

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 14  
Week ending 13/12/24



## Counting down the weeks!



## GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Some of the year 5/6 have been getting creative and made 'sock' snowmen



Nursery had their Winter Wonderland performance and sang carols and nursery rhymes. The staff did a tremendous job of making a beautiful Wonderland backdrop with lots of Christmas trees – it was magical.



You can follow us on

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

PTA are on





Staff had a Wellbeing wreath making class arranged by the lovely Mrs Anderson from Rainbow. Thanks Mrs A for a wonderful evening.



Reception classes had their Nativity performance and were super confident – well done reception.



## NATIONAL COCOA DAY

Its Friday and it National Cocoa Day, so why not celebrate the fact its 1 week to the Christmas break!

In the spirit of the upcoming holiday, why don't you try one of these amazing Cocoa (Hot chocolate) drinks this weekend and curl up in front of the TV and watch a Christmas movie?

Top your hot cocoa with cream, sprinkles, cookies, candy canes or crush up your favourite chocolate bar and throw it in. Whatever you decide to do – enjoy!



## PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



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.



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

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## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance for week ending 6/12/24

Sapphire	100%
5P	99.2%
RB	98.5%
3A	98.4%
1P	97.2%
1L	96.9%
6S	96.3%
4Y/5C	96.0%
6R	95.5%
2S	95.2%
3L	94.8%
GOLD	94.3%
4O	94.0%
RT	92.7%
RUBY	85.0%
2C	81.9%

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

**WELL DONE SAPPHIRE CLASS – LAST WEEKS 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.

#### 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.



**STUDENT GROWTH AND WELLBEING START WITH ATTENDANCE.**

## Looking for a Christmas present but budgets not giving?

After the success of the first bike pop up at Heywood Market, #Renew will be back with their fantastic initiative and have more preloved bikes on Thursday, 12 December.

Pop down if you can, between 9am-4pm and see if you can get a bargain just in time for Christmas.

### POP UP PRE-LOVED BIKE SHOP

Thursday 12th December  
9am-4pm  
Heywood Market, Rochdale  
OL10 1LT

Balance bikes, kids, teen and adult bikes starting from £5  
Card payment only

## PTA



### 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.

If you have any spare time/ideas or would like to

Join the PTA!



You can follow us on <https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

PTA are on



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!

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

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



**\*\*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.

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**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.

### 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.

**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.**

### 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

**Please:**

- 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.**

### 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.

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

### 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.

**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.**

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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>

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.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DECEMBER		
17th	WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER Day 	Whole school
17th	Pantomime Trip (Full school uniform) 	Yr.3 and Rainbow
18th	Christmas Dinner 	Whole school
18th	Christmas Jumper Day	Year 3 and Rainbow ONLY
20th	Last day of term – Christmas Parties  <b>1pm Finish</b>	Whole school
JANUARY		
6th	And we're back! Happy New Year 	Whole school
FEBRUARY		
25th	George St (Victorian) Museum 	Year 2

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Support that grows with you

Castleton, Deeplish, Newbold & Sandbrook

### Christmas Sessions



**Deeplish Family Hub**  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> December 2024 12-2 pm  
Baby Sensory Play including Infant Feeding Support  
Sensory play session for babies up to 1 year  
Drop in session 

**Sandbrook Family Hub**  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2024 12-2 pm  
Family Fun Session  
Board Games, crafts and quiz with light snacks for ages 5+  
Drop in session 

**Newbold Family Hub**  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 10-2 pm  
New Year's Eve Crafts  
Join us and make 2025 calendars, friendship bracelets and other crafts – suitable for all ages  
Drop in session 

Ask Staff for more information 

 SCAN ME

Funded by UK Government 

You can follow us on  <https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

PTA are on



Tuesday 10th December  
from 6.30pm

Carol Singing  
around  
Shawclough

Saturday 7th December  
10am - 12noon

BREAKFAST IN  
Bethlehem

**Celebrate  
Christmas**  
with Open Door  
Church

Sunday  
22nd Dec  
6pm

Carol Service

*A Child is Born*  
Celebrate  
CHRISTMAS  
25 DECEMBER 11 AM

**Rochdale Parent Carers Voice**

## Christmas Coffee Morning

Tuesday 10th December  
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 Christmas Party everyone is welcome we will be having lots of fun and games and laughter bring out your christmas jumpers before we all break up for the mayhem and madness of christmas.

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 Thursday the 5th December.

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

**SEND ADVICE LINE**  
FAMILY HUB SESSIONS

To book an appointment please contact:  
0300 303 0380  
[SENDAdviceLine@Rochdale.Gov.UK](mailto: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
Friday 18th October 2024	10am - 12pm	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ
Friday 1st November 2024	10am - 12pm	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ
Friday 15th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Belfield Family Hub, Samson Street, Rochdale OL16 2XW
Friday 29th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Sandwich Family Hub, Hartley Lane, Kirkholt, Rochdale OL11 2LR
Wednesday 11th December 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Meanwood Family Hub, Churchill Street, Rochdale OL12 7DJ

ROCHDALE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
RAISING ROCHDALE

**SEND DADS SOCIETY**

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
- NO SIGN UP
- TALK OR LISTEN - UP TO YOU
- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

**THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30PM-9PM HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH (ENTRANCE ON MIDDLETON ROAD THROUGH THE PARK GATE)**

WE ARE A MALE SOCIAL CLUB SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AREA WHO HAVE OR CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES

NO JUDGEMENT - JUST A GROUP OF MEN COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BE AROUND OTHERS WHO ARE ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY

- PEER SUPPORT AVAILABLE
- SIGN POSTING TO ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND THE PARENT FORUM IN YOUR AREA
- ORGANISED FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

DROP IN TO OUR SESSIONS IF YOU LIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

• MANCHESTER • STOCKPORT • TAMESIDE • OLDHAM • ROCHDALE • BURY • BOLTON • WIGAN • SALFORD • TRAFFORD

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 56055  
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

**LINK GOLF UK**

NNPCF  
National Network of Parent Carer Parents  
Your Strength is Our Shared Experience

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