



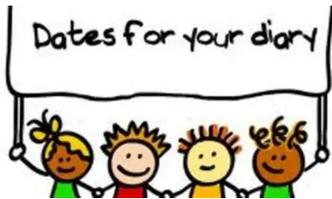
Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

19th March 2026



New This Week:

Fri 20.03.26	INSET DAY—School closed to children
Thu 26.03.26	Easter Crafts Stay & Play—All EYFS families welcome
Fri 27.03.26	Eid Mubarak Party—Party clothes can be worn
Wed 01.04.26	Naughty Bus Stay & Play—All Reception parents welcome
Thu 02.04.26	Easter Egg decoration competition
Thu 02.04.26	Last day at School
Fri 03.04.26 to Fri 17.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS — School closed to children
Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26	Year 6 SATS



A total of **31** 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**.

EID MUBARAK PARTY—Friday 27.03.26

Children can come to school in their own party clothes.

If parents would like to donate towards the cost of the snacks for the party it would be greatly appreciated.

Payments can be made in the school shop section on the Arbor App. Thank you.



FREE ENTRY **ALL AGES**

EASTER EGG DECORATION Competition

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL 2026

Please decorate a hard boiled egg, write your name and class on and bring to the canteen from 8:30am.

There will be an Easter Egg as a prize for the best decorated egg from each class.

EASTER RAFFLE

We will be holding an Easter raffle for the chance to win a chocolate hamper generously donated to school by parents.

If you would like to purchase a ticket/s you can find them in the Arbor App in the school shop section.

Tickets are available until 12.30pm on Wednesday 1st April, and are £1.00 each. The live draw will take place on **Thursday 2nd April**.



SWIMMING LESSONS

Please note that class 3H will start their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 25th March**.



Important Reminders

'NEW' SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book through the Arbor App.



8am

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

Monday	Years 5/6	Badminton	12 places left
Tuesday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football	9 places left
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Darts	FULL
Thursday	Years 3/4	Pickleball	12 places left
Friday	Years 5/6	Volleyball	6 places left

'NEW' SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book via the Arbor App

Monday	Years 3 & 4	Football	1 place left
Tuesday	Years 5 & 6	Rugby	10 places left
Tuesday	Year 3	Mindfulness	3 places left
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Netball	10 places left

There will be 20 places only for each club.



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 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.

Eid Mubarak Party

Friday 27th March 2026

We will be holding an Eid party on Friday 27th March for all children in school. We will share food and celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Children can come dressed in their own party clothes and have lots of fun celebrating!



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

Important Reminders

NATIONAL YEAR OF READING

Many of you were celebrating World Book Day last week in some amazingly creative ways and it has been great to see children's passion and enjoyment of reading.

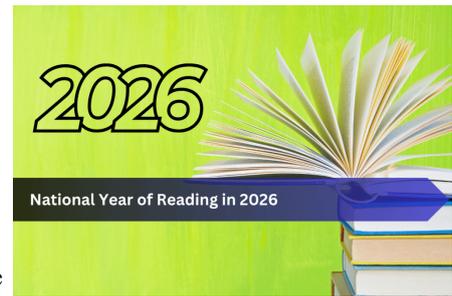
As many of you are aware, with it being the National Year of Reading, the **Rochdale Borough Children's Champions** are working hard to raise awareness of and increase the use of library services.

We are in the process of putting together a library map, a pledge for the LA, getting funding for box libraries in parks and soon to launch a bookmark competition .

One area where the children would really appreciate your help is getting information from parents.

1. With libraries being a great place for education, socialising and reducing screen time, could you please share any reasons why you do not take your children to local libraries and what would help you use them more?
2. Are you aware of opportunities in addition to books at your local library such as craft, games, lego and holiday challenges which are free and often have awards, gift bags and certificates?
3. Are you and your children aware of how to find and return books to the right place at your library?
4. Do you know where your local library is, when it is open and how to access it? If not, where would be the best place to share this information?

Kindly follow the link on the email to complete the short survey which will really help to find out which steps are needed to take to enable more children to use libraries and what would help parents and children to use libraries and enjoy reading.



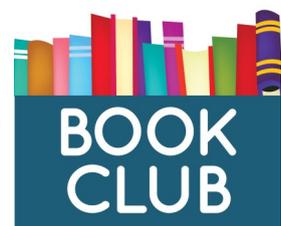
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BOOK CLUB

School are starting a **Book Club** and so are in need of pre loved books.

If parents / carers have any unwanted pre-loved books, in good condition please bring them into school and hand them to Miss Litster or to the School office.

Thank you.



Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENTS</u>	
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Fri 27.03.26	Eid Mubarak Party Children can wear party clothes 	During school hours
Wed 01.04.26	 <small>Naughty Bus Visit</small> Naughty Bus Stay and Play—Reception	9.00am to 10am All Reception parents welcome
Thu 02.04.26	Easter Egg decoration competition 	Please take to School Canteen from 8.30am
Last Day at School Thu 02.04.26	 Easter Holidays	School Re-opens Mon 20.04.26
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