

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

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Week ending 10/01/25



## GLIMPSE OF THE FIRST WEEK OF 2025



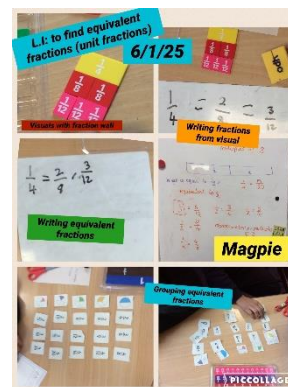
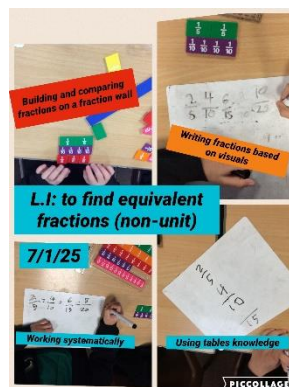
Oh my! Rainbow have been scientists too – they did an investigation into the different states of matter and the changes it goes through.



Year 5' looked into Darwin's Dragons, their new English text, they have also been finding equivalent fractions – it's been a busy 1<sup>st</sup> week back for them.



Rainbow had a go at making butter and by the looks of those proud happy faces it was a success!

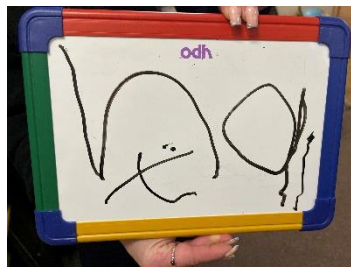
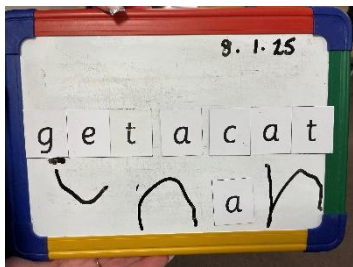




AS part of Spanish day, year 6 recreated the work 'The Persistence of Memory' by famous Spanish painter – Salvador Dali. They made their clocks from clay and they really look as though they are melting.



Year 1 have been painting on different surfaces in the style of Van Gogh



Writing sounds on a white board or making words with magnetic letters, helps ease the worry of writing for some of our reception children

# ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 20/12/24	
<b>RUBY/SAPPHIRE</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
4Y	97.6%
3L	97.4%
5P	95.2%
1L	94.6%
5C	93.6%
1P	93.2%
6R	92.8%
3A	91.9%
4O	90.0%
6S	89.0%
NO	88.8%
2C	84.1%
RB	83.8%
GOLD	81.4%
RT	80.8%
NS	80.5%
2S	76.3%

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

**WELL DONE RUBY/SAPPHIRE CLASSES LAST WEEK OF 2024 ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS.**  
GOOD JOB GUYS!

## 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.

<p><b>Per Parent, Per Child</b></p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.</p> <p>For example; 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.</p>	<p><b>5 Consecutive Days of Term Time Leave</b></p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>First Offence</b></p> <p>The first time a Penalty notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</li> <li>• Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.</li> </ul>	<p><b>10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period</b></p> <p>Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.</p>
<p><b>Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)</b></p> <p>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.'</p>	<p><b>Second Offence</b></p> <p>The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.</li> </ul>

**Make Every Day Count**  
Be Proud  
Here on time and ready to learn!

**EVERY MINUTE MATTERS... NO REALLY IT DOES!**

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## WELCOME TO ALL NEW NURSERY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

A special welcome to all of the new children and their families that have joined the Shawclough School family this term.

Parents please ensure that you download the GATEWAY app onto your device. The app will make life easy for you – trust us.

You can pay for items such as trip, dinner, equipment, sound cards, etc. You can also view and order your child's dinner in advance.

Once again, welcome to years of fun and learning with our school.



## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

**CLOSING DATE 15<sup>TH</sup> January 2024. You must apply for Primary School place through the council website**



Have you applied for your child's primary school place?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, it's time to apply for a place.

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## PTA

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

Shortly, PTA will be sending out order forms for your child's leaver's hoodie.

Please be aware that the earlier we get all the order form back and orders processed, the earlier your child will receive their hoodie and can start to wear it.

This will ensure that your child has their hoodie early enough to get as much use out of it as possible before they start year 7 in their new high school.

This also means that the children will have their hoodies for their end of term trips.

## VOLUNTEERS



### Calling ALL parents – PTA needs!

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.

Join the PTA!

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



## REMINDERS

### 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](#)



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## NUT ALLERGIES

**\*\*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

## SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway



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

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.

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## SIMs

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



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.

**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.**

## 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

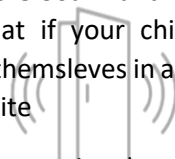
Please be reminded that the playground areas around school are **STRICTLY** out of bounds, out of school hours.

The equipment at the back of



## PEDESTRIAN GATES

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. 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



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



## STAFF CARPARK

office.

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.

**NO  
PARKING**

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.

**If you have been given permission by the head teacher to use the car park, can you please get in touch with the office to ascertain whether or not this is still feasible.**

## MOBILE 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

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asked to switch off or leave the premises to continue on a call.

Only year 6 children are permitted to bring in a phone, **HOWEVER**, 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.

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 due to people pushing it, this compromises the safety of all our children.

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

## PARKING

This has become a huge issue over the last year. The school is constantly receiving calls of complaints by our neighbours who live around the school, parents experiencing threats of violence by other parents, bad language, being aggressive towards school staff – the list goes on. The worst thing is, our children are witnessing all of this.



The safety and wellbeing of our children is one of our utmost priorities, in and around our school.

**We request that parents understand that their behaviour effects the children – IT IS NOT OK.**

Traffic police periodically come to our school and will issue tickets. The school will not be able to stop this happening. Waiting in the turning circle, parking on yellow lines – will get you a parking fine.

There is plenty of parking on Whitworth Road and Paton Street and it is barely a 5 minute walk. The church has kindly offered us their carpark to use but please do not abuse this permission by parking dangerously and blocking the entrance/exits.

**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.**

### PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

If anyone other than parents are picking up a child/children please ensure that they are on the pickup arrangements list.

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

**Only year 6 children can walk home but parents must inform the school via email or fill out a form in the office.**



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.

### 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.**



(See Early pickups and Appointments)

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.

**There is a current spike in children being ill and visiting the GP or A&E. As the cold weather approaches, so do a range of coughs/colds/sickness bugs and viruses. The government has produced a resource/website that addresses these problems. If you have any concerns on how to treat children with these 'common childhood diseases' – take a look at the website through the link below.**

<http://hmr.sensecds.com/index.html>

### HEAD LICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. **There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.**

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.

*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.



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## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



### Transition to Secondary School Coffee Morning for Year 6 Parents and Carers

#### What will the coffee mornings involve?

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

We will be providing advice, information and resources on things such as:

- Supporting your child's anxiety over things such as homework and getting lost.
- Practical issues such as travel, equipment, uniforms, etc.
- Creating a pupil passport you can share with the secondary school.

#### How to book?

To book a place, please contact The Neurodiversity Hub— [hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk](mailto:hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk)

Please include your child's name and date of birth and choose which venue is most suitable. **You will be booked on for both sessions at your chosen venue.**

Please note - you do not need to bring your child to this session, and there is no childcare available.

Hopwood Primary School, Magdala  
Street, Heywood, OL10 2HN

Time: 10-11.30

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Friday  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Alkington Primary School, Manor Road,  
Manchester M24 1JZ

Time: 9.30-11

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Belfield Primary School, Samson Street,  
Rochdale, OL16 2XW

Time: 9.30-11

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>  
March 2025



Rochdale  
Parent Carers

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## Coffee Morning

Tuesday 14th January

10am-12pm

Second Floor, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street,  
Rochdale OL11 5BU

We are a team

of lived experienced volunteers so if you live in Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale and have a child/young person you take care of with SEND or you have concerns and at the start of your journey with SEND come and chat to us and have a brew! You do not need a diagnosis to attend our sessions.

This Coffee session is our first coffee session of the year we would love for you to come along and tell us all about your christmas and new year. We would also like to know what services you would like to hear about and what they do and i can arrange to get them in for you.

*We also have private appointments with Sendiass available during this time. These must be booked in advance with us via email [rochdalepcv@outlook.com](mailto:rochdalepcv@outlook.com) or via message 07901 854741 before Friday the 10th January .*

Refreshments provided. We are unable to accommodate children and young people under 18 in our base.














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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY		
17 <sup>th</sup>	Residential trip meeting	 Year 6
29 <sup>th</sup>	Chinese New Year	
FEBRUARY		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 6
4 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming starts (till end of term)	 Year 3
6 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 2
6 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day	 Whole school
7 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 4
7 <sup>th</sup>	School photo day	 Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	RSPCA VISIT	 Year 1 & 2
14 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks	 Year 1
14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term – normal finish</b>	
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Back from half term</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup>	George St (Victorian) Museum	 Year 2
MARCH		
13 <sup>th</sup>	Parent breakfast	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent breakfast	 Year 5
21 <sup>st</sup>	Downs Syndrome Day	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Red Nose Day	
21 <sup>st</sup>	World Poetry Day	
24 <sup>th</sup>	Circus skill day	 Year 3
28 <sup>th</sup>	Egyptian Day	 Year 4

APRIL		
TBC	Eid Parties	
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of term – 1pm Finsh</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Back for new term</b>	
MAY		
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day	 Year 1-6
TBC	Parent Breakfast	 REception
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Half term – Normal finish</b>	 Whole school
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Back from Half term</b>	 Whole school
JULY		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day	 Whole school
4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Breakfast	 Year 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover	 Year 5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting event	 Year 6
15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Final Performance</b>	 Year 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>End of term – 1pm finish</b>	

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