

# **Meanwood Primary School Newsletter** 17th October 2025





# New This Week:

# **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 11<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

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

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Please note, Nursery parents meetings will take place after the morning sessions, and will be booked directly with Miss Gartside, rather than via the online system.

Bookings are now open. 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.

#### NEW SEWING CLUB—After school on Tuesdays

Mrs Holt and Mrs Beaumont will be running an After-School Sewing Club for Year 6 children starting after Half Term.



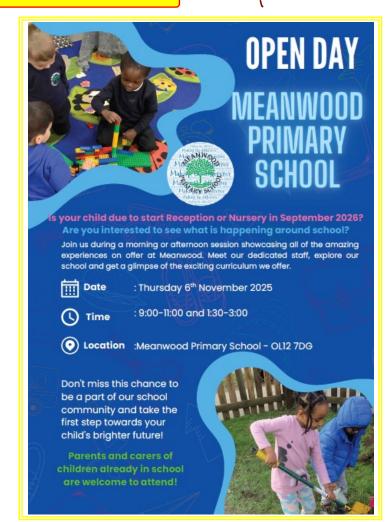
The club will be on every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm, and will continue until the end of the autumn

The club is limited to 8 places and can only be booked using the Arbor App.

# Harvest Festival

A huge thank you for all the very kind donations to Rochdale Foodbank, which will be very much appreciated.





A huge **thank you** to all our parents /carers for donating money for the 'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day in school last week.

We supported World Mental Health Day by wearing something yellow, and raised £178.08.

This will go towards helping raise awareness for young people's mental health, by showing them that they are not alone when facing mental health struggles.





#### **NEW SCHOOL MENU**

From November 10th school will be introducing a new menu. We will also be using Arbor, instead of schoolcomms from that date to pay for and choose school dinners. More information will follow.

# 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.

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

#### **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

#### 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.

#### 'FREE' HOME FIRE ASSESSMENTS

**Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue** are committed to keeping our communities safe through free Home Fire Safety Assessments.

A Home Fire Safety Assessment is a free home visit from Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service, offered to eligible residents. It includes tailored fire safety advice and may involve fitting free fire risk equipment like smoke alarms to help keep your family and yourself safe at home.



Protecting communities, working together, saving lives







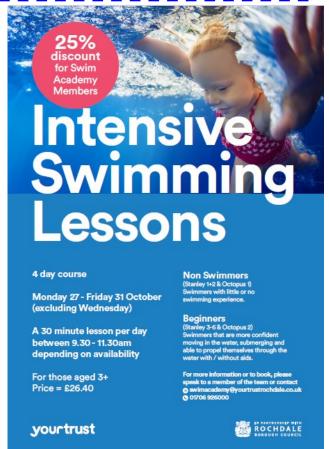




Please visit their website to complete an online Home Fire Safety check to see if you are eligible. Or click on the link on the main body of the email.

With the October half term coming up, 'your trust' would like to share some activities going on in their pool. They are great for children who have never swam before, those who want to boost on the skills they have already or just to have extra fun sessions for strong swimmers. There is also were the same activities going on in their pool. They are great for children who have never swam before, those who want to boost on the skills they have already or just to have extra fun sessions for strong swimmers. There is also a parent and pre-school mini course happening as a great introduction into lessons before a little one turns 3 and joins the academy.











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!





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 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



#### Visuals for Communication and Independence

for parents and carers of children and young people aged 3-19

Date: Thursday 23rd October 2025

Time: 9.30-11.30

Location: Kentmere Primary, Kentmere Avenue, Smallbridge.

Rochdale OL12 9EE

A short, practical course where you will come away with the tools you need to get visuals working for your family. You will also have the opportunity to meet and talk with other parents or carers.

Should you wish to book a place on a workshop, please email hmrndhub@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.

Workshops
We also offer the following workshops for parents and carers.

- Tools for Emotional Regulation Sensory Processing and Anxiety
- Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop
- Managing Anger and Meltdowns

# 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



#### **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.













#### Meanwood Community Nursery and Primary School Churchill Street, Rochdale, Lancashire OL12 7DJ

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E-mail: office@meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk Website: www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk

Head Teacher: Mrs H Vyse

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES - 2025/2026

| lalf term<br>1 | Inset days – School closed to children | Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025             |
|----------------|--|---|
|                | First day back at school               | Wednesday 3rd September 2025                        |
|                | Last day at school                     | Friday 24th October 2025                            |
| Ξ.             | Half term holiday – School closed      | Monday 27th October 2025 - Friday 31st October 2025 |

| 2 | School re-opens | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 |   |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| l | E               | Last day at school                   | Friday 19th December 2025   |
| l | Half term 2     | Christmas holidays – School closed   | Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026 |
| ı | <u>=</u>        | Public holiday – School closed       | Thursday 25th, Friday 26th December 2025 and                                |
| ı | _               |                                      | Thursday 1st January 2026   |

| _ m  |                                   | Monday 5th January 2026                               |
|------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Half | Last day at school                | Friday 13th February 2026                             |
| - 2  | Half term holiday – School closed | Monday 16th February 2026 - Friday 20th February 2026 |

| Г         | >                                 | School re-opens                              | Monday 20th April 2026 |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Half term | Public holiday – School closed    | Monday 4th May 2026                          |                        |
|           | ᄪ                                 | Last day at school                           | Friday 22nd May 2026   |
|           | Public holiday – School closed    | Monday 25th May 2026                         |                        |
|           | Half term holiday – School closed | Tuesday 26th May 2026 - Friday 29th May 2026 |                        |

| Ε    | School re-opens                        | Monday 1st June 2026  |
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| ى تۆ | Last day at school                     | Friday 17th July 2026   |
| alf. | Inset days – School closed to children | Monday 20th July 2026 & Tuesday 21st July 2026                                |
| I    | Summer holidays – School closed        | Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026 - Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026 |

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

# PE Day (A reminder to parents)

Monday 6C
Tuesday 3H and 1W
Wednesday 3&4J, RB and RL
Thursday 2C, 5W and 5Q
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 <a href="mailto:hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk">hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk</a> 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 <sup>th</sup><br>September 9.30- | Callaghan House, Cross Street,<br>Heywood, OL10 1PU | Tools for Emotional<br>Regulation          | Primary     |
| 11.30  |   |  |             |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>                      | 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-<br>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 <sup>th</sup>                     | Derby Street Family Hub, Derby                      | SEND Transition Coffee                     | Year 7      |
| September 10-<br>11.30                       | Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ                            | Morning for parents and<br>carers (Year 7) |             |

#### October

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

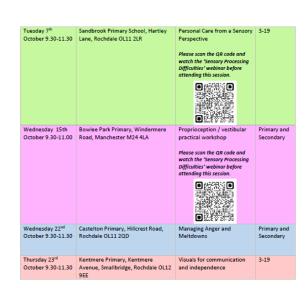








Backline Care Departures



#### Novembe

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











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

#### December

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











#### Workshop Session Information

What to expect?

| Tools for   | We will look at:   |
|---|--|
| Emotional<br>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<br>and Meltdowns                                   | The workshop supports parent and carers to understand and manage anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.  |
| Sensory<br>Processing and<br>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<br>from a Sensory<br>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 /<br>vestibular<br>practical<br>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<br>Coffee Morning<br>for Y7 parents<br>and carers | Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for<br>Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew and the opportunity to discuss<br>your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and<br>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: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilvLRSUjluk">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ilvLRSUjluk</a>

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.



## <u>Primary School Applications for September 2026 – Nursery Children</u>



This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a primary school place for your Nursery child.

This is done via the Rochdale Council Website.

https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-primary-school-place

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

# <u>Secondary School Applications for September 2026 – Year 6 Children</u>



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, 1<br>September 2025 | The online admissions system opens for secondary school places.   |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| Friday, 31 October<br>2025  | Closing date for applications Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application. |  |
| Friday, 12<br>December 2025 | Last date for any changes to the address in your application.   |  |
| Monday, 2 March<br>2026     | National offer day. Sign in to view your school place offer.  |  |

# Dates for the diary



|                    | <u>EVENT</u>  |                     |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| Wednesday 22.10.25 | Intra Health Flu Immunisations  For Reception to Year 6 | During school hours |
| Friday 24.10.25    | Half Term Holidays Half Term                            | 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   |
|                    | A A A A A A   | 1.30pm to 3.00pm    |
| Monday 10.11.25    | Year 6 visit to Stockport  AIR RAIN SHELTER             | During school hours |
|                    | Air Raid Shelters                                       |                     |
| Tuesday 11.11.25   | Parents Evening   | 3.30pm to 4.30pm    |
|                    | Parents Evening   |                     |
| Wednesday 12.11.25 | Parents Evening   | 3.30pm to 6.00pm    |
|                    | Parents Evening   |                     |
| Thursday 13.11.25  | Parents Evening   | 3.30pm to 4.30pm    |
|                    | Parents Evening   |                     |
| Friday 14.11.25    | Children in Need Day  Children in Need Day              | During school hours |
| Thursday 20.11.25  | Nursery Stay and Play—EYFS Unit                         | 10.45am to 11.45am  |

# Late Arrivals This Week:



| DAY       | NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday    | 9                       |
| Tuesday   | 10                      |
| Wednesday | 8                       |
| Thursday  | 7                       |
| Friday    | 4                       |

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