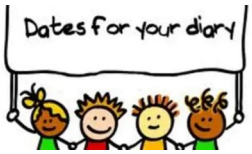
Meanwood Primary School Newsletter
Friday 27th November 2026

New This Week:



Tue 01.12.26	Deadline for bringing donations into school
Thu 10.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day (or wear something sparkly)
Wed 16.12.26	Christmas Dinner
Fri 11.12.26 to Fri 18.12.26	Class Christmas Parties (Refer Below)
Tue 08.12.26 to Thu 15.12.26	Class Christmas Crafts and Singalong Sessions (Refer Below)



A total of **48** 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.**

CHRISTMAS SUPPORT FUNDRAISER

We are pleased to launch our **Christmas Support Fundraiser**. (An email was sent to parents earlier in the week).

We are kindly asking for donations of raffle prizes. Donations could include unopened gifts, gift sets, vouchers, chocolates, hampers, toys or other suitable items.

Please bring any donations into school by end of Tue 01.12.26

The raffle will be launched on Fri 04.12.26, with the draw taking place on Fri 11.12.26 in school. A list of prizes will be shared with you and tickets will cost £1 each.

These can be purchased on the Arbor app and will appear in the 'School Shop' section on Friday 04.12.26. Ticket sales will close at 9am on Thu 10.12.26 .

Funds raised will be used to provide support to families who may need a little extra help over Christmas, including contributing towards Christmas dinner boxes and other festive support.

Please do not feel under any obligation to donate. Supporting the raffle when it launches or simply sharing the appeal is equally appreciated.

As always, thank you for your kindness, generosity and continued support of our school community.

Parent Champions and Coffee Morning Leads—Cizzy and Sharon



CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND SINGALONG SESSIONS

Here are the dates for our Christmas Crafts and Singalong sessions in school. Parents and Carers are welcome to attend:

Tuesday	08.12.26	EYFS	Christmas Craft Sessions	10.45am
Thursday	10.12.26	Years 1/2	Christmas Crafts and Singalong Session	PM—time to be confirmed
Thursday	10.12.26	Years 5/6	Christmas Crafts and Singalong Session	PM—time to be confirmed
Monday	14.12.26	Years 3/4	Christmas Crafts and Singalong Session	PM—time to be confirmed
Thursday	15.12.26	Reception	Christmas Singalong Session	2.30pm







MORNING BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	Years 5/6	Table Tennis
Tuesday	Years 4/5/6	Ten Pin Bowling
Wednesday	Years 3/4	Dodgeball
Thursday	Years 5/6	Dodgeball
Friday	Years 4/5/6	Darts

These clubs are now available to book via the **Arbor App.**
Pupils must meet at the Year 6 gate promptly at 8.00am.

Places are limited.

Thank you.



CASUAL CLEANERS VACANCIES

We are looking for casual cleaners.

This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our children an staff 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 school absences.

If you are interested in being part of our school community and would be available at short notice, please ask for a job description and application pack at the Reception desk. Thank you.



CHRISTMAS PARTIES



Below are the dates for the Christmas Parties in school.

Children can come in to school in party clothes on the day of their party but they must wear suitable school shoes.

Fri	11.12.26	Years 3/4 Christmas Party	Afternoon
Wed	16.12.26	Years 1/2 Christmas Party	Afternoon
Wed	16.12.26	Years 5/6 Christmas Party	Afternoon
Thu	17.12.26	Nursery Christmas Party	Morning
Fri	18.12.26	Reception Christmas Party	Morning





CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper on ***Thursday 10th December***, or alternatively they can wear something sparkly.

Please bring £1.00 to school to go towards 'Save The Children'.

Children can also enter a design / colouring competition for 50p.

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.

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

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY 15.01.27

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

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 8th December 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 - RBC Employment and Skills Officer. How to access work, free training and access to resources

11am-11.30am - Rochdale Town Hall on whats available for families and events

SEND Advice Service and Families First Team will also be joining us on the day

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

Dates for the diary

	EVENTS	
Tues 01.12.26	 *Parent Sensory Workshop*	**9.00am to 11.00am** **Music Room**
Thu 10.12.26	*Xmas Jumper Day* 	**All Day**
Fri 11.12.26 **Wed 16.12.26** **Wed 16.12.26** **Thu 17.12.26** **Fri 18.12.26**	*Years 3/4 Christmas Party* *Years 1/2 Christmas Party* *Years 5/6 Christmas Party* *Nursery Christmas Party* *Reception Christmas Party* 	**Afternoon** **Afternoon** **Afternoon** **Morning** **Morning**
Fri 15.01.27	*Closing Date for Primary School Applications* 	

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