



# Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

## 16th 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.

No more forms!



### 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:**

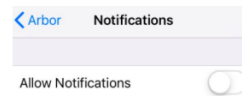
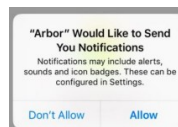
**Settings>Apps>Arbor>Notifications**



Arbor Parent App

Parent & Guardian Portal

Get



## PARENT CHAMPIONS COFFEE MORNING

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



**Thursday 22nd January**



**9:00 – 10:00am**



**The Treehouse**

**Making the difference**



**Please note** that there will be **no School Crossing Patrol** on Sandy Lane / Football Ground on Monday 19.01.26.

# junior parkrun

Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds

## Join Us for junior parkrun

Sunday mornings at Falinge Park, Rochdale

We'd love to encourage pupils and their families or friends to join us for **junior parkrun** — a free, fun, and friendly weekly event for everyone.

junior parkrun is a **free, community event** where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or simply come along to spectate. It's a **2km event** designed for children aged **4-14** and their families and friends of all ages.

The event is **positive, welcoming, and inclusive** — there's no time limit, and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome!

■ Address	Falinge Park, Falinge Road, Rochdale OL12 6JE
■ When	Every Sunday, 9am (arrive at 8:45am for the warm-up)
■ Distance	2km
■ Volunteering	Email <a href="mailto:falingeparkrunjuniors@parkrun.com">falingeparkrunjuniors@parkrun.com</a>

Register for parkrun for **FREE**  
 ■ [www.parkrun.org.uk/register](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register)

If you can't make it this week, don't worry — junior parkrun takes place **every Sunday**, so you can join us any time you're available.

**We hope to see you there – thank you for your support!**

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## Meanwood Parking Squad

Please be aware School Council **SHOW YOU CARE** will be patrolling the pavements around school looking at inconsiderate and illegal parking in the following months along with a PCSO.



**Park Elsewhere**

Please park further away from school to keep our children safe.

Thank you.

## 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
PE kit must be worn		
Thursday	Table Tennis	Years 5&6
Friday	Volleyball	Years 5&6

## 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.



## 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

- 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

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice





## 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

#### Where and When

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

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
9.30am-11.30am

Booking is essential  
by email  
[rochdalepcv@outlook.com](mailto:rochdalepcv@outlook.com)  
By Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026

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

Rochdale  
Parent Carers

Voice



### Economy & Place

**Russell Manger of**  
Facilities Management, MPS & SCP Service

School Crossing Patrol Service  
Number One Riverside  
Floor 2  
Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

Enquiries: Nicola McIlvenny 01706 924603  
E-mail: [nicola.mcilvenny@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.mcilvenny@rochdale.gov.uk)  
Web Site: [www.rochdale.gov.uk](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk)

Your Ref. Roch/Nicola McIlvenny  
Our Ref. 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Date:



### Are you the missing piece?

#### School Crossing Patrol Service

Sandy Lane/Football ground

Dear Parent,

I am writing to inform you that there will be no School Crossing Patrol at the above site on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026, the patrol is relocating to another point, Edenfield Rd / Churchill St Crossing point.

Unfortunately we are unable to provide cover.

Whilst immediate cover cannot be offered, this post will be advertised and recruited to as a matter of urgency.

If you are interested or you know of anyone who would be interested in working as a school crossing patrol please contact the School Crossing Patrol Service, telephone 01706 924603, for details of pay and conditions or email [nicola.mcilvenny@rochdale.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.mcilvenny@rochdale.gov.uk), we have various locations available within the borough.

Please apply for the role of School Crossing Patrol online via <https://www.greater.jobs>.

Mrs N McIlvenny

School Crossing Patrol Supervisor

### SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLS



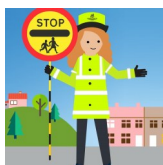
Rochdale Facilities Management team are seeking to recruit both permanent and casual School Crossing patrols for various sites throughout the borough.

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 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



## Dates for the diary

	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>	
Thursday 22.01.26	 <b><i>Parent Champions Coffee Morning</i></b> <i>In The Treehouse</i>	9.00am to 10.00am
Last Day at School Friday 13.02.26	<b><i>February Half Term</i></b> 	School Re-opens Monday 23.02.26

### Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	22
Tuesday	10
Wednesday	26
Thursday	14
Friday	8

A total of **80** 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)**