



20th December 2024



New This Week:

Biometric Residence Permits (BRP's) are being replaced by eVisas

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, which is a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to access their eVisa now, and do so on behalf of their children too. Please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/online-immigration-status-evisa>

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It is free and their immigration status will not be affected.



Rochdale Borough Council would like your help to fill a vacant school crossing patrol on



Sandy Lane / Football Ground

If any parents / carers are interested, please apply online using the link below. The closing date is 6th January 2025.

<https://www.greater.jobs/job/75668500>



WISE OWLS

NEW BOOKING CONDITIONS

From now on school will **ONLY** be taking **advanced bookings** for WISE OWLS.

If you need to book a place, it **MUST** be done **the day before, by 3pm**. Bookings cannot be made after this time either on the app or by phoning the school office.

Please check your bookings are correct each week to avoid missing deadlines. You can check this on the app under the 'club and manage bookings'.

Terms and conditions will be updated on the app for any bookings made from this date.

The Neurodiversity Hub



Transition to Secondary School Coffee Morning for Year 9 Parents and Carers



Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew to discuss your child's transition to High School.

They provide advice, information and resources on things such as:

- Supporting your child's anxiety over things like homework and getting lost
- Practical issues such as travel, equipment, uniforms etc.
- Creating a pupil passport you can share with the Secondary School

Please see the attached flyer for more information

THE UMBRELLA SESSIONS



Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity.

- 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?

IF YOU HAVE ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?

Then the Neurodiversity training programme is for you.

The sessions will use person-centred approach to build understanding of your child's Neurodiversity and increase resilience to support them on their journey in a positive and empowering way.

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED FLYER



Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge Organisers for work covered in History and Geography this term have been sent home this week.

Please spend some time looking at these with your child, they are useful for quizzing and also a perfect opportunity for your child to show off what they have learnt!

All of our Knowledge Organisers are also available on the school webs

Important Reminders

Schoolgateway



School Gateway

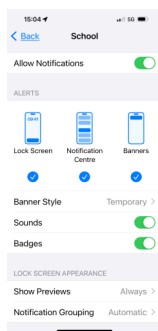
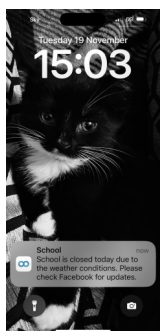
Schoolgateway



School Gateway is the easiest way to interact with your child's life at school. It helps you manage school communications, payments, clubs, dinner money and more in one simple, easy to use free app.

It is especially useful during the **winter months** to get up to date information regarding school closures, as the messages are instant and will pop up on the screen providing the notifications are set as below.

Find out more at schoolgateway.co.uk



NO FIDGET TOYS IN SCHOOL

Please do not allow your children to bring any fidget toys or chew toys into school, unless this has been agreed with Mrs Molloy (SENCO).

Thank You!

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



There is still no School Crossing Patrol at

Sandy Lane / Football Ground.



WISE OWLS PRICE INCREASE

A REMINDER



We are always sensitive to any costs that our families incur and we do not like to increase prices, however since our last review of charges for After School Club in September 2023, increased overheads and rising staffing, costs now need to be taken into account and after careful consideration we have found it necessary to implement a slight increase in our charged for, **Wise Owls**—After School Club.

Therefore, the cost of Wise Owls from **Monday 6th January 2025** will be **£2.25 until 4.30pm**, and **£3.00 until 5.00pm**.

We believe that this is still very good value for the childcare provided. We do

NEWSPAPERS WANTED

After Christmas the children in Year 1 will be working with newspaper in Art.



If you have any old newspapers, please could you save them and send them in to a member of the Year 1 staff team.

Much appreciated

NORDEN SOCCER SCHOOL

Norden Soccer School will be starting back after Christmas at Norden Primary School.

All children from across the borough are invited.

Please see the attached flyer.



Castleton, Deeplish, Newbold & Sandbrook Christmas Sessions

Deeplish Family Hub
Friday 27th December 2024 12-2 pm
Baby Sensory Play including Infant Feeding Support
Sensory play session for babies up to 1 year
Drop in session

Sandbrook Family Hub
Monday 30th December 2024 12-2 pm
Family Fun Session
Board Games, crafts and quiz with light snacks for ages 5+
Drop in session

Newbold Family Hub
Tuesday 31st December 2024 10-2 pm
New Year's Eve Crafts
Join us and make 2025 calendars, friendship bracelets and other crafts – suitable for all ages
Drop in session

Ask Staff for more information



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School closes today for 2 weeks		
School Re-opens Monday 06.01.25	New Term Starts	

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS (SPRING TERM)

(Week beginning Monday 6th January 2025)

DAY	YEAR/S	BEFORE SCHOOL	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Years 5/6		Table Tennis
Tuesday	Years 5/6		Volleyball
Wednesday	Years 3/4/5	Benchball	
Thursday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football	
Thursday	Years 5/6		Badminton
Friday	Years 5/6	Volleyball	Netball
Friday	Years 3/4		Ball Games

These are now available for you to book using the School Gateway App


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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.
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Wednesday 15th January 2025	<p>** Closing date for applications **</p> <p>Ensure your reception class application for a primary school is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.</p>
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Wednesday 16th April 2025	National Offer Day
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Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	12
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	19
Thursday	11
Friday	5

A total of **53** 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.



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