



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

27th February 2026



New This Week:



Tues 03.03.26, Wed 04.03.26, Thu 05.03.26

Parents Evenings (Reception to Year 6)

Thu 05.03.26

World Book Day (Book character dressing up day)

Fri 20.03.26

INSET DAY—School closed to children

Fri 27.03.26

Eid Mubarak Party—Party clothes can be worn

Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26

Year 6 SATS



A total of **34** 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**.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

For parents / carers of children from Reception to Year 6, we invite you to book appointments for Parents' evenings on either:

Tuesday 3rd March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

Wednesday 4th March from 3.30pm to 6.00pm

Thursday 5th March from 3.30pm to 4.30pm

You can speak with your child's teacher and have a look at their work so far this year.

Booking are to be made via the Arbor app.

Nursery parents can book directly with Miss Gartside for appointments straight after the Nursery Sessions.

Please speak to your child's class teacher after school, or come to the School Office from 3.00 to 3.15pm for help with booking these appointments if needed. Thank you.



Eid Mubarak Party

Friday 27th March 2026

We will be holding an Eid party on Friday 27th March for all children in school. We will share food and celebrate the end of the holy month of Ramadan.

Children can come dressed in their own party clothes and have lots of fun celebrating!



SWIMMING LESSONS

Please note that class 3H will start their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 25th March**.

Class 3/4J will need to ensure that they bring their PE kit into school each week commencing Monday 23rd March.



CHANGES TO HOW CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE ASSESSED FOR AUTISM AND ADHD IN GREATER MANCHESTER



Please refer to the attachment to this Newsletter for information.

Important Reminders

'NEW' SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book through the Arbor App.



8am

Children must arrive promptly for 8.00am at the Year 6 gate.

Monday	Years 5/6	Badminton	14 places left
Tuesday	Years 3/4	Indoor Football	11 places left
Wednesday	Years 5/6	Darts	FULL
Thursday	Years 3/4	Pickleball	12 places left
Friday	Years 5/6	Volleyball	9 places left

'NEW' SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book via the Arbor App

Monday	Years 3 & 4	Football	7 places left
Tuesday	Years 5 & 6	Rugby	12 places left
Tuesday	Year 3	Mindfulness	5 places left
Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Netball	13 places left

There will be 20 places only for each club.



FREE SCHOOL MEAL / HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

Do you receive Free School Meal holiday vouchers?

They are £15 per child per week in school holidays and can be used for shopping in either Aldi or Iceland.



You can apply to Rochdale Council, and they will send you a letter with the outcome. Please then bring a copy of this into school.

If you need any help to complete the form, please ask at the School Office.

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.

PUSH NOTIFICATIONS—IMPORTANT

Please could parents / carers make sure you have downloaded the Arbor app and have 'push notifications' enabled as this is the way school will contact you regarding any school closures.



E.g. If the weather is bad and school is going to close.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION— Please could parents kindly supervise children on the playground before school and do not let them play on the equipment if it is wet, as it can be very slippery and we do not want any accidents to happen. Thank you.

MEANWOOD PARKING SQUAD

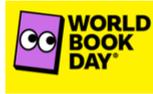
Please be aware School Council will be patrolling the pavements around school looking at inconsiderate and illegal parking in the following months along with a PCSO. Please park further away from school to keep our children safe. Thank you.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE could parents park respectfully when dropping / picking children up from school. The surrounding roads can be very busy at these times, causing congestion and can often lead to frustration from residents and other parents at the chaos if cars are not parked safely and respectfully. Please allow yourself plenty of time at these busy periods and be considerate of local residents and other drivers and pedestrians. Thank you.

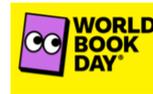
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Park Elsewhere



World Book Day
Thursday 5th March 2026
This year's theme is aligned with the
National Year of Reading



"Reading for Pleasure"

This is to encourage a daily reading habit.

This year, we are asking children to come into school dressed as their favourite book character / hero. Attached is a guide to simple costume making should you need some inspiration. We are busy planning activities to help us enjoy our day. More details will be shared nearer the time.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Dressing Up Ideas for Parents



Some schools invite children to come to school in a costume for World Book Day because it's a fun way to encourage children (particularly reluctant readers) to engage with reading, to swap reading recommendations and to celebrate what they are reading at home.

There are lots of alternatives to dressing up. We suggest some [HERE](#)



Top tips for putting together a costume

- Choose a book your child is happy to talk about.
- Start with things you might already have – tracksuits, t-shirts (inside out to make them plain) and pyjamas make a good base for a costume.
- Focus on the parts of the character that make them stand out - use facepaint or simple props to show these.

What if I/my child...

...doesn't have a book to share?

Try a costume that invites recommendations – a t-shirt with post-it notes or one you don't mind being written on.

... doesn't like dressing up?

Keep it simple with a character who wears everyday clothes, by focussing on a prop, or by using a badge instead.

... likes non-fiction?

Focus on what they like – could they share a fact, or the subject matter, or do they want to focus on the author?

...aren't any good at crafting?

Stick to everyday clothes and add small details to focus on key elements of the character – hats, ears, sticking things on t-shirts etc.



Support
your child
to read for
pleasure...



PTA or Class Rep Member?

Can you support your school by:

- Organising a costume swap or costume making workshop.
- Putting together class dressing up rails.
- Hosting a school dressing up rail or costume swap.

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Dates for the diary

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Last Day at School Thursday 02.04.26	 Easter Holidays	School Re-opens Monday 20.04.26
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