

Our main aim is a love of life and learning.  
 Happiness is the key and our children's happiness, safety, security and love are at the heart of our achievements for each individual child.



# Shawclough Community School Newsletter

Issue 9  
 Week ending 08/11/24



Let's the countdown begin already...



Reception bought back their Autumn treasures and craft collected over half term



We had a visit from author Sean Perkins, who read his latest book Oscar and Ben-The sleepover. Children will bring home a letter for parents regarding purchasing the book.

## GLIMPSE OF OUR FIRST WEEK BACK!



Rainforest Investigators took a trip to Tesco. They learned about money, shopping as well as travel.



Purple class learned about Diwali and made Diva lamps



Coral class made wheels and axel models, had races and Mikail won!

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## REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday and Monday we remember all the sacrifices of those who have served in wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations. People up and down the country, regardless of age, colour and religion, especially uniformed services, will march and gather at Cenotaphs everywhere to lay poppy wreaths and observe a respectful silence on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day.







On Remembrance Sunday also known as Armistice Day we wear poppies.

### Why do we wear poppies?

Poppies were the first flowers to grow in the battlefields of northern France and Belgium, after the fields were upturned by the devastating amount of artillery shells that hit the ground. The fields had dormant poppy seeds which were encouraged to grow once the soil had been churned up, marking all the grave of the soldiers that sadly fell there.

### Did you know?

Did you know that we have poppies of different colours too? What do they all represent?

-  **Red:** People that died in the wars – this is the traditional and most widely worn poppy.
-  **Purple:** Animals that have been victims of war
-  **White:** Although a symbol of remembrance for soldiers and civilians, it is also a symbol of peace.
-  **Black:** A symbol of remembrance for those who have died or are still dying due to war and its legacy. It commemorates the contributions of Black, African, Caribbean and Pacific Island communities to the war effort.
-  **Pink:** A symbols of compassion and platonic love
-  **Orange:** A symbol of health and regeneration.
-  **Yellow:** A symbols of optimism and positive memories of people who have died.

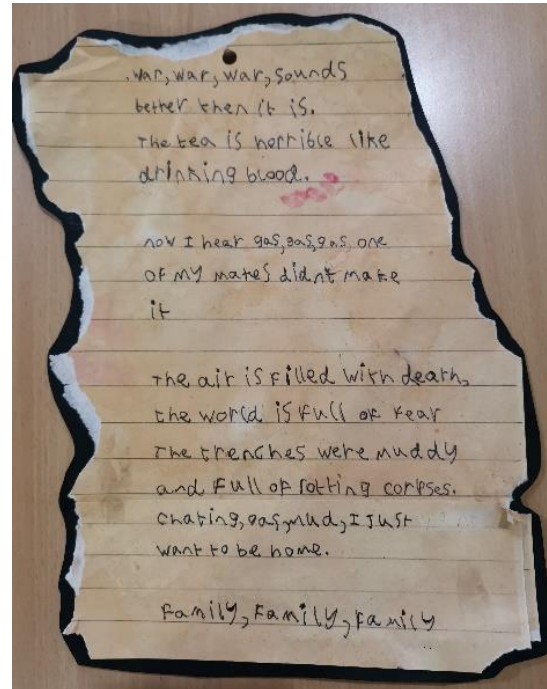
Some people choose to wear multiple poppies and some choose to wear none at all.

If you do choose to wear it wear it with pride

**'Lest we forget'.**

(Meaning: It should not be forgotten)

Below is a beautiful poem written by Vincent Walczak in Ruby class, he will be reading it at Citadel on Monday for Remembrance. Well done Vincent, we are so proud of you.



## GETTING READY TO SAY GOOD BYE 🙄



As we all settled back into school following our half term break, you will all be aware that the head of our Shawclough Family has announced her departure. (Sob, sob)

Mrs Julia Sandiford-Mitchell will be leaving us next Easter, for pastures new. (Boo!) 🙄

Mrs Mitchell has had a flood of well wishes from staff and parents already and would like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all. She would also like to reiterate 'I'm not going anywhere yet!' (Yay) 🙄

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## MOST INSPIRATIONAL SCHOOL AWARD AND SEND PROVISION AWARD



Shawclough School has been shortlisted by 'Educate Rochdale Awards 2024', for 2 'Most Inspirational School/College Award' and @SENS Provision Awards,.

We are currently keeping everything crossed but obviously we think there's no competition. Our children and staff already make us an inspirational school, therefore we're already winners.

However, fingers crossed everyone, this would be a lovely award for Mrs Mitchell to leave having won.

**GO SHAWCLOUGH!!**

## CHILDREN IN NEED

As you may be aware BBC Children in Need is approaching and this year, as every year, Shawclough Primary School will be doing their bit to raise money for this worthy cause.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a non-uniform to raise money and your child/ren can come to school dressed in spots or dots, or whatever they like. All we ask in return is a £1 donation to the Children In Need charity.

To make it even easier you can use the link below to donate or send the money into school with your child/ren.

Let's help PUDSEY make it another record breaking year.



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<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=16546>

## ENGLAND ROCKS TOURNAMENT

From the 12<sup>th</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> November Years 3-6 will be able to compete in the England Rocks tournament on TTRockstars. Children will be able to access the tournament from 7.30-19.30 daily for a maximum of 60 minutes every day. The top 3 schools in the country will receive a prize! This is a great opportunity to practise your times tables and win prizes for our school.



**Is your child struggling with their Timetables?**

## FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

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

[trockstars.com/parents/](https://trockstars.com/parents/)

**What's included?**  
[Importance of timetables](#)  
[TTRS intro video](#)  
[Parent guide PDF](#)  
[FAQs answered](#)  
[Free downloadables](#)



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2024



A letter has gone out to all parents outlining our Anti-Bullying Policy,

As a school we have a zero tolerance to bullying. Please ensure that you have read and understood the policy



and talk to your children about making the right choices when it comes to friendships and behaviours.

We do our utmost to stop any instances of bullying and if a child feels like they are being bullied at school or on line they are always welcome to talk to any trusted adult at school but the head teacher will address any problems also.



## EVERY SCHOOL DAY MATTERS

### Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

#### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example; 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### 5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

#### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

#### First Offence

The first time a Penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance, the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

#### Second Offence

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

#### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education.'

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance for week ending 25/10/24

<b>4Y</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>RB</b>	<b>94.8%</b>
<b>1P</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
<b>6R</b>	<b>93.4%</b>
<b>4O</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>5P</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>3L</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
<b>3A</b>	<b>91.6%</b>
<b>1L</b>	<b>91.5%</b>
<b>2S</b>	<b>90.7%</b>
<b>5C</b>	<b>90.4%</b>
<b>RT</b>	<b>90.0%</b>
<b>2C</b>	<b>89.3%</b>
<b>6S</b>	<b>89.3%</b>

Please note that attendance figure are ***always*** for the week prior.

**WELL DONE YELLOW CLASS – LAST WEEK OF TERM ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS.**

**GOOD JOB GUYS!**

**80% OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP!**

## PTA

**Calling ALL parents – PTA needs YOU!**

PTA raise much needed funds for extracurricular activities AND funds to support things going on in school too. Without the PTA we wouldn't have the extra money for the fun stuff.

If you have any spare time/ideas or would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Mrs Choudhry in the school office.

**Join the PTA!**



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## REMINDERS

### GOVERNMENT TAX FREE VOUCHER SCHEME

**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

If you are a parent that is using these vouchers, please be aware they can only be used to pay for childcare e.g. Tea time club, early start club and nursery.

When you do make payments please ensure that you notify the office via email, with details and a breakdown of what and who you are paying it for.

Once a payment has been made it is not possible to refund or move these funds.

### YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY!

**There's just under 2 months to go –  
GET SCANNING TODAY!**



If you shop in ASDA – you could help our school raise money and it won't cost you a penny.

Here's what to do:

1. Open your ASDA rewards app (download from apple store or Play store)
2. Choose 'CASHPOT for Schools'
3. Search for and select 'Shawclough Primary School'

Best of all it won't cost you anything. You can keep collecting your own points and it won't affect your personal cash pot.

### NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

**\*\*HIGH IMPORTANTANCE\*\***

Please be advised that children are prohibited from bringing to school any nuts or any foods/products containing nuts.

We have a few children at our school that suffer from severe nut allergies meaning they cannot even come close to someone who has consumed or is consuming nuts. This can be life threatening for those children.



Please ensure you check and check again what your children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches

**If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – get it sorted now!**

### SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway



We would just like to remind you that school use the GATEWAY APP as a means to communicate events and activities and provide a portal for parents to pay/book for items such

as tea time club, early start club, trips, dinners, school equipment etc.

Please ensure that you have the app on which ever device you use. Please see below how to register for the app.

**If you know of other parents that are not on the GATEWAY App, please urge them to register – it is of benefit to everyone.**

**To register for the school GATEWAY account you will need to download the school gateway app via App store for Apple devices and/or Play Store for Android devices.**

- Go to the login screen on the app
- Enter the same email address and mobile number that is registered with the school
- You will receive an PIN through text
- Enter the 4 digit PIN
- Once logged in, the home screen will be displayed.

### SIMs

Similarly, SIMs is used for midterm/end of term reporting. Please ensure you also have SIMs downloaded on your device.



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You can only log in to SIMs after an email invitation from school. If you are still not on the SIMs app, please come to the school office and seek assistance.

### EARLY PICK UPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Picking up children from school early should be avoided at all costs. **Appointments should be arranged out of school hours.**

We are aware that occasionally this isn't possible but in most cases appointments should be made after 3.15pm. Too many parents are picking up children early and as a result of this, children are missing valuable topic work and learning time in the afternoon.

Any appointment made during the day must be an **emergency only**. Also, children cannot be 'ready' for you in the reception area. You must come into school, fill out an appointment slip – only then will your child/children be brought from classrooms and released to you. We therefore request that you manage your time carefully. Our school is a big school and it takes time to get around – not all classrooms have phones.

Any reason other than an emergency appointment for picking up children early, will require an email to the **head teacher** directly and **only** she can **authorise** this.

### DOGS

Please **DO NOT** bring dogs into school grounds.



### PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

Please be reminded that the playground areas around school are **STRICTLY** out of bounds, out of school hours.



The equipment at the back of the main yard/playground, the muddy area next to reception (with the big slide) and the nursery garden at the back of school, are all areas that must not be used by children before 8.30am and after 3.15pm.

Any resources left out in playground areas are the property of the school and will be collected in when it is convenient for staff to do so – please do not assume it is 'lost' or 'dropped' by someone. It is NOT ok for your children/child to take it. If you believe that your child

has been 'found' something in the playground that doesn't belong to them, please hand it in to the office.

Please also be aware that if your child were to have an accident or injure themselves in anyway there may not be a first aider onsite.



### STAFF CARPARK

**NO  
PARKING**

The staff carpark is for **STAFF ONLY**. Unless you have been given special dispensation from the Head Teacher or have a blue badge please **DO NOT** use the staff car park to pick up and drop off your children before and after school.

Please park outside of school when dropping children off to early start club. Staff are trying to access the carpark at these hours and are often held up and delayed due to parents taking up spaces for a quick drop off.

### PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area. Please do not be offended if you are asked to switch off or leave the premises to continue on a call. Only year 6 children are permitted to bring in a phone with permission is required from the head teacher. Phones must be handed to the office for safe keeping at the beginning of the day. If children are found with phones in the classroom they will be prohibited from bringing them in at all.

### PEDESTRIAN GATES

We kindly request that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian (electric) gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. On occasion the gate has been jammed open, this compromises the safety of all our children.

If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.

### PARKING

**Shawclough school kindly request that parents -**

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- Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.
- Be mindful of our neighbours, local community, gardens and driveways. **DO NOT** move people's bins or property to park your car.
- 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.
- Think of the health benefits of parking a little further away and walking. A bit of light rain never hurt anyone – kids love it!
- Please do not drive over and along pavements, this is very dangerous and unnecessary.
- Please hold onto your child when arriving and leaving school, especially on the roadside – there have been complaints of children running into the road unsupervised



**WARNING:** The residents of The Spinney (small road opposite the school) are now working with a private company to clamp any cars that block the entrance/exit. You have been advised to park away from The Spinney.

If you are clamped, the school have no power or say in removal of any clamp.

### EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers, that *all* children who are attending Early Start Club, **should** be brought inside 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 arrive late in the morning (8.40am and doors will be closed) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their lunch. **Class teachers/TAs will close the doors at 8.40 regardless of if the bell has gone.**

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### PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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. **Any pickup changes need to be reported to the office before 3pm**

If you change pick up arrangements for a one-off afternoon via phone call, this does not constitute a regular change in arrangements. If pickups are to be done by anyone other than someone on your pick list on a regular basis, please notify the office via email/fill in a form.

Too many parents are assuming that if they pick up someone else child, the other person is automatically allowed to pick up their children. This is only possible if they are on each other's list.

Also, we have had many parents say 'but (Name) has been picking my child up for a long time'. Please note that we have had a lot of staff changes recently and when teachers are off we have supply staff. They won't always be familiar with names and faces, so please bear with them when they begin checking lists. Any person other than mum/dad needs to be on the list.

Some children just run out and say 'I can see my mum'. Teachers are dismissing up to 30 children at a time, please make sure the teachers are aware you are taking your child.

Finally - Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.



### COMMUNICATION

**Please check your email and text and SCHOOL GATEWAY APP regularly. We can send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in collections, letters going out, trips, payments, etc. All letter are sent via email.**

**Please advise the office (in writing/email) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.**

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## IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

If your child is off due to illness **YOU MUST** inform the office first thing in the morning. You can leave a message on the answering system and then call to follow up. Alternatively, you can email or text in. **THIS INCLUDES NURSERY.**



If your child has an appointment first thing in the morning (emergency's only) you **MUST** still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your return to school. School should be informed for all other appointments in advance.

If your child has been **vomiting** or is sent home from school for vomiting please be advised that he/she must be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.

If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that he/she must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.

## HEAD LICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. If you find that your child has head lice, please follow the advice below:

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

**There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.**

*Wet combing:*

*Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.*

You can buy special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Unfortunately, our school does not have an onsite nurse to check regularly for head lice. It is therefore it is parental responsibility to check regularly and treat appropriately.



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER		
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying Week 	Whole school
11 <sup>TH</sup>	Starbooks 	Yr. 5
12 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-Bullying week WEAR ODD SOCKS! 	Whole school
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Rhyme Day 	Nursery
15 <sup>th</sup>	Starbook 	Yr. 4
15 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need DRESS IN SPOTS if you can-suggested donation £1 	Whole school
18 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks 	Yr. 3
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Starbooks 	Yr. 2
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Cinema Trip 	Yr. 6
22 <sup>ND</sup>	Viking Day 	Yr. 5
25 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks 	Yr. 1
29 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform fundraiser – suggested donation £1 	Whole school
DECEMBER		
6 <sup>TH</sup>	Parent Breakfast & Carol Concert 	Yr. 6
TBC	RockSteady Concert 	Parents of children taking part ONLY
17 <sup>th</sup>	WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER Day 	Whole school
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pantomime Trip 	Yr.3 and Rainbow
18 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner 	Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term – Christmas Parties <b>1pm Finish</b> 	Whole school
JANUARY		
6 <sup>th</sup>	And we're back! Happy New Year 	Whole school



## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 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 2024**  
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

~~THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 7.30-9PM~~  
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 7.30-9PM  
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655  
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



NNPCF  
National Network of Parent Carer Forums  
"Our Strength is Our Shared Experience"

Do you need any school uniform?

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## SEND ADVICE LINE

FAMILY HUB SESSIONS

To book an appointment please contact:

0300 303 0380

SENDAdviceLine@Rochdale.Gov.UK

The SEND Advice Line is a new service, offering information support and guidance to access a range of services across the borough. The service is available for Parents and Carers via telephone and email. Face to face sessions are taking place within Family Hubs. For face to face SEND information and support, please join us within a Family Hub.

Please note, an appointment must be arranged in advance.

Date	Time	Venue
<del>Friday 18th October 2024</del>	<del>10am - 12pm</del>	<del>Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ</del>
<del>Friday 1st November 2024</del>	<del>10am - 12pm</del>	<del>Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ</del>
Friday 15th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Belfield Family Hub, Samson Street, Rochdale OL16 2XW
Friday 29th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Sandbrook Family Hub, Hartley Lane, Kirkholt, Rochdale OL11 2LR
Wednesday 11th December 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Meanwood Family Hub, Churchill Street, Rochdale OL12 7DJ

# THRUM HALL

# TEA TIME CLUB

Alternate Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm

## STARTING THURSDAY

## 7TH NOVEMBER

A free meal for all the family, with a range of activities to enjoy together.

This teatime club is not affiliated with Shawclough School. Please contact Thrum Hall Church for further information.

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