

## Shawclough Community School Newsletter

Issue 20

Week ending 13/02/26



To contact us about anything regarding this newsletter please call us on 01706 647 991 or email [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk)

### NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPT 2026

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

We currently have a number of 2-year-old afternoon places available in April.

We are still accepting late applications for September with a further cut off dated **4<sup>th</sup> April 2026**.

Applications received on or before 15<sup>th</sup> January's are now being processed and Play Date details will be emailed out soon.

If you are interested in applying, please email [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk) and request an application pack. Alternatively, you can pop into the office for a paper copy.

### \*\*HIGH IMPORTANCE\*\*



#### ALLERGIES

Due to a high number of allergies. Please ensure you **check and check again** what your children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches, **with special attention to nuts and products that may contain nuts**.

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

### WORLD BOOK DAY - COMPETITION

It's that time of year again – **WORLD BOOK DAY** is nearly here.

Every year we invite all the children to **decorate a paper plate in the theme of their favourite book**. You can use the plate to paint on, draw on, collage on, anything – the plate must be central to the design.

Children will have brought home a plate this week, so they have the half term to get started on their design ideas.

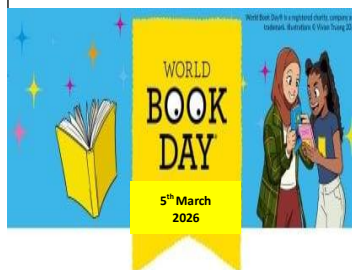
The children's plates will be displayed in the hall on World Book Day and will be judged by a group of their peers. The whole school will also get an opportunity to view all the entries.

There will be winners and runners up in every year group.

Also, as usual all the children will be given the chance to **dress up for World Book Day as their favourite book character**. Please do not go to any expense to buy costumes for your children. There are many ideas that you can find online and help your child make their own costumes at home, from items you may have lying around the house.

GOOD LUCK –We're sure whatever you decided to do will be fantastic. For those who are a little shy and don't feel comfortable dressing up, they can come in their own clothes.

**Look out for more details and dates.**



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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 06/02/26

5 CHERRY	98.7
RUBY	97.5
2 CORAL/3 LEMON	97.1
SAPPHIRE	96.7
2 SUNSHINE	96.4
3 AMBER/GOLD	96.3
4 YELLOW	96.2
6 RED	95.8
RECEP BLUE	95.0
6 SCARLET/ 1 LAVENDER	94.6
4 ORANGE	94.0
RAINFOREST/5 POPPY/1 PURPLE	90.0
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	86.3

**GOOD JOB CLASSES**  
**– 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.



## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 06.02.26

Phase 1 – Zaynah Anwar – Reception Blue



Phase 2 – Amelia Dixon – 2 Sunshine



Phase 3 – Hussain Akbar – 5C



Rainbow – Italia Luttrull - Gold



Rainforest – Jordan Moreira Sambu



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

**Congratulations!**

## CLOTHES COLLECTION BIN

You will no longer need to wait for the PTA to organise a date for clothes collections. There will soon be a permanent clothes collection bin on the school premises.

You will be able to drop off your unwanted clothes and other items wherever it's convenient for you,

Watch this space for further information about when the bin is arriving and where it will be placed.

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## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT Chinese New Year and creating their own dragons to dance with.

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – NURSERY & SPRINGHILL HOSPICE



After the success of the Reindeer run last Christmas, the children from nursery presented Springy the Frog with a check for £1362.36, the amount our school raised last year.

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

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Year 5 have finished their Starbooks activity and

created a Be Myself display in Cherry Class – which looks brilliant!

They have also been practising footwork and shooting skill to score point in Netball.

## PTA VOLUNTEERS

### The Summer Fair is back!

For those of you who remember our last summer fair (pre-covid) it was a huge success.

The PTA are now organising Summer Fair 2026 and we need your help. The summer fair is always a huge deal and as they say – many hands make light work.

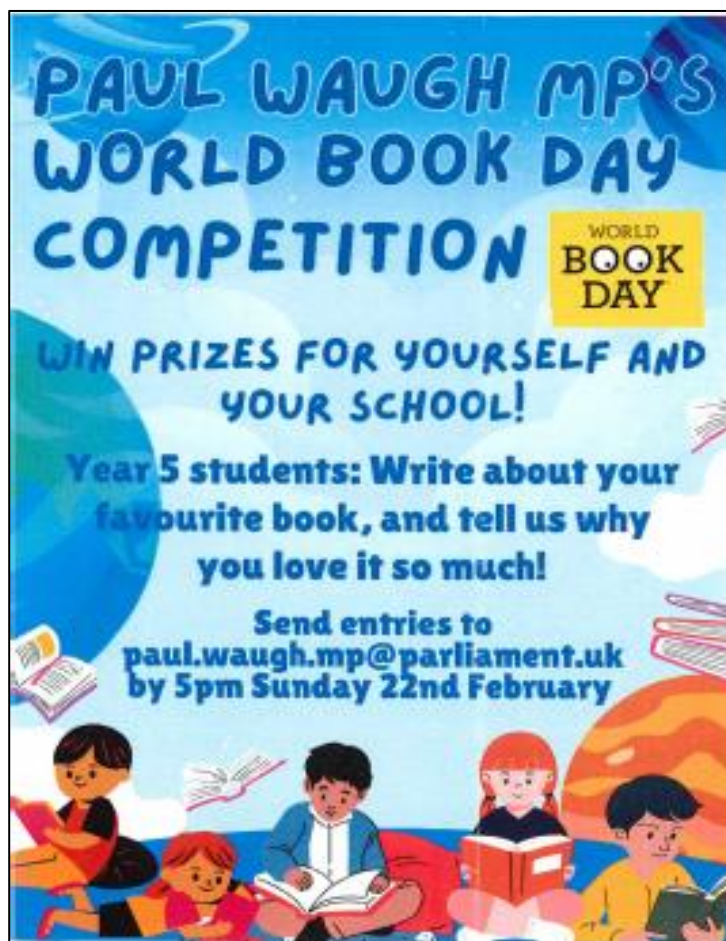
If you have the capacity to help or would like a stall at the fair please email Mrs Choudhry in the office and watch this space for more details.

Let's make this a BIG!

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## WIN PRIZES FOR YOU & YOUR SCHOOL – WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION



**PAUL WAUGH MP'S  
WORLD BOOK DAY  
COMPETITION**

**WIN PRIZES FOR YOURSELF AND  
YOUR SCHOOL!**

**Year 5 students: Write about your  
favourite book, and tell us why  
you love it so much!**

**Send entries to  
paul.waugh.mp@parliament.uk  
by 5pm Sunday 22nd February**



**PAUL WAUGH MP'S  
WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION**

Paul Waugh, MP for Rochdale, is holding a competition for World Book Day for Children in Year 5 (age 9-10).

To enter: Write a short, handwritten book review (no more than one page!) of your favourite book, telling Paul about it and why you love it so much. Drawings welcome!



Send your entry to Paul's email address by  
**5pm on 22nd February 2026.**

Please include your name, age, school, home address, and the subject line [WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION]. Entries can be photographed or scanned!  
**paul.waugh.mp@parliament.uk**

On World Book Day (5th March), Paul will announce the winner in the Houses of Parliament!

The winner will receive a £40 book voucher and £400 worth of prizes for their school.  
Two runners up will also receive £30 book vouchers for themselves and £125 for their school.  
Other prizes for specially commended entries!

Thank you to the brilliant Rochdale businesses sponsoring this competition:

## 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.

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## 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. They make a positive difference to families and young people, by offering a wide range of services close to where they live.

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)



## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINFOREST



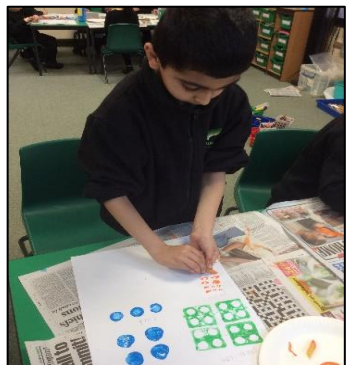
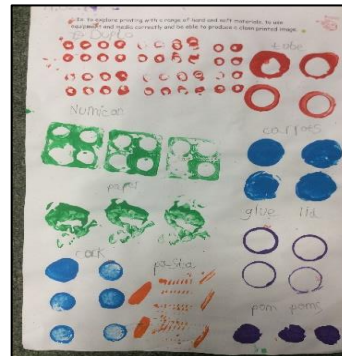
Rainforest are strengthening their muscles ready for a writing exercise.

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2

### PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception outdoor classroom isn't just for gross motor development. We learn math, English, science geography and more. So what if we get dirty!



Year 2 have been exploring printing with a range of hard and soft materials.

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## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars have been awarded by teachers for anything that a child has been especially exceptional at this half term, for whatever reason. Whether its work, presentation or behaviour – well done you deserve it!

### Year 3 Lemon

Inaaya Ghauri



### Year 3 Amber

Zakariya Yasser

For being respectful and kind and being a good friend.



### Year 4 Yellow

Aiza Rizwan



### Year 4 Orange

Alizah Hussain



### Year 5 Cherry

Abdul Basit

For always showing positive learning behaviour



### Year 5 Poppy

Inaya Aslam



### Year 6 Scarlet

Mehjabeen Ahmed

For always working hard and trying her best



### Year 6 Red

Zenia Nawabi

For always trying her best in all aspects of her learning



### Rainbow

Mohammed Ghilas



### Rainforest

Hakeem Ahmed

For making a positive difference in Rainforest



### Nursery

Eva Matei

For following routines and joining in with the nursery day with enthusiasm and enjoyment.



### Reception Blue

Alayna Hussain

Working hard in all her lessons



### Reception Turquoise

Liyah Afzal

Working hard in phonics sessions



### Year 1 Purple

Duncan Pajak

Excellent progress in reading this term



### Year 1 Lavender

Izabelle Eaton



### Year 2 Sunshine

Elvis Chinonyerem

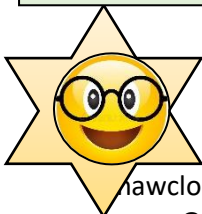
Excellent work in History.



### Year 2 Coral

Ibrahim Shah

For settling in well, making friends and trying really hard in lessons






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





































# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY




FEBRUARY			
23 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>Welcome Back</b>		<b>Whole school</b>
25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
28 <sup>th</sup>	PTA Leavers Hoodies Order form deadline		Yr. 6




20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Welcome Back</b>		<b>Whole School</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	PTA Wonka Bar Challenge – Rainforest Classroom.		Whole school
29 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3

MARCH			
4 <sup>th</sup>	Class Photos		Whole School
4 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day – dress as your fav book character		Whole school
11 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	PTA Mothers Day Pop Up Shop – Rainforest classroom		Whole school
16 <sup>th</sup>	Viking Day & Parent Breakfast		Yr. 5
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 1
17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	World Down Syndrome Day – Odd socks day!		Whole School
18 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 2
18 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	Eid – Please ensure you fill out an absence slip		Whole School
TBC	Eid parties – party clothes		Whole school
24 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 3
25 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 5
25 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 4
27 <sup>th</sup>	Egyptian Day		Yr. 4

MAY			
4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>		<b>Whole School</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
13 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
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
TBC	Residential		Yr. 6
22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Half term</b>		<b>Whole School</b>

JUNE			
1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Welcome Back</b>		<b>Whole school</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability week		Yr. 6
TBC	Rochdale Visit		Yr. 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
10 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
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

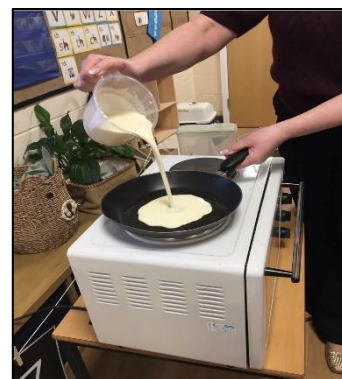
APRIL			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Autism Awareness Day		Whole School
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming		Yr. 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>Easter break – 1pm Finish</b>		<b>Whole School</b>

JULY			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Swimming		Yr 3
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sleepover		Yr. 5
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>	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**

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception classes learned all about Shrove Tuesday and Miss Bali showed them how pancakes are made and they all had a taste – she even flipped a few.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS




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## SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY  
4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
20<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**SHAWCLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL,  
ROCHDALE  
9.30-11.30**

Are you a parent/carers at Shawclough Primary School in Rochdale?  
Are you the parent/carers 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.

## 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 and school  
Tuesday January 13<sup>th</sup> 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support  
Thursday January 15<sup>th</sup> 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information  
Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> 11-1pm  
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies  
Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup> 12-2pm

Please book Sessions via Eventbrite or  
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# 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.

**Tackling social & emotional issues affecting wellbeing.**

### 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!

- 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 15TH JANUARY 7.30PM-9PM  
 THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7.30PM-9PM  
 THURSDAY 21ST MAY 7.30PM-9PM  
 THURSDAY 16TH JULY 7.30PM-9PM  
 THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM  
 THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

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