

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 29

Week ending 1/5/26



For any queries or questions regarding this newsletter please call us on 01706 647 991 or email [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk)



**#Get ready with Teddy**

Prepare your child with the key skills they need to transition from pre-school to reception.

Come along to our fun and interactive sessions which will help your child to:

- Grow their independence
- Build relationships and communication skills
- Enhance physical development
- Get into a healthy routine

Don't forget to bring along your teddy too.

**#GetReadyWithTeddy**

For more information visit [www.ourrochdale.org.uk/GetReadyWithTeddy](http://www.ourrochdale.org.uk/GetReadyWithTeddy) or scan the QR code.

**BEST START IN LIFE**

Rochdale Borough Family Hubs  
Supporting families to thrive

**ROCHDALE**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL



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## PARKING

Parking around the school has become an issue **AGAIN**. **Please refrain from parking across people's driveways, on double yellow lines and anywhere that is illegal.**

The school receives complaints daily from local residents about careless and inconsiderate parking. **The school will NOT take responsibility for any parking tickets you may receive or reports to the police.**

Parents are also still arguing with each other over parking often resulting in obscene language and heated confrontations – in front of our school children.

### **THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.**

As parents we should be setting an example. We understand that parking spaces are few around the school but there is plenty of space on Whitworth Road and Paton Street.

*It's only a short walk!*

**All we ask is that you be mindful and use your common sense.**



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 24/4/26

<b>RAINFOREST/SAPPHIRE</b>	<b>100.0</b>
<b>3 AMBER</b>	<b>99.6</b>
<b>2 CORAL</b>	<b>99.3</b>
<b>1 PURPLE</b>	<b>99.2</b>
<b>6 SCARLET</b>	<b>98.9</b>
<b>2 SUNSHINE</b>	<b>97.8</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>97.5</b>
<b>6 RED</b>	<b>96.6</b>
<b>5 CHERRY</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>4 ORANGE</b>	<b>95.4</b>
<b>5 POPPY</b>	<b>94.6</b>
<b>3 LEMON</b>	<b>94.1</b>
<b>RECEPTION BLUE</b>	<b>94.0</b>
<b>4 YELLOW</b>	<b>93.1</b>
<b>1 LAVENDER</b>	<b>92.1</b>
<b>RECEPTION TURQUOISE</b>	<b>90.5</b>
<b>RUBY</b>	<b>82.9</b>

**GOOD JOB RAINFOREST AND SAPPHIRE CLASSES – WELL DONE GUYS!**

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 24.4.26

Alayna Hussain- Reception Blue



Sehr Javed - Year 1



Mehroosh Ali - Year 2



Zakariya Yasser - Year 3



George Parrington - Year 4



Ola Olubuware - Year 5



Maya Matei - 6 Red



Mohammed Ghilas - Rainbow



Rohan Ghulam Rasool - Rainforest



### 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.

##### 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.

##### 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."

##### 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.

##### 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.



190 DAYS  
100%



Very best chance of success

183 DAYS  
96%



Off to a flying start

179 DAYS  
94%



Less chance of success

175 DAYS  
92%



Harder to make progress

More than 18 days absence less than 90%



Persistent Absentee (Not fair on your child)

**GATEWAY APP** to receive information about school and make payments.

ts by **CARD ONLY**. Please ensure you have downloaded the



## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Year 2 have been reading a book called The Disgusting Sandwich. They have had a go at making 'disgusting sandwiches' and tried to trick a few teachers into eating them! Winnie and Louis's face says it all. Urgh!

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - NURSERY



Daz the Animal man came to visit nursery and just look at how brave everyone was...including Mrs Hastewell!



# STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars are for...

Helping People.



Year 3 Lemon  
Aria Masood



Year 3 Amber  
Hanna Adeel



Year 4 Yellow  
Eleanor Ndlovu



Year 4 Orange  
Inaya Amir



Year 5 Cherry  
Zayyan Shakur



Reception Blue  
Mysha Khaliq-Iqbal



Reception Turquoise  
Haysam Ali



Year 5 Poppy  
Arthur Kendall



Year 1 Purple  
Muhammed Ayaan  
Ghuri



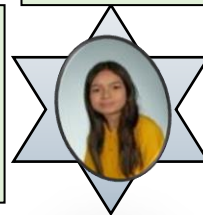
Year 6 Scarlet  
Jake Dunnings



Year 1 Lavender  
Layla Ahmed



Year 6 Red  
Lina El Wardi



Year 2 Sunshine  
Oscar Elston



Rainbow  
Alfie Pinnington



Year 2 Coral  
Hiba Nadeel



Rainforest  
Musa Ali



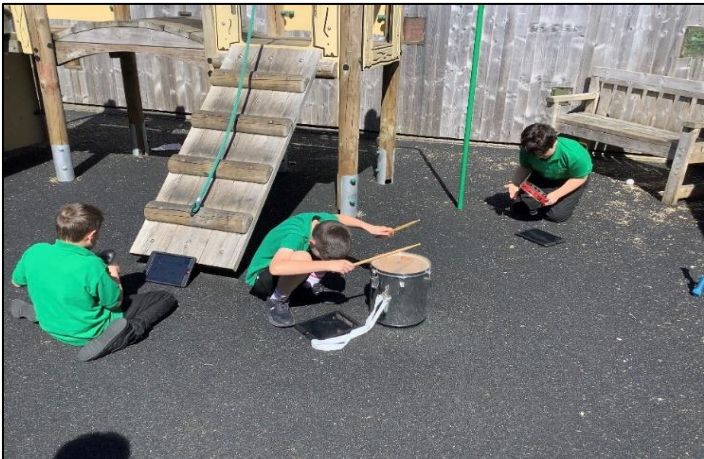
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## PEEK AT THE WEEK -RAINBOW



Rainbow have been investigating how sound travels and used different instruments to explore different sounds. They also made their own



## PTA WONKA CHALLENGE

Our **Annual Wonkalicious Challenge** is here!

Will you find a Golden Ticket?

Great prizes to be won!

Bars go on sale 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Rainforest classroom. First come first serve – when they're gone they're gone!



## PTA



# June 16<sup>th</sup> 2026

Stalls, food, henna, cakes, ice cream, rides, fun & games, barbeque, police and fire service and

Com much more!

3.15PM IN THE MAIN YARD



# FREE ENTRY

FOR STALLS ENQUIRE AT THE OFFICE.

Would you like to volunteer at the summer fair or have time to help the PTA out? Why not come along to the next PTA meeting.

You may be new parents to the school and not aware of the PTA or what we do or have done in the past.

Believe it or not this will be our first summer fair in 6 years. We had 2 summer fairs prior to Covid and things slowed down drastically.

A lot of parents think that there's not enough going on and that other schools do more – but they have stronger PTA's and volunteers groups to organise these things.

If you can spare some time, we can organise more and raise more money, so that our children can do more!

Shawclough School & PTA are on



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday		Whole School
6 <sup>th</sup>	NO SWIMMING		Yr. 3
7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Wonka Challenge Pop up shop in Rainforest Classroom		Whole School
12 <sup>th</sup>	Hearing Tests		Reception only
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
14 <sup>th</sup>	Eye tests		Reception only
15 <sup>th</sup>	Residential Parent/Carer Meeting		Yr. 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Breakfast		Reception
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day		Yr. 6 & Yr. 1
20 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Tr. 3
21 <sup>st</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>	Residential		Yr. 6
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half term		Whole School

JUNE			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome Back		Whole school
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Bike-ability week		Yr. 6
TBC	Rochdale Visit		Yr. 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
5 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform – bring a bottle instead of a £		Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
12 <sup>th</sup>	Non-uniform – bring in chocolate instead of £		Whole school
16 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair		Whole School
17 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
18 <sup>th</sup>	Eureka Trip		Yr. 1
TBC	PTA Fathers Day Pop up Shop – Rainforest		Whole School
24 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
30 <sup>th</sup>	Beach Trip		Yr. 2

JULY			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming		Yr 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> TBC	Sleepover		Yr. 5
7 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Transition Day		Whole School
8 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	PTA host The Leavers Party at Thrum Hall Church		Yr. 6
14 <sup>th</sup>	Ribchester Trip		Yr. 3
14 <sup>th</sup>	Final Performance		Yr. 6
16 <sup>th</sup>	Goodbye Yr. 6 - Leavers Assembly		Yr. 6
17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break – 1pm Finish		Whole School

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE CALENDER REGULARLY**

## Cross Safely With Your School Crossing Patrol!

★ STOP • LOOK • LISTEN • THINK ★

Our School Crossing Patrol is here to help you cross the road safely. Please follow these simple rules every day:

1. Stop at the kerb – Stand back from the edge of the pavement. Wait for the Patrol to step into the road.
2. Listen carefully – Cars can be quiet! Listen for traffic.
3. Wait for the Patrol to signal – Only cross when told it is safe. Do NOT cross until the stop sign is raised.
4. Walk – don't run – Walk straight across, keep looking and listening.
5. Thank your Patrol! – A smile or wave makes their day.

**DO NOT:**

- Run into the road
- Push or play near traffic
- Cross behind or in front of vehicles
- Cross without waiting for instruction

Working together to keep you safe!



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

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



**SEND DADS SOCIETY**

- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

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


## TIMETABLE 2026

**THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 7.30PM-9PM**  
**THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY 7.30PM-9PM**  
**THURSDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM**  
**THURSDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM**

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655  
 FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY







## SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

**20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
**SHAWCLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL,**  
**ROCHDALE**  
**9.30-11.30**

**Are you a parent/carer at Shawclough Primary School in Rochdale?**  
**Are you the parent/carer of a SEN child or a child with rising SEN needs?**  
**Come along to the coffee morning to get friendly advice and help from RPCV**  
**Connect with other services. Attend mini workshops and meet other parents/carers.**

# Social Prescribing

## for Children & Young People

Helping young people feel better, stay connected, and thrive.

### What Is It?

Social prescribing connects children and young people to **non-medical support** – like sports, arts, nature groups, youth clubs, mentoring & help with school or family stress.



### How a Social Prescribing Link Worker Helps:

Your Link Worker is here to:

-  Listen to what matters to you
-  Create a personal wellbeing plan
-  Connect you to activities & support
-  Work with your school, GP & community
-  Boost confidence & reduce stress

### Why It Works

- Improves mental & emotional wellbeing
- Reduces loneliness
- Builds confidence & resilience
- Helps before problems get bigger

### Need Support?

Ask your GP, school, family – or contact your Social Prescribing Link Worker directly:


**01706 230116 (option 5)**

You don't have to face things alone. There's a whole community ready to help you thrive!



## HELP & ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

The Education Welfare Officer has asked us to share a link to the Rochdale Family Hubs document. Family Hubs are where local families with children can go to receive the help, support and advice they might need. They can also provide advice about opportunities that are available in your local area. Family Hubs bring lots of services together, to support families from pregnancy, through childhood and into young adulthood. Please access via the QR code below or, if you would like a copy of the document emailing to you, contact the School Office at [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk)







## Sleep Support Drop-In Sessions at Family Hubs

Is your child or young person experiencing mild to moderate sleep difficulties?  
Come along to our informal drop-in for friendly advice, practical tips and support.

No appointment needed

Open to all families

Relaxed, welcoming space

Hub	Date	Time
Howard St Family Hub OL12 0PP	Mon 20th April	9.30am-11.30am
Langley Family Hub M24 4LA	Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	12pm-2pm
Derby St Family Hub OL10 4QJ	Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	9.30am-11.30am
Newbold Family Hub OL16 5NL	Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am-11.30am

If you have any questions, please contact the SEND Advice Service on 0300 303 0380



# BURY

GRAMMAR SCHOOL

For pupils starting Senior School in September 2027

## SENIOR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY FOR YEAR 5 PUPILS Tuesday 2nd June 2026



For more information or to reserve your place,  
please scan the QR code

WWW.BURYGRAMMAR.COM |   

## Start your Sunday at junior parkrun!



### Join us for a special milestone celebration at Falinge Park junior parkrun

junior parkrun is a free, fun, friendly,  
weekly community event organised by  
volunteers of all ages for children aged 4 to  
14 and their families. Grown ups are  
welcome to join in too!



Special guest appearance: Keep an eye out  
for our local mascot Environmental Eddie!

Join us at 9am on Sunday 10 May at

Falinge Park junior parkrun

Falinge Park, Rochdale, OL12 6JE

Falinge Park's 100<sup>th</sup> junior parkrun event

Register for free at [juniorparkrun.com](http://juniorparkrun.com) or  
scan the QR code to sign up



junior parkrun

### UNIVERSALLY MANCHESTER FESTIVAL

13 JUNE 2026  
OXFORD ROAD



FREE

MANCHESTER  
2024  
The University of Manchester



### A COMMUNITY DAY FOR ALL



#UNIVERSALLYMANCHESTERFESTIVAL

### A COMMUNITY DAY FOR ALL

Our free Universally Manchester Festival returns with  
fun activities for all!

Join us on **Saturday 13 June, 11am - 4:30pm** for a day of  
inspiration, curiosity and play. Get hands-on with science  
activities, creative sessions, tours, and engaging talks and  
performances. Meet our staff, students and community  
partners and together we'll explore what makes for a  
greener, healthier and fairer world for everyone.

From music to medicine, poetry to planets, and art  
to atoms there's plenty to discover and do  
- with activities on offer for all ages.

Our Universally Manchester  
Festival is free and open to  
everyone. Discover more of  
our family friendly activities at:

[universallymanchester.com](http://universallymanchester.com)



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# DESMOND'S DRAGONS

ROCHDALE A.F.C. THE DALE | Rochdale AFC Community Trust

**FOOTBALL FUN FOR EVERYONE AGES 5-12**

Desmond's Dragons provides the perfect introduction to football for your little ones.

Sessions are fun, inclusive and designed for people of all abilities.

Learn new skills, make new friends and get active!

**ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

**LEARN NEW SKILLS, MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND GET ACTIVE!**

JOIN US AT OUR TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENING SESSIONS!

<p><b>DESMOND'S DRAGONS</b></p> <p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p><b>5PM-6PM</b></p> <p>Middleton PlayZone, King George V Playing Fields, Aspinall Street, Middleton, M24 2BE</p>	<p><b>DESMOND'S DRAGONS</b></p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p><b>5PM-6PM</b></p> <p>Milnrow Memorial Park, 115 Newhey Rd, Rochdale, OL16 4JF</p>	<p><b>DESMOND'S DRAGONS</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p><b>5PM-6PM</b></p> <p>Crown Oil Arena, Sandy Lane, Rochdale, OL11 5DR</p>
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BUILD CONFIDENCE | 
 STAY ACTIVE | 
 MAKE FRIENDS | 
 HAVE FUN!

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFO!

# PLAY-OFF WARM UP NIGHT!

ROCHDALE A.F.C. THE DALE

PLAY-OFF SEMI-FINAL SUNDAY! LET'S GET MATCH READY!

BE PART OF THE JOURNEY

**BIG GAME SUNDAY. FOOTBALL FRIDAY. WHO'S IN?**

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

- MINI FANZONE ATMOSPHERE
- FOOD AVAILABLE
- GAMES & CHALLENGES
- CROSSBAR CHALLENGE
- PRIZES TO BE WON!

VERIFIED KICK-UP CHALLENGE | 
 MUSIC & MATCHDAY VIBES | 
 SWEETS

**SESSION TIMES**

<p><b>AGES 8-11</b></p> <p>6:00PM - 7:00PM</p>	<p><b>AGES 11-14</b></p> <p>7:00PM - 8:00PM</p>	<p><b>AGES 14-17</b></p> <p>8:00PM - 9:00PM</p>
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**TURN UP & PLAY! ALL WELCOME!**

**KICK PITCH AT THE CROWN OIL ARENA**

Premier League Kicks

Rochdale AFC Community Trust | **GET MATCH READY** BRING YOUR MATES. FEEL THE BUZZ. #TOGETHERDALE

# WILD CATS

ROCHDALE A.F.C. THE DALE | Rochdale AFC Community Trust

**GIRLS' FOOTBALL**

**WELCOME TO OUR ALL GIRLS FUN FILLED FOOTBALL SESSIONS.**

**AGES 5-11 AND ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!**

Every week a new exciting football session, a welcoming environment to learn new skills and meet new friends and most of all.... **HAVE FUN!!!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!**

**MAKE FRIENDS PLAY FOOTBALL HAVE FUN!**

<p><b>TUESDAY</b></p> <p>4:00PM - 5:00PM</p>	<p>King George V Park &amp; Playing Fields Aspinall Street, Middleton, M24 2BE</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>4:00PM - 5:00PM</p>	<p>Milnrow Memorial Park 115 Newhey Rd, Rochdale, OL16 4JF</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>4:00PM - 5:00PM</p>	<p>Crown Oil Arena Sandy Lane, Rochdale, OL11 5DR</p>

LEARN NEW SKILLS | 
 MAKE NEW FRIENDS | 
 BUILD CONFIDENCE

SCAN HERE TO FIND OUT MORE!

**PLAY FOOTBALL. MAKE FRIENDS. BE YOUR BEST.**

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# Early Years SEN Support Pack

**Register for your free pack**

[witherslackgroup.co.uk/early-years-sen-support-pack](http://witherslackgroup.co.uk/early-years-sen-support-pack)

## ‘What Matters To Me’ Person Centred Planning Session

Person-centred thinking and planning tools can help to improve understanding, communication and relationships, supporting your neurodiverse child or young person to lead a full and fulfilling life based on their own aspirations and dreams.

This session is focused on helping individuals identify what really matters to them. Person-centred planning puts your child at the heart of every decision, supporting them to set meaningful goals, build on their strengths, and shape the life they want. This session will introduce simple tools, encouraging choice, confidence, and positive future planning.

Sessions will be held at:  
Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor)  
Bridgfold Road (off Mellor Street)  
Rochdale, OL11 5BU

**Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 10-12noon**  
**Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm**



Sessions are booked via  
Eventbrite - search for  
Umbrella sessions or email  
[rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com](mailto:rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com)

## 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 All about it - part 1, Information**  
Monday April 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
**Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies**  
Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm  
**Sensory challenges and strategies to support**  
Tuesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 12.30-2.30pm  
**Sleep and Well being**  
Monday June 8<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm



Please book Sessions via  
Eventbrite or  
For more information please contact  
[rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com](mailto:rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com)

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