



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026



New This Week:



Mon 25.05.26 to Fri 29.05.26 **Half Term Holiday—School Closed**

Mon 01.06.26 **School re-opens**

Tues 02.06.26 **Years 1&2 visit to Knowsley Safari Park**



A total of **25** 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**.

WISE OWLS—'AFTER SCHOOL' CLUB

Please note that on the last day of term (Friday 17.07.26) **Wise Owls will close at 5.00pm**.

Please ensure that your child is collected before this time. Thank you.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A SET OF 4 TICKETS TO GULLIVERS WORLD?

School have 2 sets of tickets available for 2 lucky winners.

Expiry dates for the tickets is 31.08.26, so perfect for the summer holidays.

Proceeds will go towards raising funds for the Year 6 leavers.

The last day to purchase them is 11.06.26 at 9am, and the live draw will take place on **12.06.26**.

Tickets are £1.00 each and are now available to be purchased on the Arbor App in the school shop section.



Please note that there will be **NO Sports clubs 'after school' after the Half Term due to other sporting fixtures and tournaments taking place.**

NO CROCS IN SCHOOL

Please do not allow your child to wear crocs for school as they pose a trip hazard, can fall off easily and do not support your child's feet properly.

Children must attend school in hard rubber soled footwear. Thank you.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY

Free school meal eligibility is changing.

More parents will become eligible in September with the new government rules.

Any child whose household is in receipt of

Universal Credit will qualify for a free school meal.

Please refer to the information on the next page for more details from Rochdale Council.

Further updates will be provided when school receive them.



Please ensure that if your child attends any of the **'Before or After' School Clubs**, that they have been registered and booked on to the clubs using the Arbor App.

This is to ensure that your child has been given permission to attend and also that there are places for your child to attend.

PLEASE BOOK IN ADVANCE



ENTERPRISE WEEK

Year 6 will be taking part in Enterprise Week from **Mon 08.06.26 to Fri 12.06.26**. Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children are invited to bring money to make purchases during break times of this week.

Please send your child with **COINS** only for this special event. Thank you.



Upcoming Changes to Free School Meals (FSM) and Universal Credit Eligibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to inform you about important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from the start of the 2026/27 school year.

The UK Government has confirmed that, from September 2026, all children in England whose households receive Universal Credit will be entitled to Free School Meals, regardless of their overall household income.

What is Changing?

Under current rules, families must earn below £7,400 per year (after tax and not including benefits) to qualify for free school meals. From September 2026, this earnings threshold will no longer apply — any family receiving Universal Credit will be eligible. This change is expected to support over half a million additional pupils across England.

What This Means for Your Family

- No income cap: If your household receives Universal Credit, your child will be eligible.
- Financial savings: Families could save up to £500 per child per year on school lunches.
- Support for wellbeing: Access to a nutritious daily meal has been shown to improve children's health, concentration, and learning outcomes.

When Will This Happen?

The new entitlement will begin at the start of the school year in September 2026. Schools nationwide are preparing now to accommodate the increased number of children who will receive meals.

Do Parents Need to Apply?

Yes. Although eligibility will cover all families on Universal Credit, parents will still need to apply for free school meals so the school can process and confirm entitlement.

Applications are expected to open before the start of the 2026 school year, typically requiring your National Insurance Number and Universal Credit Reference Number.

We are awaiting an update from Rochdale Borough Council regarding how to apply.

Why Is This Change Being Made?

This expansion aims to:

- Reduce child poverty — estimates suggest around 100,000 children will be lifted out of poverty.
- Ease living costs for families during a period of rising expenses.
- Ensure fair access to healthy school meals for all children on Universal Credit.

Important Reminders

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

The following Summer Term **'Before School'** Clubs will continue after May Half Term and can be booked via the Arbor App. Only children who are booked on to the clubs will be able to attend.

Your child must arrive promptly at school for 8.00am.



Monday	Rounders	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Unihoc	Years 3/4
Wednesday	Tennis	Years 5/6
Thursday	Handball	Years 3/4
Friday	Cricket	Years 5/6


AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

The following Summer Term **'After School'** will continue after May Half Term and can be booked via the Arbor App. Only children who are booked on to the clubs will be able to attend.


Please note that there will be no after school Sports Clubs, after half term due to other sporting fixtures and tournaments taking place.

Monday	Karaoke	Years 5/6
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Years 3
Friday	Gardening	FULL



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Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

'Communication Through Play'
Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm


'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'
Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'
Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm


'Lifeskills and Independence'
Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm


'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'
Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'
Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm



Scan QR Code for more & to book!



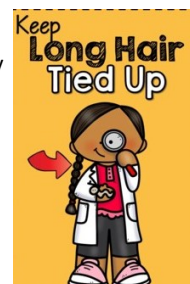


HEAD LICE—REMINDER

Please be reminded to check your child's hair regularly and thoroughly for Head Lice, and treat promptly if necessary so that any head lice can be dealt with quickly and before they are allowed to spread.

Please also ensure that your child's hair is tied up for school to help reduce the risk of contact.

Thank you.



Neurodiversity Hub Workshop Timetable for Parents and Carers - April-July 2026



Tools for Emotional Regulation (primary and secondary aged children)

We will look at how the STAR tool and the Hand-Brain Model can help you understand what might be happening for your child and explore supportive ways to help them feel safe and regulated.

30th April 9:30-11:30 at Milnrow Parish Primary School, James St, Rochdale OL16 3JT
8th June 9.30-11.30 at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

Join us for a shorter, online session designed to help you better understand your child's emotional and sensory responses.

7th May 6-7pm 29th June 10-11am 16th July 12-1pm

Managing Anger and Meltdowns (primary and secondary)

We will look at understanding and managing anger, anxiety, distressed behaviours and meltdowns.

27th April 9.30 - 11.30am at Bowlee Park Primary School, Windemere Rd, M24 4LA
20th May 5pm - 7pm at Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU
22nd June 9.30-11.30 at Floor 2, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street, Rochdale OL11 5BU

SEND Transition coffee mornings for Year 6 parents and carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and RANS NOTES to discuss your child's transition to high school and discuss any challenges with the team and other parents/carers. Please book on both dates.

21st April 10-11:30 at All Souls CE Primary School, Healey Ave, Heywood OL10 4DE
27th April 10-11:30 at Castleton Primary, Hillcrest Road, Rochdale OL11 2QD
1st May 10-11:30 at St Peter's RC Primary School, Middleton, M24 1FL

The workshops below will be delivered by the Occupational Therapy Team and the Neurodiversity Hub

Sensory Processing Difficulties Webinar

To access the Sensory Webinar scan the QR code:



Please watch the 'Sensory Processing Difficulties' Webinar before attending any of the workshops below.

Personal Care from a Sensory Perspective (age 3-19)

We will look at how sensory needs impact self-care and discuss practical day to day strategies.

22nd April 9:30-11:30 at Norden Family Hub, Shawfield Lane Rochdale, OL12 7RQ

Sensory Processing and Anxiety (primary/secondary)

We will look at how anxiety and sensory needs interlink and to recognise triggers. We will share ideas that you can try.

13th May 9:30-11:30 Boarshaw Family Hub, Stanycliffe Lane, Middleton, M24 2PB

Proprioception / vestibular practical workshop (primary/secondary)
We will demonstrate practical, hands-on activities you can try with your child.

24th June 9.30-11.30 Callaghan House, Cross Street, Heywood, OL10 1PU

How to book:

Email: hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk - Please include the workshop you want to attend, your child's name and date of birth in the email

Phone: 0161 206 0606

Please note – it is not appropriate to bring children to the session as we do not have childcare facilities available.

How to access the Neurodiversity Hub - Support for parents and carers - April-July 2026

Information and Advice Sessions

What to expect: You will have the opportunity to access advice and signposting from a range of local support services.

Services available:



SENDclass



SEND Advice Service



Home-Start RAASS



The Neurodiversity Hub

23rd April 9:30am - 11am at St Mary's CE Primary School, Oldham Road, OL11 2HB

30th April 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

21st May 9:30am-11am at St Peter's RC Primary School, Kirkway, M24 1FL

18th June 9:30am - 11am at Deeplish Primary Academy, Derby Street, OL11 1LT

25th June 6pm-8pm at St George's Hall, Oakenrod, Bury Road, OL11 4EB

9th July 9:30am - 11am at Oak Haven SEMH School, Sutherland Road, OL10 3PY

Advice Line

What to expect: We will discuss your concerns and support available.

Tuesday Advice Line

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on a Tuesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 1pm-5.30pm.

Wednesday Evening Advice Line (once a month)

1st April 20th May 3rd June 1st July

To book: Call 0161 206 0606 between 8am-12pm on the Wednesday morning. You will then be added to a 'call back' list and a member of the team will return your call between 5-7pm.

Drop in sessions

What to expect: We attend Home Start RAASS Parent Support Group. During these sessions a member of the Neurodiversity Hub and the RAASS team will be available to offer signposting and support.

Middleton - Burnside Community Centre, 36 Burnside Crescent Langley Middleton, M24 5NN, 9.30-11.30am

Friday 8th May Friday 5th June Friday 3rd July

Milnrow - Butterworth Hall, New St, Milnrow OL16 3PQ, 9.30-11.30am

Tuesday 12th May Tuesday 9th June Tuesday 7th July

Heywood - Heywood Baptist Church, Rochdale Road, Heywood, OL10 1LE, 9.30-11.30am

Wednesday 22nd April Wednesday 20th May Wednesday 17th June



Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENTS</u>	
Mon 25.05.26 to Fri 29.05.26	<i>Half Term Holiday</i> 	School Closed
Mon 01.06.26	<i>School re-opens to pupils</i>	
Tue 02.06.26	 <i>Years 1&2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park</i>	8.45am depart and 3.45pm return
Thu 04.06.26	<i>Zoo2 U visit to school</i> 	Nursery children only
Mon 08.06.26 to Fri 12.06.26	<i>Year 6 Enterprise Week</i>	During Break Times
Thu 16.07.26	 <i>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</i>	2.00pm
Thu 17.09.26	<i>Intra Health Flu Injections</i> 	During school hours