PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION**— Please could parents kindly supervise children on the playground before school and do not let them play on the equipment if it is wet, as it can be very slippery and we do not want any accidents to happen. Thank you.

### MEANWOOD PARKING SQUAD

Please be aware School Council will be patrolling the pavements around school looking at inconsiderate and illegal parking in the following months along with a PCSO. Please park further away from school to keep our children safe. Thank you.

**PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** could parents park respectfully when dropping / picking children up from school. The surrounding roads can be very busy at these times, causing congestion and can often lead to frustration from residents and other parents at the chaos if cars are not parked safely and respectfully. Please allow yourself plenty of time at these busy periods and be considerate of local residents and other drivers and pedestrians. Thank you.

SHOW YOU CARE



**Park Elsewhere**



World Book Day  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
This year's theme is aligned with the  
**National Year of Reading**



### "Reading for Pleasure"

This is to encourage a daily reading habit.

This year, we are asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character / hero. Attached is a guide to simple costume making should you need some inspiration. We are busy planning activities to help us enjoy our day. More details will be shared nearer the time.



## Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



#### Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

#### What if I/my child...

##### ....doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

##### .... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

##### ... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

##### ....aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support your child to read for pleasure...



Listen to books being read aloud



Take books home to read



Choose the books YOU want to read



Ask for ideas on what to read next



Have fun reading!

Find your reading superpower



Make time to read

#### PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.



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## Dates for the diary

	<b><u>EVENTS</u></b>	
<b>Last Day at School</b> <b>Friday 13.02.26</b>	<b>February Half Term</b> 	<b>School Re-opens</b> <b>Monday 23.02.26</b>
<b>Tues 03.03.26</b> <b>Wed 04.03.26</b> <b>Thu 05.03.26</b>	<b>Parents Evening (Reception to Year 6)</b> <b>Parents Evenings (Reception to Year 6)</b> <b>Parents Evening (Reception to Year 6)</b>	<b>3.30pm to 4.30pm</b> <b>3.30pm to 6.00pm</b> <b>3.30pm to 4.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 05.03.26</b>	 <b>World Book Day</b> <i>Children can dress up as a book character / superhero</i>	<b>All Day</b>
<b>Friday 20.03.26</b>	<b>INSET DAY—School closed to children</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b> <b>Monday 23.03.26</b>
<b>Last Day at School</b> <b>Thursday 02.04.26</b>	 <b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b> <b>Monday 20.04.26</b>
<b>Monday 11.05.26 to</b> <b>Thursday 14.05.26</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS</b>  <i>All Year 6 children are required to be in school</i>	<b>Mornings</b>