

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 06 Autumn Term
Week ending 16/10/26



For any queries or questions regarding this newsletter please call us on 01706 647 991 or email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk

****HIGH IMPORTANCE****

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.**

IS YOUR CHILDREN GOING TO HIGH SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2027?

Applications for High School places for Sept 2027 – NOW OPEN!

To do this you will need to visit the Rochdale Council School Admissions website and make an online application.

The **deadline** for applications is
31st October 2026

<https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/school-admissions-appeals/apply-secondary-schoolplace>

NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

Are you looking to enrol your child's sibling into Nursery in September 2027?

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

Please note, the cut-off date for families wishing to apply for a September place is Thursday 15th January.

Play Date details will be emailed out soon after the cut-off date.

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.

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

Shawclough School & PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 9/10/26

RUBY/SAPPHIRE/RAINFOREST	100.0
4 YELLOW	99.1
5 CHERRY	98.9
GOLD	98.8
RECEPTION BLUE	98.2
3 AMBER	97.2
6 SCARLET	96.3
6 RED	95.4
2 SUNSHINE	93.8
3 LEMON	92.2
4 ORANGE	91.7
5 POPPY	90.8
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	90.5
1 LAVENDER	88.2
2 CORAL	87.4
1 PURPLE	64.0

**RUBY/SAPPHIRE & RAINFOREST
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 9/10/26

RECEPTION – HUZAIFA Z



YEAR 1 – MUS'AB C



YEAR 2 – SUMAYYA J



YEAR 3 – ELEENA I



YEAR 4 – ARNIE DT



YEAR 5 – BETH CROSSLEY



YEAR 6 – IRFAN L



RAINBOW – LOGAN R



RAINFOREST – REINA EH



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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 1



Year 1 have been taste testing sweet, salty, bitter and savoury foods. In PE they have practiced balancing using different points of contact with the floor.



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 6



On Tuesday this week, year 6 had WW2 day where they spent the whole day learning about significant aspects of the second world war. Children dressed up in WW2 themed outfits (where everyone looked fantastic), created mini air raid shelters out of classroom materials, made cheese and potato dumplings using rationed ingredients and explored evacuee experiences, creating ID cards and propaganda posters

Year 6 have also started creating their clay sculptures of the Manchester bee using techniques they have learnt during lessons. They look amazing and the children are very excited to paint them. Keep an eye out for the finished result.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars are for...
BEHAVIOUR

Nursery

Amaara I

For always being ready to listen



Reception Turquoise

Freya W

Showing 5 and sharing nicely



Reception Blue

Sama R

Tidying up and listening well



Year 1 Purple

Haysam A

Always being ready to learn



Year 1 Lavender

Mus'ab C

For being kind, respectful and making wonderful choices.



Year 2 Sunshine

Ayesha I



Year 2 Coral

Harris A

For always being well behaved and making the correct choices



Year 3 Lemon

Yanah A

for making the right choice and being a role model



Year 3 Amber

Fatima S

Always doing the right thing



Year 4 Yellow

Nusaybah

For helping other to follow our playtime rules.



Year 4 Orange

Hamza A



Year 5 Cherry

M Huzaifa

Showing sensible and mature behaviour when working with others in Maths.



Year 5 Poppy

Inaya A

Aleyna I



Year 6 Scarlet

Azaan U

For being an excellent role model and helping classmates if they're struggling.



Year 6 Red

Hussain A

For making considerable behaviour improvements in class



Rainbow

Esosa E



Rainforest

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10 FOR 10 READING CHALLENGE

Take 10 to read

Pause. Breathe.
Read for 10 mins
at 10am on 10th October

#Take10ToRead
#WorldMentalHealthDay



Something you might like to do with your children. As part of the National Year of Reading in nursery we are doing 10 for 10. So on the 10th of October at 10am the idea is to stop what you are doing and read a book for 10 minutes, hopefully to highlight the importance of reading. We are asking families to send in photos of them taking part, but will add that reading can be anywhere. Why not send in some photos of children sharing books in unusual places.

COFFEE MORNING

Coffee Morning/Drop in

20th October 9am in the hall

Focus will be on online safety – for parents to discuss any concerns that they may have or to find out more about how to keep your children safe online.

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Please note that the total amount for the Year 6 Residential to the Anderton Centre is payable by:

DEADLINE:

13TH NOVEMBER 2026

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

YEAR 6 CAREERS EVENT

Have you or anyone you know got an exciting job/Career?

On October 20th we will be holding our Careers Event for year 6. We are looking for people to come along, speak to them and inspire them about their futures.

There is still time to get in touch with Mrs Oldham in year 6 or ring/email the office.

Author Visit- 4Th November

Bethan Woollvin will be in school sharing her books and leading activities with the children throughout the day.

At the end of the day she will also host a book sale of some of her books, and will also sign them.

Alternatively, if you wish to pre-order particular books for her to bring along and sign on the day, you can do so by visiting



<https://bethan-woollvin-illustration-square.site/>

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PUNCTUALITY PANDA



This week Percy the Punctuality Panda is in Lavender class. Here he is with the children and he will stay all week to make sure they all keep arriving on time.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - WHOLE SCHOOL



Some of our year 6 children helping load the van for Rochdale Food Bank. Thank you to all the parents, staff and children who contributed.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

In the BATTLE OF THE BANDS, the winners this week are...

YELLOW CLASS

The most valuable players were:
ROCK ON GUYS – WELL DONE!



Most valuable players were:
Nusaybah – yellow class.
Aryan – Orange class.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – WHOLE SCHOOL



Whole school assembly to
SHOW
RACSIM
THE RED
CARD.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates subject to change

HOLIDAYS

BANK HOLIDAYS

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

PARENTS MEETINGS

SWIMMING

TRIPS

October

20 th	Careers Event	Yr 6
23 rd	Half term	Whole school

November

2 nd	Welcome back	Whole school
3 rd	Reception Open Day Event	Reception
5 th	Parent Assembly	Yr 4
11 th	Odeon Cinema Trip	Yr 5
12 th	Nursery Rhyme Day	Nursery
13 th	Final Payment for Residential	Yr 6
13 th	Children in Need	Whole school
16 th	Odd Socks Day	Whole school
23 rd	Parents meeting	Y1
24 th	Reel Cinema Trip	Rainbow
25 th	Early start session for parent – library	Nursery
25 th	Parent meetings	Reception
26 th	Parent meetings	Yr 3
30 th	Parent meeting	Yr 4

December

1 st	Parent meetings	Y5
2 nd	Parent meetings	Y6
3 rd	Parent meetings	Y2
11 th	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day	TBC
18 th	Christmas Holidays End of Term	Whole school

2027

January

	Welcome back for 2027- spring term	
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8 th	Residential – Anderton Centre	Yr 6
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February

3 rd	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
10 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
11 th	Eureka Trip	Yr 1
12 th	Half term	Whole School
22 nd	Welcome Back	Whole school
24 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
25 th	Parent Assembly	Yr 5

March

3 rd	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
4 th	World Book Day	Whole School
10 th (TBC)	Eid-al-Fitr	Whole school
10 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
17 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
24 th (TBC)	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
25 th	End of Term - Easter Holidays	Whole school

April

12 th	Welcome back – Summer term	Whole school
21 st	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
22 nd	Ribchester Trip	Yr 3
28 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3

May

3 rd	Bank Holiday	Whole school
	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3

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16 th (TBC)	Eid-al-Adha	Whole school
	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
25 th	Sports event	Yr 6 & Yr 1 only
	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
28 th	Half term	Whole school

June		
7 th	Welcome back	Whole School
9 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
16 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
23 rd	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
TBC	PTA SUMMER FAIR	Yr 3
30 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
30 th	Lytham St Anne's Trip	Yr 2

July		
6 th	Transition Day	Whole school
7 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
9 th	Performance	Yr 2
13 th	Performance	Yr 6
20 th	Leavers Assembly	Yr 6
20 th	Summer holidays – End of term	Whole school

PE REMINDER

Monday – Year 6 and Year 1 Purple Class
Tuesday – Year 3
Wednesday – Year 5
Thursday – Year 4
Friday – Year 2 and Year 1 Lavender
Children in Rainbow, please come in school uniform every day and we will continue to get changed on our PE days.
Children in Rainforest and Reception classes, don't need a PE kit.

PTA EVENT

PTA Movie nights are back!

Halloween Moviefest

2 films 1 night



Yrs 1-3 – In Red Class

HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA

Yrs 4-6 – In the Hall



Goosebumps

All tickets £4.50

Date: 22nd Oct 2026

Time: 3.30pm – 5.30pm

(Price includes popcorn, drink, sweets)



PTA 2027 LEAVERS HOODIES

Order forms have gone out to all year 6 for their 'Class of 2027' leaver's hoodies.

Please fill in the form and return it to the office ASAP for the early bird discount and pay for the hoodies on SCHOOL GATEWAY.

The hoodies are a great memento of your child's time at Shawclough School, however, you are under NO obligation to purchase one.

Please refer to the form for colours and sizes available.

Please note the hoodies are not part of school uniform but if your child purchases green, yellow or black they can be worn in school. Other colours are for outdoors, trips and non-uniform days only.

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READER OF THE WEEK



Hussnian A
Nursery



Rec Blue
Jaxon K





1 Lavender
Alayna H



1 Purple
Bohden P



2 Sunshine
Meerab A



2 Coral
Nina Dixon



2 Amber
Henry W



3 Lemon
Hannah H



4 Yellow
Umar



4 Orange
Aleyna A



5 Cherry
Shezzy H



6 Red
Moustafa A



6 Scarlet
Ruqaiyah H



EARLY START CLUB



Our early start club starts at 7.30 and is totally free of charge.

The only thing you need to do is sign them in. Please do not send them into the club alone in the morning.



LSC – AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



LSC now run our after school club. The club starts at 3.15 till 6pm.

If you wish your child to attend, you must book at place through the link that is on this newsletter or can be found on the school website.

The school office no longer deals with these bookings.

<https://wearelsc.co.uk/book>

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SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



Shawclough School SHOWING RACISM THE RED CARD!

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LSC *Giving children the best chance to reach their potential*

MULTI-ACTIVITY AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

NOW AT SHAWCLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Monday - Friday
For all children in Reception - Year 6
Short sessions: 3:15pm - 4:30pm (£4.75)
Standard sessions: 3:15pm - 6:00pm (£7.50)

What to expect...

- ✓ Multi-Activity wraparound clubs combining sports, games, crafts & more
- ✓ After school snack and drink provided
- ✓ Engaging activities including construction, LEGO, arts & crafts, board games and more
- ✓ Sports including Dodgeball, Tennis, Cricket...

Scan to book 

wearelsc.co.uk ★ Safe & Consistent Staff

To Book a place please use the following link:
<https://wearelsc.co.uk/book>

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Starting Senior School in September 2027

**SENIOR SCHOOL
EXPERIENCE DAY
FOR YEAR 6 PUPILS**

Wednesday 4th November 2026



For more information or to book your place, please scan the QR code!



0161 696 8600 (option 1) | admissions@burygrammar.com | burygrammar.com

BURY GRAMMAR SCHOOL

STARS

Science	★	7th Nov
Art, Food & DT	★	14th Nov
Maths & MFL	★	21st Nov
English & Humanities	★	28th Nov

Become a BGS Star and join some fun lessons with some of our inspirational teachers!

9.30am to 11.30am

For further details, please contact
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admissions@burygrammar.com
www.burygrammar.com



SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE AS NUMBERS ARE LIMITED

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

Our Information and Guest Speaker Coffee Sessions Timetable

This is an opportunity to meet other SEND families, have a brew and a chat! Our RPCV Team are on hand to support. These sessions are structured and we have professionals and services attending to share information with families at different time slots

Tuesday 13th October	Rochdale Parent Carers Voice
Tuesday 8th December	Second Floor
Tuesday 9th February	Spotland Bridge Mill
Tuesday 13th April	Mellor Street, Rochdale
Tuesday 8th June	OL11 5BU
	10am-12pm

Keep up to date with all our sessions by signing up as a parent or professional member to receive a monthly email via our website:
www.rochdaleparentcarersvoice.co.uk

Join our Facebook closed group page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Chat

*Professionals and Services can join Facebook page: Rochdale Parent Carers Voice Professionals and Services Page

This is a safe and open Parent Carer space for discussion so please do not bring Children and Young People you care for to this session

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

Our Parent Carer Social Coffee Sessions Timetable

This is a relaxed opportunity to meet other SEND families, have a brew and a chat! Our RPCV Team are on hand to support. SENDIASS Service will also be in one of our private rooms for parents to pop in for a chat and guidance if needed.

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Keeping your family safe from fire

Advice for Parents and Carers

Fire safety starts at home

Most fires in the home can be prevented. Actions such as:

Testing smoke alarms every week, keeping them clean and well maintained

Storing and charging electrical items safely

Talking to children about fire risks can make a significant difference.

Fire safety is not about causing worry; it is about helping families feel prepared and confident about what to do if an emergency occurs. Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to protect your household, and every family should be aware of their escape routes and what to do if an alarm sounds.

Safety actions to protect your home

Many household fires start through everyday activities. Cooking remains one of the most common causes of accidental fires, particularly when food is left unattended or when cookers and cooking surfaces are used for extra storage, as items left on or near hobs can accidentally catch fire.

Faulty electrical equipment, damaged charging cables and overloaded plug sockets can also present significant risks. Developing safe habits, such as switching appliances off when not in use, avoiding overloading extension leads and keeping flammable materials away from heat sources, can help reduce the likelihood of a fire starting in your home.

As children grow older, they often spend more time independently in their bedrooms and make greater use of technology. It is important for parents and carers to know where devices are being charged and to encourage safe charging habits.

Phones, tablets, laptops and gaming equipment should never be charged under pillows, on beds or beneath blankets where heat can build up. Hair straighteners should be fully switched off after use and allowed to cool safely. It is also worth having conversations about candles, incense burners and any other items that generate heat.

Children are naturally curious and may have questions about fire, fireworks or emergency services. Open and age-appropriate conversations can help them understand both the dangers and the importance of safe behaviour. Encourage children to tell an adult if they find matches, lighters or damaged electrical items. Explain that smoke can be just as dangerous as flames and that hiding during a fire can make it more difficult for firefighters to help them. Reassure children that knowing what to do in an emergency helps to keep everyone safe.

Creating a family escape plan

Every family should have a simple escape plan. Take time to identify the quickest way out of each room and, where possible, a second route in case the first is blocked. Make sure everyone in the household knows these routes and understands what to do if they hear the smoke alarm. Keep exits clear so that everyone can leave quickly in an emergency and ensure keys are stored in a safe but accessible place.

All family members should know where they are kept. Choose a family meeting point outside the home as this helps ensure everyone can be accounted for safely and reduces the risk of anyone re-entering the building. If there is a fire, get out, stay out and call 999. Teach younger children never to hide during a fire and never to go back inside for toys, pets or belongings.

Your family escape plan should also cover what to do if you cannot leave the property safely. If your escape route is blocked, move to a room with a window if possible and close the door behind you. Use towels, bedding or clothing to block gaps around the door to help prevent smoke entering the room. Open the window, call for help and dial 999 if you can. If you are on an upper floor, do not jump from a window; stay where you are and wait for rescue. If you live in a flat, make sure everyone in the household is familiar with the building's fire safety arrangements, evacuation procedures and escape routes, including the importance of not using lifts during a fire.

Fireworks, Deliberate Fires and Hoax Calls

Some children might not fully understand the consequences of irresponsible behaviour involving fire. Deliberately setting fires, misusing fireworks or making hoax calls to emergency services can place lives at risk and divert valuable resources away from genuine emergencies. Parents and carers play an important role in helping young people understand how these actions can affect individuals, families and communities. Taking opportunities to discuss news stories, local incidents or community events can help reinforce these messages.

Knowing your rights and the support available

Local authorities, housing teams, Citizens Advice, community organisations and charities may be able to assist with a range of issues, including housing conditions, household safety and family wellbeing. Many local Fire and Rescue Services also offer Free Home Fire Safety Checks, providing practical advice tailored to individual households and circumstances.

If you rent your home, your landlord has legal responsibilities to help keep you safe. In England, landlords must provide smoke alarms on every storey of a property, ensure gas appliances are checked annually where provided, maintain safe electrical installations and provide appropriate carbon monoxide alarms where required. They should also ensure that escape routes can be used safely at all times.

If you have concerns about fire safety, speak to your landlord or letting agent first. If problems are not resolved, your local council's housing team, Shelter or Citizens Advice may be able to offer support and guidance.

Useful Sources of Support

Further advice and support can be obtained from:

- Your Local Fire and Rescue Service
- Citizens Advice
- Shelter
- GOV.UK

These organisations provide information on home fire safety, housing rights, landlord responsibilities and support for families who may be experiencing difficulties.

Want to find out more?

- www.pol-ed.co.uk
- hello@pol-ed.police.uk
- @Pol-Ed.UK
- facebook.com/Pol-Ed.UK

Created in collaboration with West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service

Every Monday
4.30 – 6.30pm

FREE INDOOR CRICKET

AGE 8-15

Rochdale Leisure Centre

- All abilities welcome
- Explosive action
- No extra equipment needed
- Wear what you want

For more information contact:
Garreth Chambers on
07816 114 873



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