

31st January 2025

New This Week:



SEND ADVICE LINE—No Appointment necessary

Please find **attached** some drop-in dates for SEND advice, in collaboration with Barnardo's SENDIASS Service.

These sessions will be held at **Number One Riverside**, Smith Street, Rochdale, OL16 1XU. They run one day each month from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Their service is available to Parents, Carers, Young People, and Professionals, offering expert advice, guidance, and signposting on all matters related to SEND.

Please also find **attached** some Family Hub Sessions, held in and around Rochdale, Middleton and Heywood on various dates. Again no appointment is necessary.

SENDAdviceLine@Rochdale.Gov.UK

0300 303 0380



SPARE CLOTHING NEEDED



Are you able to donate any spare clothing to school?

We are in need of any spare tights, leggings, socks, knickers, underpants etc, (especially for children in Years 1 & 2).

Please hand in to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 'HALF TERM' HOLIDAY CLUB AT EDSTART

NORDEN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS COACHING

This will be open to all the Primary schools in the area. We will help parents to keep their children fit, healthy and safe over the holiday period. We offer early drop off and late pick up for parents that have longer work days.

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ARE ACCEPTED

17th to 21st February 2025

- **Trampolining / Gymnastics**
- **Pottery / Arts & Crafts**
- **Multisports / Dance**
- **Children's choice Friday**

All staff are DBS checked, first aid trained and safeguarded.

For more information, please email Rochdale@edstart.org.uk



Bilingual Storytime at Rochdale Central Library

Come join us for fun and interactive Bi-Lingual Storytime sessions at Rochdale Central Library!

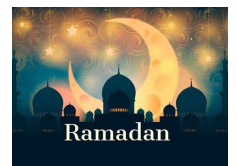
Our storytellers will delight both kids and adults with engaging tales in two languages. It's a great way to introduce children to different languages and cultures while joining in with craft activities related to the story.

Every other Thursday from 16th of January 2025, 12pm - 1.30pm

Free and suitable for children 5 and under and their grown ups.

We are fast approaching Ramadan.

Pupils in Years 5&6 will be sent an email with a link to complete if their child wishes to fast during school hours.



Please note, that pupils can only fast if this form has been completed.

If your child wishes to fast, please complete the form ASAP. The form takes less than 2 minutes to complete. Thank you.

PE KIT A gentle reminder

For Indoor PE, children need plain dark coloured shorts/ leggings and a plain white t-shirt. Please refer to the school website to check which day your child has PE.



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

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

Important Reminders

WORLD BOOK DAY **THURSDAY 6TH MARCH 2025**

This years theme is:



*Rather than character costumes this year, we are asking our children to come into school in their **pyjamas**.
(No character costumes this year)*

We are busy planning activities to help us enjoy our day.

More details will be shared nearer the time.

The Neurodiversity Hub



Transition to Secondary School Coffee Mornings for Year 6 Parents and Carers

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew to discuss your child's transition to High School.

Please contact The Neurodiversity Hub— hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk

Or call 0161 206 0606 if you have any questions.

Please include your child's name and date of birth, and choose which venue is most suitable for you:

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| Hopwood Primary School | Friday 14.03.25 | (10:00 to 11:30) |
| Alkrington Primary School | Wednesday 12.02.25 | (9:30 to 11:00) |
| Belfield Primary School | Monday 03.03.25 | (9:30 to 11:00) |

Casual Lunchtime Organisers

We are looking for casual lunchtime supervisors. This is a really important role in our school, ensuring that our children have a safe and enjoyable lunch break.

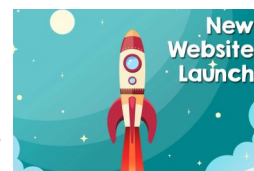


If you are interested in being part of our school community and would be available to be called upon, often at short notice, to work during staff absences, then please ask for a job description and application pack at the Reception desk.

New School Website

We have just launched our new website. Please take a look at what's going on and let us know if there's anything else you would like to see.

www.meanwood.rochdale.sch.uk



MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL



There is still no School Crossing Patrol at

Sandy Lane / Football Ground.



What is Riding the Rapids?



It is a free course designed for Parents and Carers children and young people aged 3-16 whose needs indicate they are Neurodivergent.

The course aims to help parents to understand and support their child's well being and reduce stress. Distress and distress-related behaviours or other behaviours of concern.

Research shows that parents and carers who attend Riding the Rapids can:

- **Develop effective strategies to support their children.**
- **Increase their coping skills and confidence, reducing stress.**

Please contact The Neurodiversity Hub to book

hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk or call 0161 206 0606

NEWSPAPERS WANTED

The children in Year 1 are currently working with newspaper in Art.



If you have any old newspapers, please could you save them and send them in to a member of the Year 1 staff team.

Thank you.

Pupil Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact school **each morning** that your child is absent from school.

This can be done by phone call, text / App message, email, in person, or by leaving us a message on the answerphone.

Thank you.



Dates for the diary

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| Friday 07.02.25 | <i>Visit to Spotland Library</i> | Year 1 |
| Friday 14.02.25 Monday 24.02.25 | <i>School closes for Half Term</i> <i>School re-opens</i> | |
| Thursday 06.03.25 | <i>World Book Day</i> | Children can wear pyjamas to school (No character costumes) |
| Thursday 27.03.25 | <i>Visit to Spotland Library</i> | Year 1 |

Late Arrivals This Week:

| DAY | NUMBER OF LATE CHILDREN |
|-----------|-------------------------|
| Monday | 11 |
| Tuesday | 7 |
| Wednesday | 9 |
| Thursday | 6 |
| Friday | 7 |

A total of **40** 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