



Meanwood Primary School Newsletter

30th January 2026



New This Week:



Mon 16.02.26 to Fri 20.02.26

February Half Term

Thu 05.03.26

World Book Day

Mon 11.05.26 to Thu 14.05.26

Year 6 SATS

Wed 04.02.26

3/4 J Liverpool World Museum Visit

Wed 11.02.26

4B & 3H Liverpool World Museum Visit



A total of **47** 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**.

COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL

To enable school to communicate efficiently with parents, it is important that your device allows **'push notifications'**.

On IOS

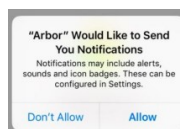
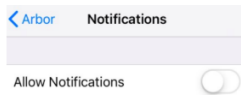
When the Arbor App is downloaded you should receive a prompt to receive notifications from Arbor. Make sure that you select **Allow** to enable school to send push notifications. This will ensure you receive a notification when you have a new In-App message from school.

If you select Don't Allow, you can turn Push Notifications back on at any time by going to settings on your phone.

E.g Settings>Arbor>Notifications

On Android, select:

Settings>Apps>Arbor>Notifications



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.

BEFORE SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS

This is a **gentle reminder** that pupils attending Before School Sports Clubs must meet at the Year 6 gate for 8.00am **promptly**. Thank you.



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.



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.



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...



Listen to books
being read aloud

Take books home
to read



Choose the
books YOU
want to read



Ask for ideas on
what to read next



Have fun reading!

Find your reading
superpower



Make time to read

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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by **Allen Fatimaharan**

Important Reminders

junior parkrun

Free, weekly, 2k for 4-14 year olds

Join Us for junior parkrun

Sunday mornings at Falinge Park, Rochdale

We'd love to encourage pupils and their families or friends to join us for **junior parkrun** — a free, fun, and friendly weekly event for everyone.

junior parkrun is a **free, community event** where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer, or simply come along to spectate. It's a **2km event** designed for children aged **4-14** and their families and friends of all ages.

The event is **positive, welcoming, and inclusive** — there's no time limit, and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome!

■ Address	Falinge Park, Falinge Road, Rochdale OL12 6JE
■ When	Every Sunday, 9am (arrive at 8:45am for the warm-up)
■ Distance	2km
■ Volunteering	Email falingeparkjuniors@parkrun.com

Register for parkrun for **FREE**
www.parkrun.org.uk/register

If you can't make it this week, don't worry — junior parkrun takes place **every Sunday**, so you can join us any time you're available.

We hope to see you there — thank you for your support!

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where everyone is



welcome

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Meanwood Parking Squad

SHOW YOU CARE

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.



Park Elsewhere

Please park further away from school to keep our children safe. Thank you.

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.

Important Reminders

NEW SPRING TERM (BEFORE SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book through the Arbor App

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



Monday	Badminton	Years 5&6
Tuesday	Hockey	Years 3&4
Wednesday	Aerobics	Years 3,4,5&6
PE kit must be worn		
Thursday	Table Tennis	Years 5&6
Friday	Volleyball	Years 5&6

NEW SPRING TERM (AFTER SCHOOL) CLUBS

These are now available to book via the Arbor App.

Monday	Pickleball	Years 3&4
Tuesday	Boys Football	Years 5&6
Tuesday	Mindfulness	Year 3
Wednesday	Girls Football	Years 5&6

There will be 20 places only for each club.



The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- Has your child got a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism?
 - Are you on the way to getting a diagnosis?
 - Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?
- ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?**
Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

The sessions will use person-centred approaches to build understanding of your child's Neurodiversity and increase resilience to support them on their journey in a positive and empowering way

Sessions are at Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU
Neurodiversity and school
Tuesday January 13th 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Thursday January 15th 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies
Wednesday March 11th 12-2pm



Please book Sessions via
Eventbrite or
For more information please contact
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
- NO SIGN UP
- TALK OR LISTEN - UP TO YOU



- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

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

TIMETABLE 2026

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 21ST MAY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 16TH JULY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

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Dates for the diary

	<u>EVENT</u>	
Wednesday 04.02.26	<i>Class 3/4J visit to Liverpool World Museum</i>	Returning apx 3.45pm
Wednesday 11.02.26	<i>Classes 4B & 3H visit to Liverpool World Museum</i>	Returning apx 3.45pm
Last Day at School Friday 13.02.26	<i>February Half Term</i> 	School Re-opens Monday 23.02.26
Thursday 05.03.26	 <i>World Book Day</i> <i>Children can dress up as a book character / superhero</i>	All Day
Monday 11.05.26 to Thursday 14.05.26	<i>Year 6 SATS</i>  <i>All Year 6 children are required to be in school</i>	Mornings