

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 05
Week ending 10/10/25



NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPT 2026

Are you looking to enrol your child's sibling into Nursery in September 2026?

We offer places for children aged two, three and four years old. Both funded and privately paid.

If you are interested, please email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk to request an application pack.

Alternatively, you can pop into the office for a paper copy.

Please note, the cut-off date for families wishing to apply for a September place is

Thursday 15th January

HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION - SEPT 2026

You must apply for secondary school for a September 2026 by

October 31, 2025.

Apply as soon as possible during this period to increase your chances of getting a place at one of your preferred schools, as applications submitted after the deadline are considered late. Applications should be made online through the council website portal.

<https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



HAVING TEA WITH MRS NESBITT



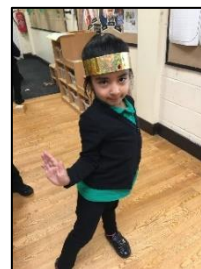
**MOOD MONSTER? –
ACTUALLY SHE'S QUITE
DELIGHTFUL!**



**MRS JONES YOUR BABY'S A BIT YOUNG
FOR RECEPTION BUT WE'LL TAKE HER -
SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.**



PAINTING LOTS OF SUNSHINE OR COINS
OR YELLOW BLOBS – WE STILL LOVE IT!



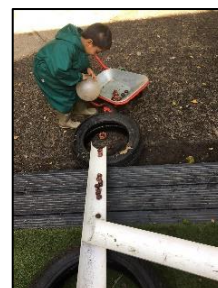
WHO IS THIS DIVA?



WELL THIS LOOKS INTERESTING –
WHAT IS IT? NO IDEA.



INDIANA JONES – UNEARTHING HIS NEXT MYSTERY



LOOKS LIKE SOMEONES
PANNING FOR GOLD!



MAX ALREADY WRITING
HIS MEMOIRS!



ERM...IT'S A TIME PORTAL IN A TEACUP?



zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz



ARRRR! ME HEARTYS – WE HAVE
OUR HEADING!

**A peek back at Receptions first month in school.
Wow...they've been busy little bees.**

Shawclough School & PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 3.10.25

RAINFOREST	100.00
2 SUNSHINE	98.8
6 SCARLET	98.4
REC BLUE	97.8
3 LEMON	97.4
4 ORANGE	97.3
6 RED	96.7
NURSERY SKY	95.6
3 AMBER	95.4
4 YELLOW	95.0
1 LAVENDER	94.9
NURSERY OCEAN	94.6
2 CORAL	94.4
5 CHERRY	94.2
GOLD	92.9
5 POPPY	91.9
1 PURPLE	90.8
SAPPHIRE	86.7
REC TURQUOISE	85.9
RUBY	78.8

GOOD JOB RAINFOREST – WELL DONE 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.

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.



EVERY CLASS MISSED IS A LESSON LOST.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 3.10.2025

Phase 1- Reception Blue – Azaan Hussain



Phase 2 – Year 3 – Mia HARDwick



Phase 3 - Year 6 – Sami Rahman

Rainbow – Sapphire – Leo Hyland

Rainforest – Emmanuel Chinonyerem



Congratulations! These children had 100% attendance and punctuality last week and received a certificate and badge.

HARVEST/FOOD BANK



196kg

X 392

Shawclough School collected an amazing **196kg** of food donations for the Rochdale Food Bank. That's an equivalent of 392 bags of sugar.

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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 6



A hugely successful careers day for the year 6 classes. They had lots of special visitors to talk about their professions. Amongst the professionals were a filmmaker, a flight attendant, a baker (who bought treats), a HR consultant, an IT consultant, a youth worker and 3 very special guests – a head teacher, a primary school teacher and a site manager (wonder where they were from). Year 6 were extremely grateful for the insight they all provided into their careers and work in the real world.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - ROCKSTEADY



We have lots of children in school that are interested in music and not aware that Rocksteady come into provide music lessons.

We had a visit from Rocksteady to remind everybody about what they do and who can join

If your child expresses an interest in extra music lessons and playing in a real band, please access their website and book on.

There is a cost involved but the lessons take place in school during the day. School do not book children on.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – MENTAL HEALTH DAY



Mental Health Day was celebrated on Friday and everyone – staff and children were asked if they'd like to wear yellow to show their support. Mason and Logan's mum had custom t-shirts made up– we think they look great and thanks mum for showing your support.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



With the different paper technique skills the year 2 learned over the last few weeks, they have been making cardboard fish tanks.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our Star awards are for Diversity. **Diversity** is recognising, respecting and valuing the differences among people. It is understanding that each individual is unique. Our Stars this week (older children) have shown that they have truly understood the meaning of Diversity and practiced it at school. The younger children have received awards for being polite, taking turns, listening to others and being helpful.



Rainforest
Emmanuel Chinonyerem

Nursery
Charli Pajak



Reception Blue
Dua Meer



Reception Turquoise
Emily Lech-Nathan



Year 1 Lavender
Raees Jawad

Year 1 Purple
Ilhan Ashed



Year 2 Sunshine
Zak Faisal



Year 2 Coral
Fatima Shiraz



Year 3 Amber
Ivy Gorman

Year 3 Lemon
Arham Ali



Year 4 Orange
Alizah Hussain

Year 4 Yellow
Eleanor Ndlovu



Year 5 Cherry
Humza Zeeshan

Year 5 Poppy
Amara Idrees



Year 6 Scarlet
A'Isha Noor



Year 6 Red
Innaya Imran



Rainbow
Daniel Bacys






Shawclough Wrap Around Care

Early Start Club opens at 7:30am to 8:30am
 Early Start Club is a facility offered to parents who wish their children to be looked after before the school day. All children from nursery to year 6 are welcome to attend. The children have access to supervised activities for all ages and a selection of healthy breakfast choices.

Tea Time Club opens at 3:15pm to 4:15pm
 Tea Time Club is a facility offered to parents who wish their children to be looked after beyond the school day. All children from nursery to year 6 are welcome to attend. The children have access to supervised activities for all ages and healthy snacks.

To book either clubs, please log on school gateway and select the date that is needed.

Booking can be pre-booked up to 2:30pm the day before the day required.



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Reception Open Events

Wednesday 22nd October - 10:00-11:00am
 Wednesday 22nd October - 1:30-2:30pm
 Wednesday 5th November - 4:30-5:30pm

Scan the qr code to register by completing the online form for one of the events




Pupil places are available in other year groups.

Email for further information: office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk
 or call 01706 647991
 Find us at: Thrum Hall Lane, Rochdale, OL12 6DE

Rochdale SENDiass

Special Educational Needs,
 Disability Information,
 Advice & Support Service

There are a number of workshops coming up that offer information, advice and support on a wide range of topics related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

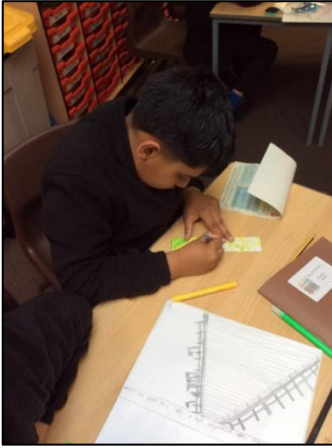
If you are interested please click on the link below to access them. Some are face to face and some are on line.

[Rochdale SENDiass Workshops Sept - Dec 2025 | Eventbrite](#)

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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5







Cherry class worked on Zentangles (creating beautiful images by drawing structured patterns), this week, which will be part of a collaborative display in phases three.

They have also been busy learning and practising push passing the ball in hockey.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			
OCTOBER			
14 th	Parent phone calls		Reception
15 th	Panto by M6		Y4 & Y5
15 th	Parent phone calls		Yr 2
16 th	Parent phone calls		Yr 1
20 th	Parent phone calls		Yr 3
21 st	Parent phone calls		Yr 5
22 nd	Parent phone calls		Yr 6
23 rd	Parent phone calls		Yr 4
23 rd	Greek Day		Yr 6
24 th	Half term break		Whole school
NOVEMBER			
3 rd	Welcome back		Whole school
10 th	Cinema trip		Yr 5
10 th	Clothes collection Donate clothes 4 sammy project		Whole school
10 th	Starbooks		Yr 6
11 th	Starbooks		Yr 5
11 th	Cinema trip		Yr 6
12 th	Parent assembly		Yr 4
13 th	Nursery Rhyme Day		Nursery
14 th	Children in Need		Whole school
17 th	Starbooks		Yr 2
18 th	Starbooks		Yr 1
24 th	Starbooks		Yr 3

DECEMBER			
2 ND	Rocksteady Concert		Parent who's children are in Rocksteady
4 th	Carol concert		Yr 6
10 th	Performance		Nursery
12 th	Panto trip		Yr 3 & Rainbow
16 th	Christmas dinner/christmas jumper day		Whole school
19 th	Christmas parties 1pm finish End of term		Whole school

JANUARY			
5 th	Welcome back Spring Term		Whole school
FEBRUARY			
13 th	Half Term		Whole school
23 rd	Welcome back		Whole school
MARCH			
APRIL			
3 rd	Easter Break		Whole school
20 th	Welcome back		Whole school
MAY			
22 nd	Half term		Whole school
JUNE			
1 st	Welcome Back		Whole school
JULY			
17 th	Summer Break		Whole school
SEPTEMBER			
	Welcome back!		Whole school

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WEATHER

As the weather turns cooler and we are seeing more rain – **please ensure that children have a coat in school** at all times and a jumper or fleece if required.

WATER BOTTLES

Reminder that ALL children in Phase 3 need a water bottle in school. **Please ensure that the water bottle has water in it and NOT juice.** Children are only allowed Juice with their dinner.

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Please be aware after recent events, we will/may be asking individuals to identify themselves when picking up and dropping off children. Whether this is at the gate when you press the buzzer to enter or when you exit the school grounds.

We have a lot of new staff in the building and other staff move around to cover different classes. People who pick up your children will not always be recognised by them, even if they have been picking up for a while. Please ensure that your contacts on the pickup lists are up to date. New staff will not recognise older sibling either – they too must be on the pickup list.

Please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you – this is for the safety and safeguarding of both the children and staff. There are over 400 children in our school and we do not recognise all the parents, siblings and family members.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

SCHOOL COMMS/SIMMS

If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – Download it 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.

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



PTA VOLUNTEERS



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.

PTA – CLOTHES COLLECTION

RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES

JOIN THE PROJECT TO ENTER

ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS

- ADULT AND CHILDREN CLOTHES
- BATH AND BATH TOWELS
- UNDERWEAR & ACCESSORIES & BELTS
- SHOES AND SLIPPERS
- PANTS, CLEAN UNDERWEAR SHOES
- JEWELLERY, COSMETICS (UNOPENED) AND ACCESSORIES
- UNWORN GIFTS, PEARLS & TOILETRIES, SOFT TOYS

ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS

- 1. DIRT, RIPPED OR WET CLOTHING, UNWORN SHOES
- 2. BROWN UNDERWEAR, SCHOOL UNIFORMS & SPORTS KITS
- 3. GARRELS, RINGS, WATCHES, COFFERS, FAMILY PHOTO'S
- 4. BRIDE-TO-BE, Brides & CIVIL PARTS
- 5. PLASTIC TOYS, BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT TO PUT IN THE BAGS STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT ?

PLEASE USE THE CLOTHING BAG PROVIDED, YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY ADDITIONAL BAG IF REQUIRED.

PLEASE REMEMBER - NO CASH!

To learn more about the Sammy's project and good causes for donors, please go to www.donatedtothesammys.org

is launched by **Shawclough Leukaemia & Myeloma Research**

Help the PTA to raise money for our PTA and a charity, by donating your unwanted clothes and other items to Sammy's project. Sammy's Project raises money for Leukaemia and Myeloma research, a disease that effect a lot of people in the community. The charity raises awareness and educates people on the signs and symptoms of the disease and the different treatments available.

Our **PTA collection will be November 10th 2025, in the morning only**. Your child/ren will bring home a bag shortly to put your items in (you can use additional bags too.)

Listed above are the item that are accepted by the appeal. Please be kind when donating and take special note of things that are not accepted.

OLD TEDDY BEARS NEEDED



Last year at our Christmas Fair, the Teddy Tombola helped rehome over 300 pre-loved cuddly toys, and we need your help to replenish our stock!

If your school sets up a **teddy donation point** where students can drop off their pre-loved soft toys, our mascot Springy will pay you a visit to collect these teddies and thank your students for being so generous - helping to support Springhill's largest community event.

Our Teddy Tombola raised hundreds of pounds for the Hospice, and it would mean so much if you could help us make it another big success this year

To arrange a teddy collection, please call the Fundraising Team on 01706 641790

Please ensure that teddies are in good condition, clean and not torn. Bring them into school on **Monday 13th October 2025**.

NUT ALLERGIES

HIGH IMPORTANCE



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

We have a number of 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.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
MOUNTSIDE VIEW THURHALL LANE
OL12 6DE
11AM TILL 2PM

RAISING MONEY FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR

stalls: tombola bric-a-brac
 lucky dip cake stall toy stall

REFRESHMENTS
 TEA, COFFEE, JUICE
 HOTDOGS, BURGERS, VEGGIE BURGERS
ALL WELCOME



ROCHDALE TOWN HALL

SEND SUNDAYS

FREE

- Puppet Making
- Theatre Craft
- The Orchestra of Sound
- Family Theatre
- Eliza Says

First Sunday of each month

BOOK NOW



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