

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 01  
Week ending 12/09/25



### WELCOME BACK!

How lovely to be back and see all those smiling faces last Wednesday – what a lovely welcome.

I trust that everyone had a lovely summer break and are re-energised and raring to go and smash this new school year – especially our new year 6 for whom it is an important year. With SATs coming up but also a little sad as they will be preparing to leave us next summer.

A special welcome to all the new children in Nursery and Reception that have joined us, welcome to the Shawclough Family. We have also had new children that have recently moved and joined us from other schools. A warm and hearty welcome to you and all the families as well.

Last but not least I'd like to welcome our new members of staff, who have already settled in like they've been here forever. I know you are all going to be a valuable addition to our staff team

Finally, as usual I will still be at the gates every morning and every afternoon whenever possible, so come over a say Hi or feel free to make an appointment to come and see me if you have any concerns.

Mr Doyle



### CHANGING OF DINNER PATTERN?

**Want to change dinner pattern? Not a problem. However, we do require a 2 week notice period. Up to and including year 2, children are entitled to Universal Free School Meals. If you feel you still may be entitled to FSM after year 2, please take an eligibility check form from the office.**

### PEEK AT THE FIRST WEEK BACK -



## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance (%) for week ending

<b>NEW ATTENDANCE FIGURE WILL</b>	
<b>BE UPDATED NEXT WEEK FOR THIS</b>	
<b>WEEK</b>	



## 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.



**WHEN YOU ARE PUNCTUAL, YOU SHOW THAT YOU VALUE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECT THE TIME OF OTHERS.**

## PE KITS

Our PE kit policy has changed slightly. Going forward children are required to wear a black t-shirt rather than a white one for PE. Black shorts/leggings and pumps for indoors. Tracksuit bottoms/leggings/jumper, black and trainers. (white t-shirts came be worn till the end of the month or until a black t-shirt can be purchased.)

Please ensure that all items of PE and Games clothing as well as uniform are labelled with your child's name and class.

Any lost items will be put in our lost property box which is situated inside the community entrance and not bought to the office.

Please check there for lost property before coming to the office.

Smaller items such as glasses, jewellery and toys will be bought to the office if handed in.

However, it is best not to let children bring toys or

**JUST A REMINDER:  
SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL & EVERYWHERE INSIDE THE BOUNDARY IS :-**



## 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 letters are sent via email.

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

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.**

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## PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL

We are still 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 negative behaviour effects the children – IT IS NOT OK.**

Traffic police periodically come to our school and will issue tickets. The school **will not** intervene on your behalf. 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/exit.

**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.**

## 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!

[ttrackstars.com/parents/](http://ttrackstars.com/parents/)

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



## VOLUNTEERS



**Calling ALL parents – PTA needs**

Join the PTA!



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.

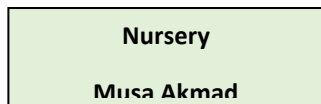


## STAR OF THE WEEK

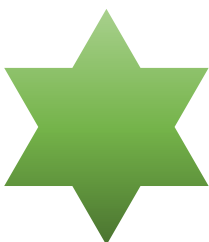
Welcome to the newest feature of our school newsletter. Each class will nominate a star of the week and they will receive a certificate and be celebrated in a whole school assembly. This week our Stars have all shown **RESILIENCE**. Whether it is through trying something new/trying their hardest/not giving up or even helping friends to be resilient.



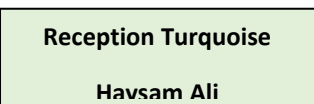
**Rainforest**  
**Chizara Onyegbule**



**Nursery**  
**Musa Akmad**



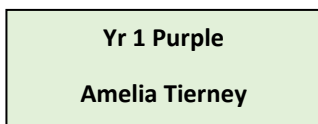
**Reception Blue**  
**Azaan Hussain**



**Reception Turquoise**  
**Havsam Ali**



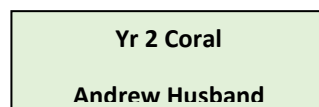
**Yr 1 Lavender**  
**Micah Allison**



**Yr 1 Purple**  
**Amelia Tierney**



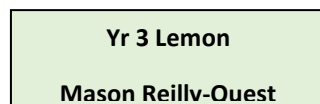
**Yr 2 Sunshine**  
**Ruben Riberio**



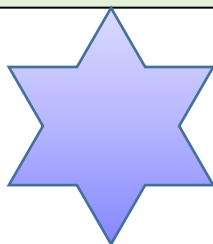
**Yr 2 Coral**  
**Andrew Husband**



**Yr 3 Amber**  
**Arvan Ali**



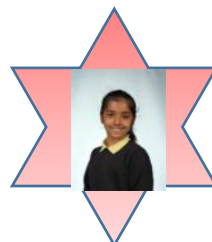
**Yr 3 Lemon**  
**Mason Reilly-Ouest**



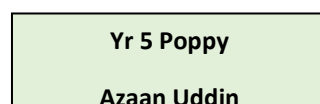
**Yr 4 Orange**  
**Adam Ali**



**Yr 4 Yellow**  
**Raees Haque**



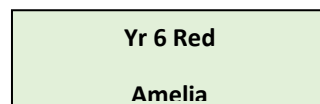
**Yr 5 Cherry**  
**Ayeza Hussain**



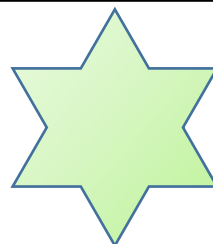
**Yr 5 Poppy**  
**Azaan Uddin**



**Yr 6 Scarlet**  
**Jake Dunnings**



**Yr 6 Red**  
**Amelia**



**Rainbow**  
**Ruairi Slattery**

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY




### SEPTEMBER

15 <sup>th</sup>	WW1 Day	Year 6
17 <sup>th</sup>	Visit to Rochdale Library to meet the Poetry Laureate	5C
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Healey Dell Walk	Y4


### OCTOBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Visit to Rochdale Library to meet the Poetry Laureate	5P
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Collection – Non Uniform Donation 1 item of tinned food	Whole school
9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos	Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Day – Uniform	Whole school
15 <sup>th</sup>	Panto by M6	TBC
24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break 	Whole school


### NOVEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back 	Whole school
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### DECEMBER

19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays 	Whole school
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### JANUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back Spring Term 	Whole school
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### FEBRUARY

13 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term 	Whole school
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back 	Whole school


### MARCH

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### APRIL

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Break 	Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back 	Whole school


### MAY

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half term 	Whole school
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### JUNE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome Back 	Whole school
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### JULY

17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break 	Whole school
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## 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 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

## 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.



## SCHOOL COMMS/SIMMS

**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.

### 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

Schoolgateway



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