



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

24th April 2026



New This Week:



- Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26 Year 6 SATS—All Year 6 children must be in school
- Thu 21.05.26 EYFS Nursery Song and Story Performance (11.20am EYFS Unit)
- Mon 04.05.26 May Bank Holiday—School Closed



A total of **39** 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**.

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.

12 WEEK FOOTBALL COURSE VOUCHER

School have a 12 week football course voucher available to raffle.

The course is for May 2026 with 1st Kick Football, and is suitable for all abilities and is run by FA & UEFA coaches.



Hurry, as there is only next week to purchase your entry.

The live draw will take place on Friday **01.05.26**.

Virtual tickets are available now and can be purchased on the Arbor App, in the school shop section for £1.00 each.

BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

Here are the new Summer Term **'Before School'** Clubs that can be booked via the Arbor App.

Your child must arrive promptly at school for 8.00am.

Monday	Rounders	Years 5/6	12 places left
Tuesday	Unihoc	Years 3/4	13 places left
Wednesday	Tennis	Years 5/6	15 places left
Thursday	Handball	Years 3/4	15 places left
Friday	Cricket	Years 5/6	12 places left

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS—SUMMER TERM

Here are the new Summer Term **'After School'** clubs that can also be booked via the Arbor App.

Monday	Karaoke	Years 5/6	9 places left
	Handball	Years 3/4	9 places left
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Years 3	12 places left
	Handball	Years 5/6	8 places left
Wednesday	Tennis	Years 5/6	12 places left
Friday	Gardening	FULL	
	Rochdale AFC	Year 5	8 places left

ROCHDALE TENNIS CLUB LAUNCH MONTH TASTER SESSIONS

WEEK COMMENCING 27.04.26

Rochdale Tennis Club are having a launch week next week (week commencing 27th April) and they would love to give as many local children as possible the chance to get involved.

The sessions are completely free and are designed for all abilities—whether children are trying tennis for the first time or already have some experience.

We are sharing this with our parents / carers.

There is no obligation to continue after the sessions, but there will be options available for those children who would like to carry on.


Please see the link on the main body of the Newsletter email, for more information.



PARENT CHAMPIONS COFFEE MORNING

Come and join us for a friendly, informal get-together! Meet other parents, share experiences, and enjoy a warm drink.

 **Thursday 30th April**

 **9:00–10:00am**

 **The Treehouse**

Making the difference



‘What Matters To Me’ Person Centred Planning Session

Person-centred thinking and planning tools can help to improve understanding, communication and relationships, supporting your neurodiverse child or young person to lead a full and fulfilling life based on their own aspirations and dreams.

This session is focused on helping individuals identify what really matters to them. Person-centred planning puts your child at the heart of every decision, supporting them to set meaningful goals, build on their strengths, and shape the life they want. This session will introduce simple tools, encouraging choice, confidence, and positive future planning.

Sessions will be held at:
Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor)
Bridgefold Road (off Mellor Street)
Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Monday June 8th 10-12noon
Monday June 8th 6-8pm



Sessions are booked via
Eventbrite - search for
Umbrella sessions or email
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com

The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- 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?
- ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?**
Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

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

Sessions are at **Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU**

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Monday April 27th 6-8pm
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies
Monday May 11th 6-8pm
Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Tuesday May 5th 12.30-2.30pm
Sleep and Well being
Monday June 8th 6-8pm



Please book Sessions via
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NOTICE TO PARENTS

Please do not allow your child to ride bikes / scooters / e bikes / skateboards on the school grounds.

This is due to accident risks.

Thank you.



Important Reminders

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.

PE KIT—A REMINDER

Please can parents / carers ensure that children bring a PE kit into school. We have some children turning up to school without a PE kit. AS summer is upon us, it is important that children have a outdoor PE kit. Thank you.



ROCHDALE FOOTBALL CLUB

School have arranged for Rochdale Football Club to come into school on Fridays this Half Term to run a Club for **Year 5 (boys and girls)**. A maximum of 20 children will be able to attend.



Their mission is to offer Meanwood a programme that uses the appeal of the Premier league, football and Rochdale AFC to improve and enhance Physical Education (PE) and other curriculum areas.

They offer to inspire children to lead healthy and active lives, engage children in all aspects of their learning, and to motivate children to be the best they can.

If your child is interested, please book them on to the club using the Arbor App.

WI SCARECROW COMPETITION 2026

theme:
Famous People!



Let your creativity shine and bring your favourite famous figure to life!

Scarecrows to be displayed
Friday 29th May - 8am until Saturday 30th May - 6pm

Locations will be from Baitings Close to Elmsfield Avenue, should you be out of the area or not have the space, Jubilee Gardens will be provided to place your scarecrow

- Create a scarecrow inspired by a famous person (past or present!)
- Display your scarecrow during the event
- Winners will be judged by the public

Map of scarecrow locations will be provided before the event for public to view and judge.

£5 per entry

Winners will receive a prize and bragging rights for the best scarecrow in the village!

Get Creative. Get Famous. Get Building!

Register by 1st May 2026:
wiscarecrowcompetition@gmail.com

Family Fun



#UNIVERSALLYMANCHESTERFESTIVAL

A COMMUNITY DAY FOR ALL

Our free Universally Manchester Festival returns with fun activities for all!

Join us on **Saturday 13 June, 11am - 4:30pm** for a day of inspiration, curiosity and play. Get hands-on with science activities, creative sessions, tours, and engaging talks and performances. Meet our staff, students and community partners and together we'll explore what makes for a greener, healthier and fairer world for everyone.

From music to medicine, poetry to planets, and art to atoms there's plenty to discover and do – with activities on offer for all ages.

Our Universally Manchester Festival is free and open to everyone. Discover more of our family friendly activities at:

universallymanchester.com



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 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26	<p>Year 6 SATS</p> <p><i>All Year 6 children are required to be in school</i></p> 	Mornings
Thu 21.05.26	 <p>Nursery Story and Song Performance</p>	11.20am EYFS Unit
Mon 04.05.26	<p>May Bank Holiday</p> 	School Closed
Fri 25.05.26 to Fri 29.05.26	 <p>Half Term</p> <p>Half Term Holiday</p>	School Closed
Tue 02.06.26	<p>Years 1&2 Trip to Knowsley Safari Park</p> 	8.45am to 3.45pm