



29th November 2024



New This Week:



SWIMMING LESSONS (YEARS 3&4)

Years 3&4J will be starting their swimming lessons on **Wednesday 4th December**. Please ensure you send your child to school with swimming kit on this day each week. This will be instead of their PE lesson.

Swimming is **compulsory** and is part of the national curriculum, so ALL pupils must go each week.

Years 3&4B have now finished their swimming lessons and start PE lessons on **Wednesday 4th December**. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for this day each week.

Years 3&4C will now be having their block of swimming lessons last, so will not be going until after the **February half-term**. The official date will be confirmed closer to the time. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school for their PE lesson each Wednesday.



WISE OWLS

NEW BOOKING CONDITIONS

From Monday 2nd December 2024 school will **ONLY** be taking **advanced bookings** for WISE OWLS.

If you need to book a place, it **MUST** be done **the day before, by 3pm**. Bookings cannot be made after this time either on the app or by phoning the school office.

Please check your bookings are correct each week to avoid missing deadlines. You can check this on the app under the 'club and manage bookings'.

Terms and conditions will be updated on the app for any bookings made from this date.

WISE OWLS PRICE INCREASE

We are always sensitive to any costs that our families incur and we do not like to increase prices, however since our last review of charges for After School Club in September 2023, increased overheads and rising staffing, costs now need to be taken into account and after careful consideration we have found it necessary to implement a slight increase in our charged for, **Wise Owls**—After School Club.

Therefore, the cost of Wise Owls from Monday 6th January 2025 will be **£2.25 until 4.30pm, and £3.00 until 5.00pm**.

We believe that this is still very good value for the childcare provided. We do hope that you are able to continue to benefit from the club, and can support us in this decision.



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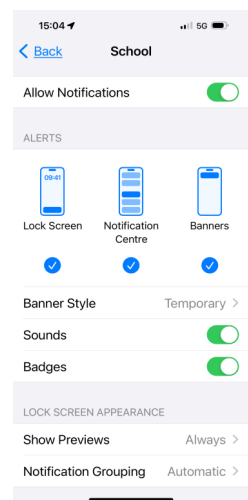
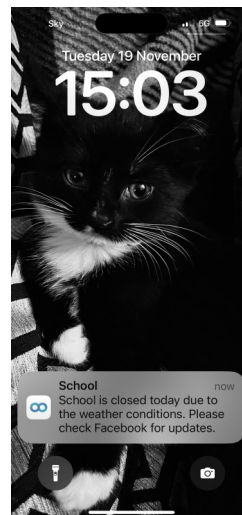
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School Gateway is the easiest way to interact with your child's life at school. It helps you manage school communications, payments, clubs, dinner money and more in one simple, easy to use free app.

It is especially useful during the **winter months** to get up to date information regarding school closures, as the messages are instant and will pop up on the screen providing the notifications are set as below.

Find out more at schoolgateway.co.uk



ELIZA SAYS—HAF HOLIDAY HUB

This is a Christmas HAF inclusive holiday club for children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals. **CHRISTMAS**

This is a Christmas HAF holiday scheme. The provision is for both SEN and non SEN children. There will be trained staff who are all DBS checked and who have taken all necessary training to help support children who are needing extra care, support and attention. There is so much festive fun planned, from sign language, golf, multi-sports, sensory & messy play, confidence building, Christmas baking, Christmas Crafts, music and movement, talent show, karate, getting active and many more fun and games.



Milnrow Cricket Club **LIMITED SPACES**

27th and 30th December 2024 / 2nd and 3rd January 2025

Contact email: Elizasays@hotmail.com

Important Reminders

ALADDIN

AT
QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL
IN OLDHAM



Black Friday offer for 40%
discount off
tickets to the OFF PEAK
performances of this year's
panto

To take advantage of this offer, use the code **SCHOOLS** when
booking at

www.ticketsource.co.uk/oldhampanto

Change of school's text number

Please note that the new text number for
school is **07507282005**

TESCO STRONGER STARTS CAMPAIGN

We are very pleased to have been chosen to be
part of the [Tesco Stronger Starts Campaign](#) from
the beginning of October until the middle of
January.

**If you shop at Tesco or know friends or family
who do, please encourage them to put a blue
token into our voting box to help enhance our
EYFS area.**

Participating stores are:-

Bamford Express Small unit OL11 5QY

Rochdale Large unit OL11 3ER

Whitworth Market Exp Small unit OL12 8QS

York St Heywood Exp Small unit OL10 4NS

Whitworth Rd Rochdale Exp Small unit OL12 6ER

Rochdale Edenfield Exp Small unit OL12 7PD

For EYFS and KS1 parents:

Could you please complete a short survey about Nursery Provision to
help us provide child care options that meets the needs of our
community?

Please copy and paste the following link into your internet browser:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=j54VfHZkO0msiyKLOM7bn4VHWwsBcpVMiLHsvok8gNdUN01JMjAxVzVFNURMUETxTIY5U0g0VzdVUC4u>

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



There is still no School Crossing Patrol at

Sandy Lane / Football Ground.



SING AND CRAFT AFTERNOONS

Parents are invited into school to listen to each class / year group singing songs.
Parents are then invited into their
child's class to help with some
Christmas crafts.

KS2 parents 16.12.24 at 2.00pm

KS1 parents 18.12.24 at 2.00pm



ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

ASDA

When you shop with Asda Rewards they will donate 0.5%
of your total spend every time to your selected primary
school (please choose Meanwood Primary School Roch-
dale, not Leeds).

This is additional to your own earnings and doesn't take
anything out of your cashpot.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Thursday 12th December



Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform for a
donation of

£1 for Save the Children Charity

They can wear anything Christmassy (red, green, glittery)



Christmas Activity Dates for the diary



<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
16/12/24	KS2 Sing and Craft afternoon	2pm in school
17/12/24	Nursery Christmas Party (Children only)	Morning only
18/12/24	KS1 Sing and Craft afternoon	2pm in school
19/12/24	Nursery Christmas Crafts (Stay and Play) <i>All nursery parents and carers are welcome</i>	Morning only



Monday 9th September 2024

The online admissions system opens for primary school places starting in September 2025.

Wednesday 15th January 2025

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.

Wednesday 16th April 2025

National Offer Day

Reception Class Applications for September 2025 – Nursery Children

This is the timetable which shows the important dates you need to know about when applying for a reception Class place for your nursery child. This is done via the Rochdale Council Website, please copy and paste this link into your internet browser to apply for a place:

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

Late Arrivals This Week:

DAY	NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN
Monday	6
Tuesday	15
Wednesday	4
Thursday	10
Friday	9

A total of **44** 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.



2024 – 2025 Term Dates and other useful information is on our website:
www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk