

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

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 **4th April 2026**.

Applications received on or before 15th 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 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.**

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.

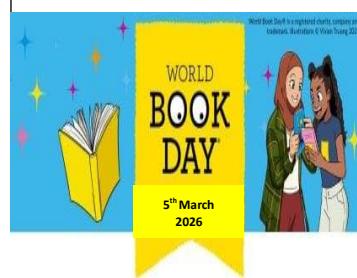
The children's plates will be displayed in the hall on World Book Day and will be judged by a group of their peers. The whole school will also get an opportunity to view all the entries.

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.



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!**

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.

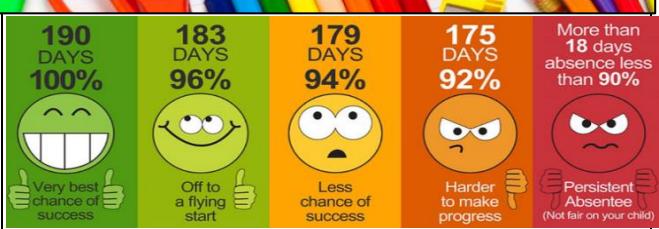
Congratulations!

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,

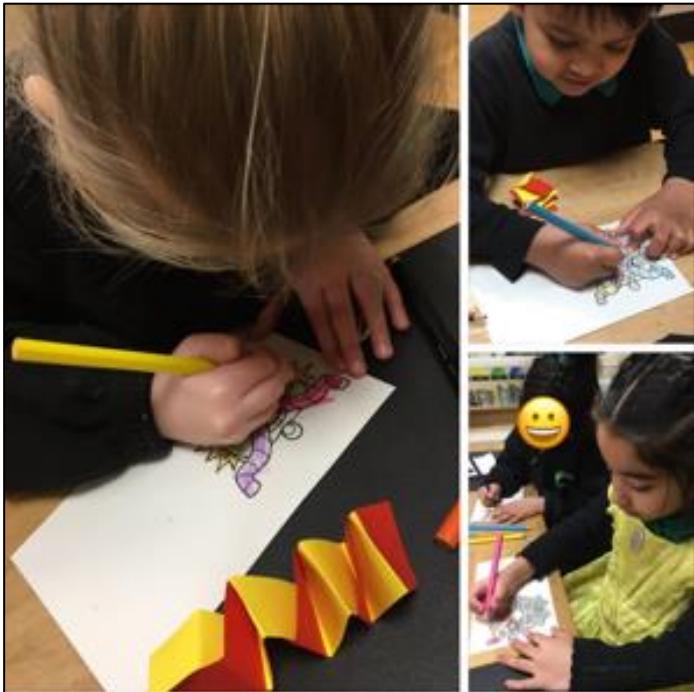
Watch this space for further information about when the bin is arriving and where it will be placed.



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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.

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!

Shawclough School & PTA are on



WIN PRIZES FOR YOU & YOUR SCHOOL –

WORLD BOOK DAY COMPETITION



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



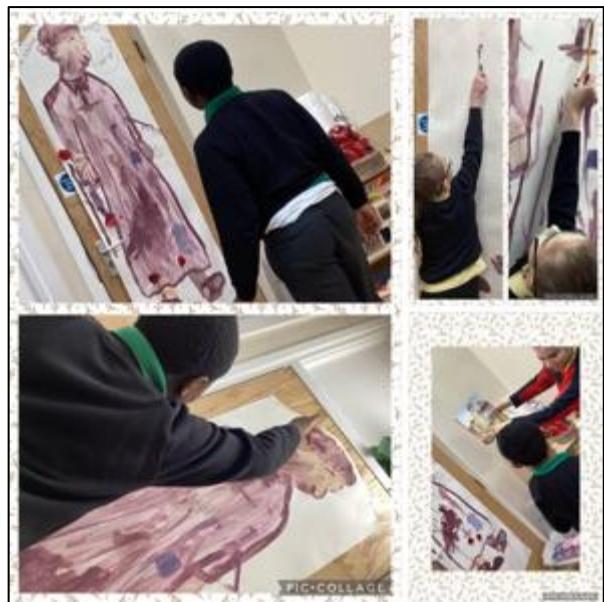
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Reception outdoor classroom isn't just for gross motor development. We learn math, English, science geography and more. So what if we get dirty!

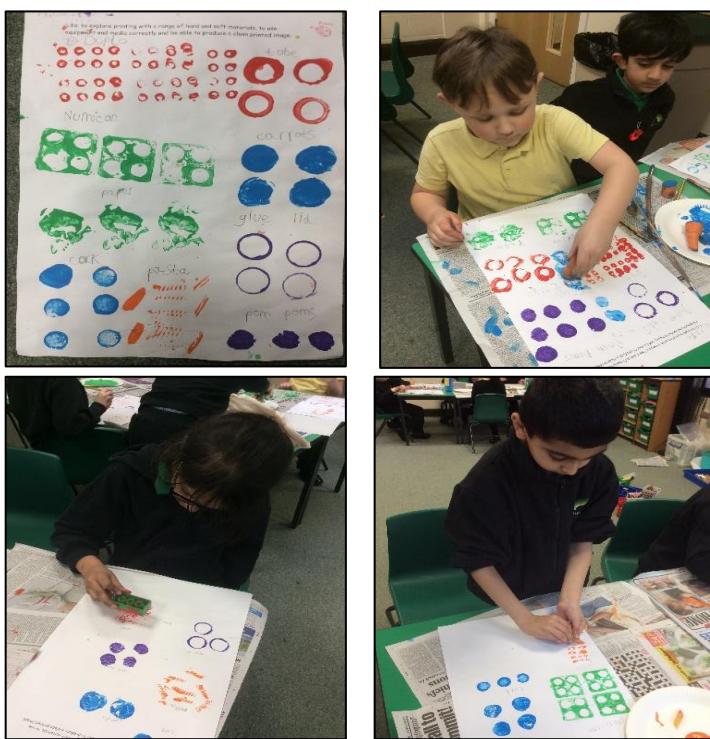
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PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINFOREST



Rainforest are strengthening their muscles ready for a writing exercise.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



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

Shawclough School & PTA are on



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!

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

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



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

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

MAY			
4 th	Bank Holiday		Whole School
6 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
13 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
15 th	Residential Parent/Carer Meeting		Yr. 6
18 th	Parent Breakfast		Reception
19 th	Sports Day		Yr. 6 & Yr. 1
20 th	Swimming		Tr. 3
TBC	Residential		Yr. 6
22 nd	Half term		Whole School

JUNE			
1 st	Welcome Back		Whole school
1 st -5 th	Bikeability week		Yr. 6
TBC	Rochdale Visit		Yr. 5
3 rd	Swimming		Yr. 3
10 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
17 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
18 th	Eureka Trip		Yr. 1
TBC	PTA Fathers Day Pop up Shop – Rainforest		Whole School
24 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
30 th	Beach Trip		Yr. 2

APRIL			
1 st	Autism Awareness Day		Whole School
1 st	Swimming		Yr. 3
2 nd	Easter break – 1pm Finish		Whole School

JULY			
1 st	Swimming		Yr 3
3 rd	Sleepover		Yr. 5
TBC	Transition Day		Whole School



8 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	PTA host The Leavers Party at Thrum Hall Church		Yr. 6
14 th	Ribchester Trip		Yr. 3
14 th	Final Performance		Yr. 6
16 th	Leavers Assembly		Yr. 6
17 th	Summer Break – 1pm Finish		Whole School

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE CALENDAR 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



Parties **Cooking classes** **Baby classes** **Stay and Play** **Toddler football**

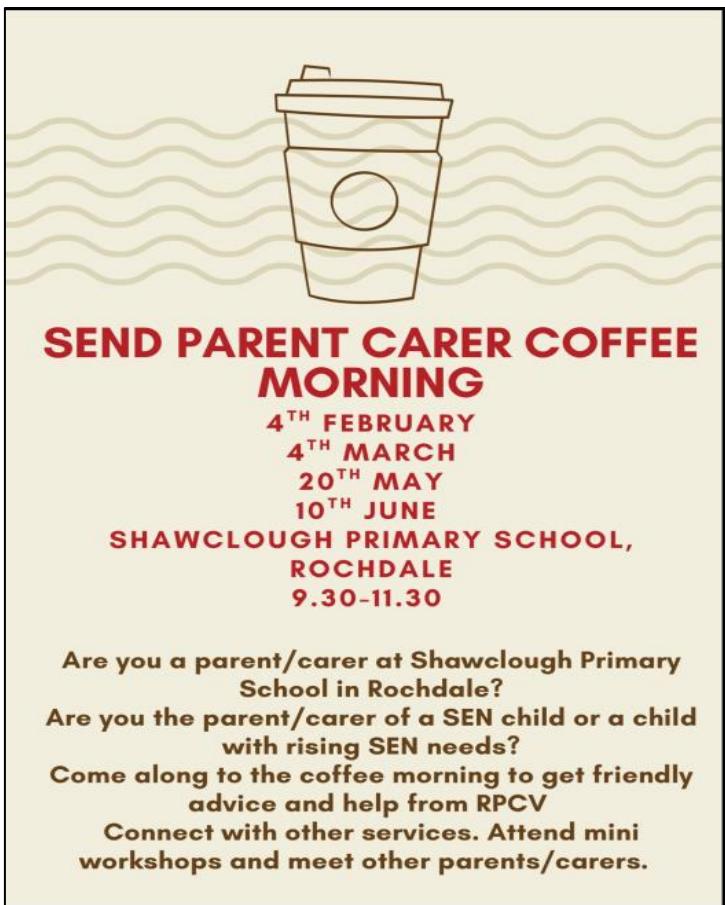
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SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

4TH FEBRUARY
4TH MARCH
20TH MAY
10TH JUNE

SHAWCLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROCHDALE
9.30-11.30

Are you a parent/carer at Shawclough Primary School in Rochdale?
Are you the parent/carer 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 13th 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Thursday January 15th 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm
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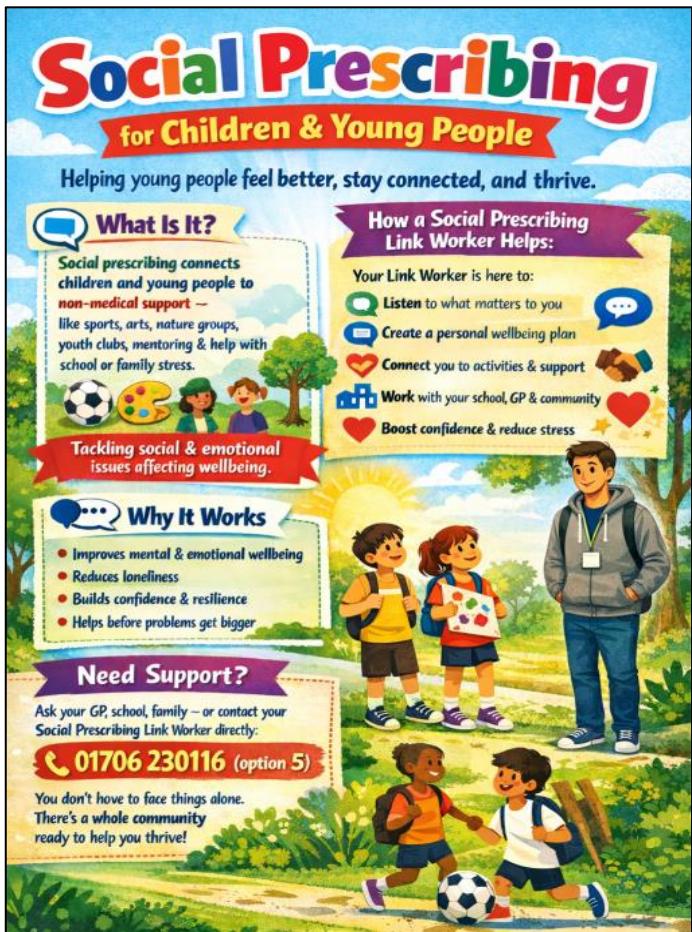
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Social Prescribing
for Children & Young People

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.

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

Tackling social & emotional issues affecting wellbeing.

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



- 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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half term
everyone. We'll
see you bright
and early on
Monday 23rd
February 2026.

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