



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2025



New This Week:

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please ensure that your child is booked onto before school and after school clubs, including Early Birds and Wise Owls using the **Arbor app**.

If they are not booked onto the clubs, they will not be able to attend. Thank you.



FLU IMMUNISATIONS

A reminder that these are taking place on **Monday 24th November**.



SCHOOLCOMMS

School will no longer be using Schoolcomms **from 1st December**.



We've moved to...



Arbor
Parent Portal and App

1. Receive important information about the school.
2. Report your child's absence and view their attendance.
3. Sign up to Trips and Morning and After School Clubs.
4. Pay for School Meals and Trips.
5. Update your details.

Download the Parent APP for free

Apple



Android



Click **Get** to download the Parent App. Once installed, click **Open**.

Logging in

Please wait until you receive a welcome **email** from school to set your password. Please then follow the '**Logging in for the first time**' instructions in the Logging in on the Parent Portal section.

Click in the link in your welcome email to set up your password.

Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password.

You will also receive a prompt to receive notifications from Arbor.

Make sure you select **Allow** to enable your school to send you push notifications

Need help using Arbor?

Please contact the school office if you have any questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal, on **01706 648197**.



School Dinners / New Menu



Arbor Parent App
Parent & Guardian Portal

Get



Our new Autumn / Winter menu has started.

Parents can now choose their child's meal at home in advance using the '**Meal Choice**' area on the Arbor app or the Arbor portal.

Please see the new Menu below.

If you haven't already downloaded the app, then please do so, as it is also the best way for us to communicate with you.



If you need any help with this, then please contact the school.

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**.

Apple



Android



School Crossing Patrol vacancies

School Crossing Patrol have the following permanent vacancies, and also some casual vacancies to cover absences within the whole borough of Rochdale.



45	Pilsworth Rd / Argyle St	Heywood
56	Hollin Lane / Whalley Rd	Middleton
64	Bury St / Peel St	Heywood
80	Bolton Rd / Manley Rd	Rochdale

Please look on Greater Jobs website / school crossing patrol, or contact 01706 924603 for more information.

Week 1 Winter Menu

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Cheese Pie
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread



TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Sausage and Gravy (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Roast Chicken Fillet (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Rainbow Wholegrain Pasta with Salad, Bread

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Sweet Chilli Chicken (H) Baguette
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V), or Curry (H)
- Warm Savoury Rainbow Wholegrain Pasta with Salad, Bread

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Breaded Fish Fingers, Fishless Fingers
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Fish Fingers on a roll

Week 2 Winter Menu

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Cheese Pizza and Tomato Pizza (V)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread



TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Wholegrain Pasta Bolognese (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Roast Chicken Fillet (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Meanwood Meat Pie
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V), or Curry (H)
- Warm Savoury Wholegrain Rainbow Pasta with Salad, Bread

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Breaded Fish Fingers, Fishless Fingers (V)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Fish Cakes

Week 3 Winter Menu

MONDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Cheese and tomato Pizza (V)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Rainbow Wholegrain Pasta with Salad, Bread



TUESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of

- Hot Dog (H) or Quorn Dog (V) on a Soft Warm Bun
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Beans or Spaghetti on Toast

WEDNESDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Roast Chicken Fillet (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Warm Savoury Rainbow Wholegrain Pasta with Salad, Bread

THURSDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Chicken Curry (H)
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With Cheese, Beans or Both (V) or Curry (H)
- Warm Savoury Rainbow Wholegrain Pasta with Salad, Bread

FRIDAY

MAIN COURSES: Choice of:

- Breaded Fish Fingers, Fishless Fingers
- Oven Baked Jacket Potato - With either Cheese, Baked Beans or Both (V)
- Fish Finger on a roll

NB Week beginning 24.11.25 will be 'Winter Menu Week 3'

Nursery & Reception

'Early Signs Training' for Parents and Carers

Friday 28th November 9-10am

Signing alongside speech supports ALL children's language development. There are plenty of benefits of using signs during the early years. Join us for an informal training session to learn more about it!



If you are planning to attend, please sign in at the main office at 9am and make your way over to the music room with a member of school staff.

Speech and Language Therapist – Sarah Bishop

CHRISTMAS DINNER



Children who usually have a packed lunch are able to enjoy a Christmas dinner with the rest of the children.

Christmas dinner will be served on Wednesday 17th December.

Please could you let school know if your child who usually has a packed lunch, would like a Christmas dinner instead, no later than **Friday 28th November**. Thank you.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for helping school to raise £334.60 towards Children In Need.



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.

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 5.30pm 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



NEW—Before School Sports Clubs

These are available to book for next half term on the Arbor App. **Your child must be booked in. 8.00am start.**

Monday	Years 3,4,5	Dodgeball
		4 places left
Tuesday	Years 5,6	Badminton
		9 places left
Wednesday	Years 3,4,5	Ten Pin Bowling
		9 places left
Thursday	Years 5,6	Table Tennis
		11 places left
Friday	Years 5,6	Volleyball
		8 places left

NEW—After School Clubs

These are now available to book for the next half term on the Arbor App. **Your child must be booked in.**

These clubs will finish at 4.15pm.

Monday	Years 3,4	Dodgeball
		3 places left
Tuesday	Years 5, 6	Table Tennis
		10 places left
Tuesday	Year 6	Sewing Club
		3 places left
Tuesday	Year 3	Mindfulness Club
		9 places left
Wednesday	Years 5, 6	Badminton
		6 places left
Friday	Years 5,6	Gardening Club
		NOW FULL

Primary School Applications for September 2026 – Nursery Children



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

Starting School – Meet and Greet

Come & join us if you have any questions, concerns or need support around applying for your child's school place, at one of our meet & great sessions across the neighbourhoods. There will be various professionals there to offer you support such as Education, SEND, Early Year's workers from Family Hubs.



Mon 1st December 9.30-11.30am **Derby St Family Hub**
Tue 2nd December 12.45-2.45pm **Belfield Family Hub**
Wed 3rd December 12.30-2.30pm **Meanwood Family Hub**
Thu 4th December 5.30-7.30pm **Newbold Family Hub**
Fri 5th December 9.30-11.30am **Langley Family Hub**



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Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENT</u>	
Monday 24.11.25 (change of date)	Flu Immunisations 	During school hours
Friday 28.11.25	Nursery & Reception 'Early Signs' Training Please sign in at the Main Office	Between 9.00am and 10.00am
Wednesday 10.12.25	Year 6 trip to Bolton Octagon Theatre 	During school hours.
Thursday 11.12.25	EYFS Christmas Crafts Stay and Play 	Between 10.45am and 11.45am
Wednesday 17.12.25	Christmas Dinner for all children 	Lunchtime
Thursday 18.12.25	Nursery Christmas Party 	Morning only

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	13
Tuesday	19
Wednesday	9
Thursday	16
Friday	7

A total of **64** 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