



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th July 2026



New This Week:



Thu 03.09.26	School re-opens after the summer break
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Mon 26.10.26 to Fri 30.10.26	October Half Term



A total of **65** 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**.

CHILDREN'S 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. Thank you.



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.



BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS—SEPT 26

Mon	Years 5/6	Basketball
Tues	Years 3/4/5	Football
Wed	Years 5/6	Cricket
Thu	Years 3/4/5	Pickleball
Fri	Years 5/6	Tennis

These 'before school' sports clubs will commence from Monday 7th September 2026, and will be available to book via the Arbor App from **1st September 2026**.



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 ONLY, SIMILAR IMPROVMENTS WILL BE MADE FOR PARENTS USING THE ARBOR APP TOWARDS THE END OF THE MONTH

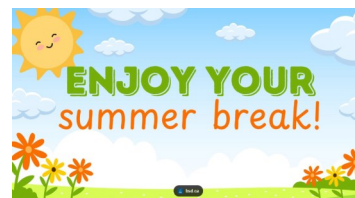


Arbor

GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK

Goodbye and good luck to Miss Woods who leaves us today for pastures new.

All the very best to you.



Important Reminders

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:

[Moses Schoolwear](#)

21-23 Oldham Road

Rochdale OL16 1UA

[Ziggy's Schoolwear](#)

101 Yorkshire Street

Rochdale OL16 1DW



PREDICTED SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2026		
JUNE & JULY 2026		
SAINSBURY'S 20% off Predicted to start on Wednesday 17th June 2026	ASDA 20% off Predicted to start on Monday 22nd June 2026	M&S 20% off Predicted to start on Tuesday 7th July 2026
ALDI £5 Uniform Bundle Predicted to start on Sunday 28th June 2026	LIDL £5 Uniform Bundle Predicted to start on Thursday 9th July 2026	TESCO 25% off Predicted to start on Monday 20th July 2026

Save another ££

Predicted dates only - offers may change.

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.

PE KIT



Eliza says SEND **HOLIDAY HUB** AGES 4-11

HAF HOLIDAY CLUB
PAID PLACES AVAILABLE

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
QL16 3HB

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

TO BOOK EMAIL:
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!

HOPWOOD SPORTS ARENA BASKETBALL CLUB

Only £4 for 2 hours of fun! FIRST SESSION FREE OF CHARGE!

RUNNING EVERY MONDAY 4-6PM FOR AGES 8-12 YEARS

Have fun Learning Basketball under the supervision of fully qualified coaches, small sided games and drills.

Taster sessions running summer holidays & half terms. Please contact 0161 653 2070 for further information.

FREE FOOTBALL CAMPS WITH KELLOGGS 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 football 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

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