



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026



New This Week:



Fri 09.10.26	'Hello Yellow' Day (Wear something yellow to school) £1 donation
Mon 12.10.26	John Hunt Photography in School (All Pupils)
Mon 26.10.26 to Fri 30.10.26	SCHOOL CLOSED (October Half Term)
Mon 02.11.26	Back to School



A total of **35** 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**.

BASKETBALL BEFORE SCHOOL CLUB (MONDAY)

This has now been opened up to include children from Year 4.

If your child would like to play Basketball on a Monday morning, before school, please book them a place using the Arbor App. Thank you.



NEW!

In the tree house entrance...

📖❤️ Parents' Love to Read Box ❤️📖

📖 How it Works...

- ☒ Choose a book to borrow
- ☒ Enjoy reading it at home
- ☒ Return it when you've finished
- ☒ Choose another book

Open daily from 3pm to 3:15pm



BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS—SEPT 26

Mon	Years 4/5/6	Basketball
Tues	Years 3/4/5	Football
Wed	Years 5/6	Cricket
Thu	Years 3/4/5	Pickleball
Fri	Years 5/6	Tennis

These 'before school' sports clubs are now open, and are available to book via the Arbor App.



HELLO YELLOW DAY—FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2026

On Friday 9th October, our school will be participating in **Hello Yellow** to support World Mental Health Day.

Launched in 2016 by the charity Young Minds, Hello Yellow is now a nationwide movement. Every year, thousands of schools, workplaces, and communities across the UK wear yellow to show young people that they are not alone with their mental health.

Young Minds provides vital tools and resources that help children manage their mental health, empower adults to support them, and give young people a voice to drive positive change.

To take part, we are asking children to **wear something yellow to school on Friday 9th October and bring a £1 donation**. All funds raised will go directly to Young Minds to support their vital work. Thank you for your continued support.

You can also donate by using this QR code.



YOUNG MINDS
fighting for young people's mental health

LOST PROPERTY

Please ask your children to check the 'temporary' **Lost Property** box in the KS2 Hall for any lost property.

Please could all parents / carers ensure that children's names are written in all their school items so that we can return them if they are lost.

Thank you.



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2027

This is the timetable for applying for applying for a **Reception** place at a Primary School

You should follow the 4-step process to apply.

Monday, 14 September 2026	The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2027.
Friday, 15 January 2027	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, 12 February 2027	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Friday, 16 April 2027	National offer day.
Sunday, 9 May 2027	Closing date for Round 2 applications.
Friday, 4 June 2027	Round 2 offers are sent.
Saturday, 5 June 2027	Online applications re-open. The online admissions system re-opens for primary school places starting in September 2027.
Tuesday, 31 August 2027	Final closing date for applications.

[About applying for a reception place](#) | [Apply for a reception place at a primary school](#) | [Rochdale Borough Council](#)

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS FOR SEPT 2027

This is the timetable for applying for a **Secondary** place at High School.

You should follow the 4-step process to apply.

Tuesday, 1 September 2026	The online admissions system opens for secondary school places.
Saturday, 31 October 2026	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, 11 December 2026	Last date for any changes to the address in your application.
Monday, 1 March 2027	National offer day. Sign in to view your school place offer.

[About applying for a secondary school place](#) | [Apply for a year 7 secondary school place](#) | [Rochdale Borough Council](#)

Or, contact School Admissions Services on:

Email : school.admissions@rochdale.gov.uk

Telephone: 0300 303 0340 (Mon-Fri, 9am to 4.45pm)

Early Help and Schools, Floor 4, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU



NYE BEVAN OPTICAL

- Does your child have a new or urgent eye problem?

MECS/CUES provides accessible NHS-funded assessment for children and adults with new or urgent eye problems.

This can include:

- Red, painful or irritated eyes
- Sudden changes in vision
- Flashes or new floaters
- Eye discomfort or other new eye concerns

You don't necessarily need to wait for a routine eye test or contact your GP.

- What should you do?

Call Nye Bevan Optical on 01706 868333.

Our team will ask about your child's symptoms and, where appropriate, arrange a MECS/CUES appointment.

Appointments are available most days, including Saturdays.

The service can provide assessment and advice, and if further treatment or specialist care is needed, you will be advised on the appropriate next step.

Nye Bevan Optical
Nye Bevan House, Rochdale
01706 868333

For a serious eye injury or medical emergency, please seek urgent medical attention.

Harvest of Hope



Rochdale Foodbank

14-16 Newgate, Rochdale OL16 1BA
Opening times: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Monday - Thursday: 10.30am - 12.30pm
Friday: 11.00am - 1.00pm
info@rochdale.foodbank.org.uk
Harvest enquiries: Irene - 07484 110170

Heywood Foodbank

Heywood Baptist Church,
Chapel Street, Heywood OL10 1LE
Opening times
Monday & Friday: 10.00am - 12.00
noon
Harvest enquiries: 07396 071183

Middleton Central Foodbank

The Lighthouse Project,
Middleton Shopping Centre,
Limetrees Road, Middleton M24 4EL

Opening times
Monday & Thursday: 11.00am - 1.00pm
info@middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk
Harvest enquiries: 0161 643 1163

Shopping list

Tinned meat/fish
Tinned potatoes
Tinned tomatoes
Tea/coffee/sugar
Soup/noodles/pasta
Rice pudding/custard
Cereal
Fruit juice (long life)
Milk (long life)
Biscuits/snacks



HARVEST COLLECTION

If parents / carers would like to contribute to the **Harvest of Hope**, school will be collecting donations from the **Shopping List** from **Monday 12th October**, and Rochdale Food Bank will come into school and collect the items.

Please hand the donations to your child's class teacher.

Thank you



The Umbrella sessions – Understanding Anxiety, triggers and strategies to build resilience

Neurodivergent people experience anxiety at significantly higher rates due to sensory overload, unpredictability, communication barriers, and social pressure. This workshop provides the understanding and tools needed to create calmer, safer, and more supportive environments.

Different minds • Shared belonging • Stronger support

What will parents learn?

- **Neurodivergent anxiety**, how it differs from neurotypical anxiety
- **Common triggers**, sensory, social, communication and executive functioning
- **Support strategies**, practical tools for home, school and social environments
- **Inclusive design**, creating calmer, predictable responses

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers who would like to better understand how anxiety presents, learn about common triggers and develop strategies to cope and build resilience

Dates– September 22nd 2026 6-8pm

or October 12th 9.30am-12 noon

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill, (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Tel 07455 825540

Book on Eventbrite or email rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com



The Umbrella sessions – Neurodiversity 'All about it'

A friendly workshop for parents and carers to explore, understand, and celebrate different ways of thinking, learning, communicating, and experiencing the world.

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What will parents learn?

- **Understand** what neurodiversity means and why it matters
- **Explore** common neurodivergent profiles, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and other profiles
- **Recognise** how children may experience communication, learning, emotions, and everyday routines differently
- **Discover** practical ways to support children at home and in school conversations
- **Celebrate** strengths, acceptance, confidence, and belonging

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers who would like to better understand neurodiversity and feel more confident supporting children with different needs, strengths, and ways of experiencing the world.

Date – October 5th 2026

Time – 9.30-12pm or 6-9pm

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill, (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Tel 07455 825540

Book on Eventbrite or email rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com



The Umbrella sessions – Tools to Communicate - Social Stories™, Comic Strip Conversations™, and visual supports

*This workshop explores how to use **Social Stories™**, **Comic Strip Conversations™**, and **visual supports** to improve social understanding, communication, and emotional regulation for neurodivergent individuals.*

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What will parents learn?

How Social Stories™ help explain routines, expectations, and social situations

How Comic Strip Conversations™ make thoughts, feelings, and conversations visible

How visual supports reduce overwhelm and increase independence

Step-by-step demonstrations of each approach

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers to discover how to turn invisible social information into **clear, calm, visual guidance** — helping neurodivergent children feel safer, more understood, and more prepared for daily life.

Date – October 8th 2026

Time - 6-8pm

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Tel 07455 825540

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Parent Carer Information Coffee Session

We want to welcome all parents and carers who live in Heywood, Rochdale, Middleton and Pennines who take care of children and young people with SEND (0-25 years old with/without a diagnosis) to our information coffee session.

When
Tuesday 13th
October 2026
10am-12pm

Where
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale OL11 5BU

What to expect

10am: Arrival - You will receive a warm welcome from our team and refreshments are provided.

10.15am-10.45am - SENDIASS service discussion on their service and what they offer

11am-11.30am - Families First discussion on their service, what they offer and opportunity to feedback as parent carers

This is a safe and open Parent Carer space for discussion so please do not bring Children and Young People you care for to this session

ROCHDALE INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES FAIR

Saturday 10th October 2026
2pm - 4pm
Heywood Sports Village
FREE Just Come Along!

For children & young people aged 0 - 25 with SEND & SEMH needs, their families and those that work to support them across the Rochdale Borough.

Meet Local Providers

Talk directly to Rochdale based activity providers from different locals.

Try Activities

Have a go at inclusive activities suitable for a wide range of needs.

Book Sessions

Sign up and arrange sessions that work for your child.



Our Parent Carer Social Coffee Sessions Timetable

This is a relaxed opportunity to meet other SEND families, have a brew and a chat! Our RPCV Team are on hand to support. SENDIASS Service will also be in one of our private rooms for parents to pop in for a chat and guidance if needed.

Tuesday 8th September
Tuesday 10th November
Tuesday 12th January
Tuesday 9th March
Tuesday 11th May
Tuesday 13th July

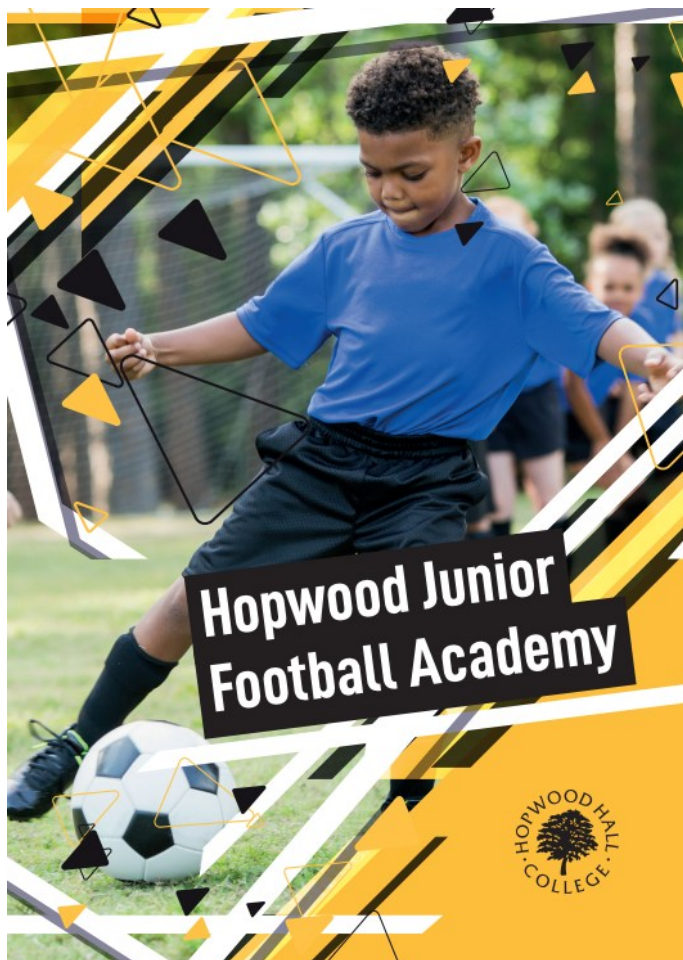
Rochdale Parent Carers
Voice
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale
OL11 5BU
10am-12pm

Keep up to date with all our sessions by signing up as a parent or professional member to receive a monthly email via our website:
www.rochdaleparentcarersvoice.co.uk

Join our Facebook closed group page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Chat

*Professionals and Services can join Facebook page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Professionals and Services Page

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The Hopwood Junior Football Academy, provides boys and girls aged 3-12 with the opportunity to develop their fundamental movements and ball skills in a safe, fun, and sociable environment.

Ran by experienced FA qualified coaches the sessions are aimed to develop the player and the person.

Technical: Ball mastery, 1vs1 Challenges and Match Play.

Physical: ABC's, Conditioning and Healthy Living.

Psychological: Game Understanding, Decision Making and Confidence.

Social: Building Friendships, Teamwork and Communication.

We have a player pathway programme for those that wish to further their development by joining teams and taking part in competitive fixtures. With links to many local grassroots clubs, we will help find the right club for the individual.

Sessions are held in the indoor sports halls at our Middleton Campus.

First Session FREE, then £4 per session.

(£3 per child if bringing more than one to session)

Saturday Sessions

Ages 3-4 & 5-7

9:30am - 10:30am

Ages 8-12

10.45am - 11.45am

Wednesday Session:

Ages 5-7 & 8-11

5pm - 6pm

For further information contact

liam.hughes@hopwood.ac.uk

hopwood.ac.uk



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session in
Rochdale



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nearest Kixx Academy!

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Saturday Mornings

**The Soccer Factory Academy,
Royle Barn Road, Rochdale,
OL11 3DT**

Ages 2 10:20am - 11:00am

Ages 3 - 4 9:40am - 10:20am

Ages 5 - 6 9:00am - 9:40am

Ages 7 - 8 9:40am - 10:20am

Ages 9 - 12 10:20am - 11:00am

www.kixx.org.uk

Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENTS</u>	
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