



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

26th September 2025



New This Week:

PE Day (A reminder to parents)

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



HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year the Harvest Festival assembly for children will be held on **Monday 13th October** during assembly at **10.30am**.

Reverend Margaret Smith, the Chaplin of Rochdale will be leading the whole school assembly. Our donations are sent to the foodbank in Rochdale, and they are currently asking for non-perishable foods and toiletry items.



Casual Lunchtime Organisers needed.

This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our children have a safe and enjoyable lunch break.

If you are interested in being part of our school community and would be available to be called upon, often at short notice, to work during staff absences, then please ask for a job description pack at Main Reception



WHITWORTH DENTAL CARE

Whitworth Dental Care now have the capacity on the NHS to see children up to the age of 18.



Regular dental checks are an essential part of a child's overall health. They are passionate about ensuring that every child has access to an NHS dentist. There are limited places available.

If you would like your child to be seen by an NHS dentist, please contact the practice to book an appointment on 01706 353355, or visit the practice at 311-315 Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale, OL12 8PW



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!



WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

John Hunt photographers will be in school on **Monday 13th October** to take individual photographs of all pupils in school.

Children's names and UPN's will be shared with John Hunt so they can provide you with a photo card, and so that you can order any photos should you wish to purchase any.



Signing children out during school hours

Please could **all** parents kindly sign their children out (if necessary) during school hours at the Main School office (before walking over to the KS1 building to collect your child).



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



'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October

This year Meanwood Primary will be taking part in Hello Yellow Day to support Young Minds, on **Friday 10th October 2025**, by having a non-uniform day.

We will be joining thousands of other schools, communities and companies **wearing something yellow** to support World Mental Health Day, and helping to raise money to show young people that they are not alone.

£1 donations will be greatly appreciated and / or a donation for the upcoming Harvest Festival on **Monday 13th October**.

More details will be issued nearer the event.



UNWANTED GOOD QUALITY ACTION FIGURES NEEDED

Please could parents bring in to school any unwanted, good quality action figures, such as Barbie, Action Man etc.

Breakfast Club and After School Club would like any donations.

COFFEE MORNING AT DEEPLISH COMMUNITY CENTRE

Deeplish Community Centre are inviting asylum –seeking and newly arrived international families to join in upcoming Coffee Mornings. These sessions are designed to offer a warm welcome and connect families with key local services and support.

Session Dates (9.30am to 12.00pm)

22nd October 2025
17th December 2025
11th February 2026
1st April 2026
20th May 2026
15th July 2025



Deeplish Community Centre, Hare Street, Rochdale, OL11 1JT

Please ensure that your child brings their coat to school every day from now on.

It may be sunny first thing in the morning, but the weather can be very changeable, and the children will be playing outside.



MEANWOOD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM— A REMINDER

The school uniform at Meanwood is:



- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt or polo shirt
- School sweatshirt or cardigan with Meanwood logo, or a plain navy jumper, sweatshirt or cardigan
- Black school shoes or plain black trainers
- **NO SANDALS OR CROCS CAN BE WORN FROM SEPTEMBER**

For safety reasons, children are not permitted to wear jewellery except plain stud earrings –which will need covering for PE if they cannot be removed by the child.

For **INDOOR PE** children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings and a plain white T-shirt

For **OUTDOOR PE** children need plain dark coloured shorts / leggings, a plain white T-shirt and trainers.

For **OUTDOOR PE** (colder months) children will need a plain dark coloured tracksuit / fleece bottoms, a plain jumper and trainers.

Children will also need a **pump bag** to store their PE kit in.

Children will need a bag as they will be bringing a reading book and reading record home every day, plus homework and letters from school. It helps your child to be organised if they get into a good habit of bringing their book bag to school every day.

Please ensure all your child's uniform and belongings are clearly labelled with their name on.

Thank you



Meanwood Community Nursery and Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mrs H Vyse

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES – 2025/2026

Half term 1	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
	First day back at school	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
	Last day at school	Friday 24 th October 2025
	Half term holiday – School closed	Monday 27 th October 2025 – Friday 31 st October 2025

Half term 2	School re-opens	Monday 3 rd November 2025
	Last day at school	Friday 19 th December 2025
	Christmas holidays – School closed	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Thursday 25 th , Friday 26 th December 2025 and Thursday 1 st January 2026

Half term 3	School re-opens	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 13 th February 2026
	Half term holiday – School closed	Monday 16 th February 2026 – Friday 20 th February 2026

Half term 4	School re-opens	Monday 23 rd February 2026
	Inset day – School closed to children	Friday 20 th March 2026
	Last day at school	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Friday 3 rd April 2026 and Monday 6 th April 2026
	Easter holidays – School closed	Tuesday 7 th April 2026 – Friday 17 th April 2026

Half term 5	School re-opens	Monday 20 th April 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 4 th May 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 22 nd May 2026
	Public holiday – School closed	Monday 25 th May 2026
	Half term holiday – School closed	Tuesday 26 th May 2026 – Friday 29 th May 2026

Half term 6	School re-opens	Monday 1 st June 2026
	Last day at school	Friday 17 th July 2026
	Inset days – School closed to children	Monday 20 th July 2026 & Tuesday 21 st July 2026
	Summer holidays – School closed	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026 – Tuesday 1 st September 2026

We will advise you on the date we return to school in September once we have been notified.



Kindly return the Flu Immunisation Consent Forms to school if you have not already done so, if you want your child to have the vaccine or not.



The vaccinations will take place in school on:

Wednesday 22nd October 2025



Bus strikes planned

**Tuesday 30 September –
Thursday 2 October**

Bus disruption expected. Please plan ahead and check before travelling.

For further information visit
beenetwork.com/bus-strikes



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FALINGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL

ASPIRE
THRIVE
ACHIEVE

Our ref: SSM

9th September 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

OPEN EVENING

Our Falinge Open Evening is scheduled for Thursday 2nd October.

We are running two sessions and we are asking you to book onto **one** of these:

Session 1 – 5:00pm – 6:15pm
Session 2 – 6:15pm – 7:30pm

You will get a tour of the school with pupils and there will be an opportunity to attend one of three short presentations (approx 15 mins) from some of our pupils and me at 5:05pm, 6:15pm or 7:15pm.

We aim to give you an opportunity to get a feel for our school, find out about our vision and values: Aspire, Thrive, Achieve and most importantly, meet our staff and pupil leaders.

Details about how to book your session is below:

- Go to our website www.falingepark.com where you will see details of our Open Evening
- Click on the button to register for the event
- Choose the time of the session and the number of people attending
- You must only select one session

I am looking forward to welcoming you to our school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs P O'Reilly
Headteacher

Headteacher: Mrs P O'Reilly

Falinge Park High School, Falinge Road, Shawdough, Rochdale, Lancs. OL12 6LD.
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Arbor Parent Portal and App



Arbor Parent App
Parent & Guardian Portal

Get



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.

Apple

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**.

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
 - NO SIGN UP
 - TALK OR LISTEN- UP TO YOU
- SEND DADS SOCIETY
- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
 - ADULTS ONLY



HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH,
MANCHESTER M25 2SW

TIMETABLE 2025

THURSDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2025
7.30PM-9PM

THURSDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2025
7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale
Parent Carers



WHAT IS CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION?

Have you got your own bank account? Do you have a bank card? If you do, you need to know about CFE.

CHILD FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION or **CFE** for short, is when criminals groom children, so they can exploit them and use their bank accounts to commit crimes like money laundering or fraud.

They want to hide money made from crime, and they use children and young people to do this.

USING PEOPLE LIKE THIS IS A CRIME AND IT IS ABUSE!

LOOK OUT FOR!



A stranger or "new friend" asks for your bank account details.
They message you through games or social media.
Promise of "easy money" for doing nothing.
They ask you to open a bank account or use your card.
Tell you not to tell your parents or teachers.

HOW TO STAY SAFE



Don't share your bank account or card details with anyone.
Never agree to receive or send money for someone.
Tell a trusted adult if someone makes you feel unsure.
Block and report strangers who ask you weird questions online.
Remember... real jobs don't ask you to move money!

IF YOU ARE WORRIED REMEMBER...

To tell a parent, teacher, or trusted adult right away.
They can help you check if the person is trustworthy or if they are trying to get you to do something wrong.
They can help you report something suspicious to the police.
The police will listen, they will not judge you and they will help.

If something feels strange or makes you uncomfortable,

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO SAY NO!

You can be smart. You can be strong. You can protect yourself and your friends and you can...



GREATER MANCHESTER
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Spot it &
Stop it!

NORTH WEST
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REGIONAL ORGANISED CRIME UNIT



Northern Care Alliance
NHS Foundation Trust

Dear Parents and Carers,

September is Sepsis Awareness Month, with World Sepsis Day on 13th September. Sepsis is a serious condition that can affect anyone, including children, and early recognition is vital.

As part of our commitment to the wellbeing and safety of all children, we are sharing information to help parents and carers recognise the signs and symptoms of sepsis.

We're encouraging all families to take a moment to read this short sepsis trust leaflet (attached in the link below) to help raise awareness:

<https://sepsistrust.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/Sepsis-Savvy-Paediatric-Letter-1.pdf>



Early recognition saves lives – knowing what to look out for can make all the difference.

Thank you for your attention and support in helping us keep children safe and healthy.

Best wishes,

Paediatric Nurse Practitioner Team
HMR Children's Community Services

Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust
Tel: 0161 206 0606


Web: northerncarealliance.nhs.uk
X/Twitter: twitter.com/ncalliance_nhs

CARE APPRECIATE INSPIRE
Be the difference.



SEND Advice Service presents...

SEND Is Everyone's Business event



Join us for a SEND Support showcase in Rochdale

Discover a wide range of services and organisations available for 0-25 years, dedicated to supporting families on their SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) journey.

Meet representatives from the Local Authority, health services and voluntary organisations. You will have the opportunity to find out more and learn how these teams can assist you and your family.

Teams joining us include: Barnardo's SENDIASS, Rochdale Parent Carers Voice, CAMHS Single Point of Access, The Neurodiversity Hub, Jolly Josh, Rochdale Additional Needs Service, Education Welfare Officers, and many more.


Drop in between 3pm - 5.30pm - no booking required.
Contact us via 0300 303 0380 to find out more.

TUESDAY 30 SEPT 2025

TIME: 3.00pm - 5.30pm

LOCATION: Ground floor, Number One Riverside, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU

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BURY
GRAMMAR SCHOOL
AGE 3-18


OPEN EVENTS



WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING	WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN DAY	SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING
Thursday 25 th September 5pm - 8pm	Saturday 27 th September 10am - 2pm	Thursday 9 th October 5pm - 8:30pm

We look forward to seeing you there!

www.burygrammar.com | 0161 696 8600 |   



The CAYP Webinar Series

Tuesday 30th September 8:00-9:00pm

Sleep, Screens and Stressed-Out Kids

with Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg

Sleep is crucial for children's emotional and mental health, yet many families find it a constant struggle. In this free webinar, Consultant Clinical Psychologist Dr Daniel Weisberg will explore why so many children have difficulties with sleep, and how screen use, emotional overload and overstimulation can get in the way of restful nights. We will be sharing practical strategies for calmer evenings, better sleep hygiene and realistic boundaries around technology. The role of neurodivergence will also be considered, with time set aside to address your submitted questions.

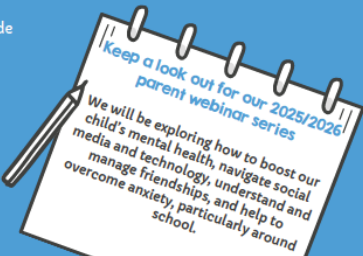
Overview:

- Strategies for better sleep without battles
- Common sleep myths and mistakes
- Why sleep is such a struggle for many children
- The connection between sleep, mood, and anxiety
- The impact of technology on sleep and mood
- The connection between sleep difficulties and neurodivergence
- When to seek further help

Who can join:

This session is primarily for parents of primary and high school aged-children, but anyone working with children is welcome to attend.

Click [here](http://www.cayp-psychology.com) to book your place or visit: www.cayp-psychology.com



Before School Sports Clubs

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

Monday	Years 5/6	Dodgeball
Tuesday	Years 3/4	Dodgeball
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Netball
Thursday	Years 3/4	Benchball
Friday	Years 5/6	Cricket

Please wait at the Year 6 gate, and Mr Vyse will meet you there promptly at 8.00am.

Dates for the diary



	<u>EVENT</u>	
Friday 10.10.25	'Hello Yellow' Mental Health Day 	During school hours
Monday 13.10.25	John Hunt Photography in School (Whole school) 	During school hours
Monday 13.10.25	Harvest Festival for children 	During Assembly
Wednesday 22.10.25	Intra Health Flu Immunisations For KS1 and KS2	During school hours
Friday 24.10.25	 Last Day in School (Half Term Holidays)	School reopens Monday 03.11.25
Thursday 06.11.25	Open Day in School 	From 9.30am to 3.00pm
Friday 14.11.25	 Children in Need Day	During school hours



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Secondary School Applications for September 2026 – Year 6 Children

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, 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.

Late Arrivals This Week:



DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	9
Tuesday	6
Wednesday	6
Thursday	7
Friday	3

A total of **31** 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