



Shawclough Community School

Newsletter



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| December 2023 | | |
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| 20 th | Trip Pantomime (back at 5.45pm) | Year 3 & Rainbow |
| 20 th | Nursery Christmas Party | Nursery |
| 19 th | Children Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day | Whole school |
| 21 st | Christmas Party Day | Whole School |
| 21 st | End of term 1pm finish NO TEA TIME CLUB | Whole School |
| 21 st | Rainbow/Rainforest ONLY 12.30pm finish | |
| 8 th Jan 2024 | Welcome back! | Whole school |

ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK COMMENCING 11/12/23:

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| 2C | 98.1% |
| RT | 97.2% |
| 2S | 96.9% |
| 4Y | 96.4% |
| 5C | 96.3% |
| 3A | 96.3% |
| RB | 94.6% |
| 1P | 94.2% |
| 3L | 94.1% |
| 6R | 92.4% |
| 1L | 91.7% |
| 6S | 90.7% |
| 5P | 88.7% |
| 4O | 86.4% |

Please make sure that your child attends school every day, on time.

"ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS BY BEING HERE EVERYDAY!"

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

Shawclough School's oldest and youngest pupils have concluded their Christmas performances and 'wow' - did they do well.

The year 6s performed their *last ever* Carol concert at our school (heavy sigh) and the tiny ones in Nursery did their *first ever* performance at our school (yay!).



Parents came along and clapped and cheered and after the performance, feasted on hot chocolate and Maggie's famous biscuits.



Reception did equally as well, staff and parents would agree.

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR STUDENTS, THANKS FOR ENTERTAINING US.

Bring on the parties next week!

SHAWCLOUGH PTA

'My Surprise Holiday Box' and 'Holiday Bunny'

Are now all sold and School Gateway payment is closed. Thank you to everyone who purchased a gift, the money goes back into supporting fun learning activities at school.



Children will receive their gifts on the last week of term from Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th, to bring home.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

After the success of last year, the PTA will be organising Leavers hoodies again. In the New Year the year 6s will be bringing home an order form for their Leavers hoodie. Last year we were able to offer an 'early bird' offer and hope to do the same this year – please look out for the forms.

WEEK ENDING 15/12/23

The hoodies are a lovely memento from their time at Shawclough School and feature the names of all their friends and every child in their class, the school logo and Class of '24 printed on them.

They come in a range of sizes and colours. From past feedback it is a good idea to order early as well as size up, so your child has longer wear out of them.

Further details will be on the forms.

You are under **no** obligation to purchase a Leavers hoodie.

SANTAS POST BOX

Please make sure that all letters to Santa **are posted in the below mentioned post box before the 18th Dec** (letters from Santa will be sent back to the school so please ensure letters from the children state the name of the school). We hope lots of children take the opportunity to write a letter to Father Christmas.

Please do not bring letters to school. Santa's post box is **located** at Rochdale Riverside – opposite Nando's.



FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Is your child struggling with their Timetables?

Have a look on the TTRockstars webpage below to see how to best support your child with their continuous timetables practice whilst having fun!

ttrackstars.com/parents/

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



ROCKSTEADY

Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band?

Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:



For more details visit their website:-

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers.

Classes are delivered at school, in school time.

Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady **not school**

PARENT/CARER WORKSHOPS – WELLBEING

As per our previous newsletters, we are continuing with our **free**, friendly workshops to share some guidance and support about family wellbeing. Workshops are run by Victoria Greenhalgh who works for the NHS, alongside our school staff.

Free refreshments will be provided on each day.

You can book onto whichever workshops you may find useful using the link below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ev0B5ErrKS>

Session 3

Tuesday 6th February 2024 at 8:45-10:45 –
Parent and Carer self-care

Session 4

Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 8:45-10:45
What is anxiety and how can I help?

We welcome this opportunity for home and school to continue to work together to help our children and hope you will be able to join us.

Please find some information about helping your child get a good night's sleep (from a previous workshop) on our website.

Here are some links of recommended websites too.

<https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/information-support/adults/sleep-hub/>
<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/sleep/>

REMINDERS

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area.



PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.

PARKING

PLEASE...

Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.

Be mindful of our neighbours and local community.

Be kind and use kind language to each other around the school.

Remember our children are always listening.

Set a good example for your children and others.

Remember to rise above it!

EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers that **all** children who are attending Early Start Club, **must** be brought in and signed in by an adult.

Any child dropped off before 8:30am **will** be placed into Early Start Club **and you will be charged for this**.



If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken to teatime club **and you will be charged for this**. Teachers will only wait by the door for a short while after pick up time.

If you have a **regular** arrangement for a child to walk home (year 6 only) or be picked up by another parent or someone not on the 'class pickup arrangements' please let the office know. Children will not be released to anyone if school have no prior knowledge of it. Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.

ATTACHMENTS

KINDNESS ADVENT CALENDAR

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Army Of Kindness

WINTER MEALS

Free to attend for those whom are homeless and in need no need to book

Come and join us in a warm space for a warm meal, nice brew and a biscuit

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| WINTER SEASON 5PM-6.30PM EVERY THURSDAY | ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Entwisle Road Rochdale OL16 2HZ (Next to leisure centre) |
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Our team of volunteers will be waiting to greet you

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SANTA EXPRESS

www.whitworth.gov.uk/events/santa_express

Come and meet Santa at one of our allocated stops and collect some sweets or wave to him from your window as he drives by!

| <u>Saturday 16th December</u> | <u>Sunday 17th December</u> |
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| 6pm Along Market St | 6pm Along Market St past Tesco |
| 6.05 Co-op | 6.05 Orama Drive |
| 6.10 Whitworth Rake | 6.15 Cowm Reservoir |
| 6.15 Lobden Golf Club (new!) | 6.25 Railway Close (new!) |
| 6.30 Waingap View via Coppice | 6.35 Halfway House |
| 6.45 Tonacliffe Way | 6.50 Barley View |
| 7.05 The Oxford | 7.05 Knowsley Crescent |
| 7.20 The Birches | 7.20 Britannia (New Line) |
| 7.30 Promenade lay-by | 7.40 Facit Fold |
| 7.40 Hallfold Church | 7.50 Longacres |
| 7.55 Wallbank Drive (East) | |
| 8.10 Wallbank Drive (West) | |

***** Timings are approximate and dates may change due to weather conditions. Please see Facebook for any updates *****

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Whitworth Town Council

