



20th September 2024

New This Week:

NEW MENU

Attached is our new Winter Menu.
Starting next week.

Please book your child's dinner on
the school gateway app.

SCHOOL VACANCY

We are looking for Casual Lunchtime Organisers.

This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our children have a safe and enjoyable lunch break. If you are interested in being part of our school community and would be available to be called upon, often at short notice, to work during staff absences please ask for a job description and application pack at the school office.

Children are already losing coats, jumpers and cardigans in school.

Please make sure you write your child's name in their coats, jumpers and cardigans etc. or we will not be able to find and return missing items !

Please also make sure your child is not bringing personal possessions into school as they often get lost. No football cards, no friendship bracelets, jewellery or cash

'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October 2024

Non-uniform day—wear a little bit of yellow and donate £1 to Young Minds charity.

Right now, the world is a really tough place for children and young people to grow up in. We want young people to know that they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

This World Mental Health Day. Wear yellow with thousands of others across the UK and raise money to show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

John Hunt photographers will be in school on Monday 14th October to take individual pupil photos.

Children's names and UPN's will be shared with John Hunt early next week so they can provide you with a photo card to order photos should you wish to purchase any.

We are very pleased to have been chosen to be part of the [Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign](#) from the beginning of October until the middle of January.

If you shop at Tesco or know friends or family who do, please encourage them to put a blue token into our voting box to help enhance our EYFS area.

Participating stores are:-

Bamford Express Small unit OL11 5QY

Rochdale Large unit OL11 3ER

Whitworth Market Exp Small unit OL12 8QS

York St Heywood Exp Small unit OL10 4NS

Whitworth Rd Rochdale Exp Small unit OL12 6ER

Rochdale Edenfield Exp Small unit OL12 7PD

Heywood Bury St Exp Small unit OL10 4QQ

Important Reminders

Flu immunisation forms have been sent home with children. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible to indicate **if you want your child to have the vaccine or not.**



Vaccinations will be taking place in school on:

Thursday 24th October 2024

For EYFS and KS1 parents:

Could you please complete a short survey about Nursery Provision to help us provide child care options that meets the needs of our community?

Please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j54VfHZkO0msjyKLOM7bn4VHWwsBcpVMiLHsvok8gNdUN01JMjAxVzVFNURMUETXTIY5U0g0VzdVUC4u>

Class PE Days

Could you please make sure your child has a PE Kit in school on the relevant day:

Monday - 1S Tuesday - 1GS Wednesday - Reception, Y3/4

Thursday - 2B, Y5 Friday - 2C, Y6

Please note school PE kit consists of black shorts, white t-shirt, trainers for outdoor PE and navy or black long jogging bottoms and sweatshirt to be worn when it is cold outside. If your child wears earrings, they must either be removed on PE days or the children will be supervised putting microtape over them.



Harvest Festival Assembly is on Thursday 10th October

This will be led by the Chaplain Margaret Smith. If you are able to make a food donation to Rochdale Foodbank, please arrange for your child to bring the item into school on the 10th of October.

All food donated will be greatly appreciated by Rochdale Foodbank, attached is list what they currently need. Thank you.

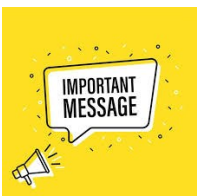
ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Please find attached a flyer regarding Asda Cashpot for Schools.

When you shop with Asda Rewards they will donate 0.5% of your total spend every time to your selected primary school (please choose Meanwood Primary School Rochdale, not Leeds).

This is additional to your own earnings and doesn't take anything out of your cashpot.

APPOINTMENTS



We know it can be difficult to get medical and dental appointments but please try and avoid booking them for children during school hours.

**It is very disruptive to the class and interferes with the learning of each child.
Thank you.**

School Gateway App: Action needed

Schoolgateway



School Gateway is our parent engagement app that will allow you to pay for school trips/dinner money and communicate with the school at anytime from anywhere.

All school related communication, emails and messages will go through School Gateway. To stay up to date with what's going on at school make sure you download the app for free.

Just search: School Gateway in your App store and download

Your login details will be automatically generated using the contact information school already has, so please make sure the details we hold for you are up to date.

**Free
School
Meals**



If you think you are entitled to Free School Meals please copy this link into your browser to complete the Rochdale Council Form:

Are you entitled?

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/benefits-money/free-school-meals/2>

Rochdale Council will process your application (this can take a couple of weeks to process) and they will send you a letter to inform you of the outcome. Please bring a copy of this letter to the school office then we can update your child's record. Please note any school meals taken will need to be paid for until eligibility is confirmed.

It is very important that you check if you are eligible, even if you think you are not, because if you are eligible you will receive vouchers in the school holidays to pay for food at local supermarkets.

Please note: The cost of school dinners has increased by **10p** from **4th September 2024**.

The new price will be **£2.50** per day. The weekly cost will therefore be **£12.50**.



Please keep a check on your child's dinner money balance via the schoolgateway app. Any pupils owing more than 1 week of dinner money will be unable to choose a lunch on our system and will need to bring a packed lunch from home until payment has been made.

MEANWOOD SCHOOL UNIFORM STANDARDS

The school uniform at Meanwood is:

- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or white polo shirt
- Meanwood Logo School sweatshirt or cardigan OR plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black shoes
- In summer, girls may wear a blue gingham dress and boys may wear short grey trousers



For safety reasons, children **are not permitted to wear jewellery except plain stud earrings** - these 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.

Dates for the diary

DATE	EVENT	TIME
25/09/24	Year 6 Crucial Crew @ Rochdale Football Club	During school hours
10/10/24	Hello Yellow Mental Health Day	During school hours
10/10/24	Harvest Festival Assembly	AM
14/10/24	Whole school photos	During school hours
24/10/24	Intra Health flu vaccinations	During school hours



Secondary School Applications for September 2025 – Year 6 Children

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, please copy and paste this link into your internet browser to apply for a place:

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-school-place>

Friday 30th August 2024	The online admissions system opens for secondary school places starting in September 2025.
Thursday 31st October 2024	Closing date for applications Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.
Monday 3rd March 2025	National Offer Day



Reception Class Applications for September 2025 – Nursery Children

This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a reception Class place for your nursery child. This is done via the Rochdale Council Website, please copy and paste this link into your internet browser to apply for a place:

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

Monday 9th September 2024	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2025.
Wednesday 15th January 2025	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.
Wednesday 16th April 2025	National Offer Day

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	14
Tuesday	13
Wednesday	12
Thursday	7
Friday	10

A total of **56** 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.

Details of the fines are on the flyer attached.



2024 – 2025 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website:
www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk