



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

24th October 2025



New This Week:

Parents Evenings

We have organised Parents' evening for parents/carers to come and speak to your child's class teacher to check how they are settling in to their new class, look at their work and ask any questions that you may have.

Appointments can be booked via the Arbor app.

(Please download this if you don't already have it).

10 minute appointments can be booked on 1 of the 3 days available:

Tuesday 11th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Wednesday 12th November 3:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday 13th November 3:30pm - 4:30pm

Please note, Nursery parents meetings will take place after the morning sessions, and will be booked directly with Miss Gartside, rather than via the online system.

Bookings are now open. If you are having problems booking appointments for your child, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or come to the school office from 3:00pm any day and they will be able to help you.

NEW SEWING CLUB—After school on Tuesdays

Mrs Holt and Mrs Beaumont will be running an After-School Sewing Club for Year 6 children starting after Half Term.



The club will be on every Tuesday after school until 4.15pm, and will continue until the end of the autumn term.

The club is limited to 8 places and can only be booked using the Arbor App.

Parking outside of school

School have had communications from neighbours who are becoming very frustrated that our students parents / carers are parking inconsiderately during school drop off and pick up times.

Please could our parents / carers kindly park responsibly during these busy times and allow extra time when the weather is bad.





OPEN DAY

MEANWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is your child due to start Reception or Nursery in September 2026?
Are you interested to see what is happening around school?

Join us during a morning or afternoon session showcasing all of the amazing experiences on offer at Meanwood. Meet our dedicated staff, explore our school and get a glimpse of the exciting curriculum we offer.

Date : Thursday 6th November 2025

Time : 9:00-11:00 and 1:30-3:00

Location : Meanwood Primary School - OL12 7DG

Don't miss this chance to be a part of our school community and take the first step towards your child's brighter future!

Parents and carers of children already in school are welcome to attend!



School Dinners / New Menu



Arbor Parent App
Parent & Guardian Portal

Get

Our new Autumn / Winter menu will be starting on **Monday 10th November**.

Parents will be able to choose their child's meal at home in advance using the **'Meal Choice'** area on the Arbor app or the Arbor portal.

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



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

Attached to the email are guides showing you how to choose a meal on the Arbor app, or on the Arbor portal.

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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



Arbor Parent Portal App

We are now using Arbor as our main way of communicating to parents and carers, and so would really appreciate it if **ALL** parents can now sign up for the APP.

Arbor will be the **only way** to book clubs from now and shortly we will be using it to order and pay for *school dinners*.

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Android



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**.



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NEW—Before School Sports Clubs

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

Monday	Years 3,4,5	Dodgeball
Tuesday	Years 5,6	Badminton
Wednesday	Years 3,4,5	Ten Pin Bowling
Thursday	Years 5,6	Table Tennis
Friday	Years 5,6	Volleyball

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
Tuesday	Years 5, 6	Table Tennis
Wednesday	Years 5, 6	Badminton

CASUAL CLEANERS WANTED

We are looking for casual cleaners. This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our staff and children can learn and work in a hygienic and safe environment.. This is a casual role and you would be called upon, often at short notice to work during staff absences. If you are interested in being part of our community and would be available at short notice, please ask for a job description and application pack at the Reception desk in the main school





Download the Rochdale Family Hubs App

From your baby's first kicks in pregnancy to your teenager's first exams and beyond, we're here to help you and your family's health and development every step of the way. With lots of free resources all in one place and at your fingertips, there's no need to look elsewhere for:

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- Family-friendly resources in over 75 languages



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PE Day (A reminder to parents)

Monday	6C
Tuesday	3H and 1W
Wednesday	3&4J, RB and RL
Thursday	2C, 5W and 5Q
Friday	1&2S, 6H



Secondary School Applications for September 2026 – Year 6 Children



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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.

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

Monday, 1 September 2025	The online admissions system opens for secondary school places.
Friday, 31 October 2025	Closing date for applications Ensure your secondary school application is submitted before this date. Otherwise, you will need to apply for a late application.
Friday, 12 December 2025	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Monday, 2 March 2026	National offer day. Sign in to view your school place offer.

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.

Dates for the diary



	<u>EVENT</u>	
Friday 24.10.25 Last Day in School	Half Term Holidays (Mon 27.10.25 to Fri 31.10.25) 	School reopens Monday 03.11.25
Thursday 06.11.25	 Open Day in School	9.00am to 11.00am 1.30pm to 3.00pm
Monday 10.11.25	Year 6 visit to Stockport Air Raid Shelters 	During school hours
Tuesday 11.11.25	 Parents Evening	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Wednesday 12.11.25	Parents Evening 	3.30pm to 6.00pm
Thursday 13.11.25	 Parents Evening	3.30pm to 4.30pm
Friday 14.11.25	Children in Need Day 	During school hours
Thursday 20.11.25	 Nursery Stay and Play—EYFS Unit	10.45am to 11.45am

Late Arrivals This Week:



DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	11
Tuesday	11
Wednesday	10
Thursday	9
Friday	6

A total of **47** 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