

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
Week ending 17/10/25



NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPT 2026

Are you looking to enrol your child's sibling into Nursery in September 2026?

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

If you are interested, please email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk to request an application pack. Alternatively, you can pop into the office for a paper copy.

Please note, the cut-off date for families wishing to apply for a September place is

Thursday 15th January

We have a limited number of **two-year-old** nursery places available to start in January. If your child has a sibling at school, please apply by **Wednesday 12th November** to ensure we can offer your family priority access to the sessions available.



Shawclough Wrap Around Care

Early Start Club opens at 7:30am to 8:30am
Early Start Club is a facility offered to parents who wish their children to be looked after before the school day. All children from nursery to year 6 are welcome to attend. The children have access to supervised activities for all ages and a selection of healthy breakfast choices.

Tea Time Club opens at 3:15pm to 4:15pm
Tea Time Club is a facility offered to parents who wish their children to be looked after beyond the school day. All children from nursery to year 6 are welcome to attend. The children have access to supervised activities for all ages and healthy snacks.

To book either clubs, please log on school gateway and select the date that is needed.
Booking can be pre-booked up to 2:30pm the day before the day required.



Reception Open Events

Wednesday 22nd October - 10:00-11:00am
Wednesday 22nd October - 1:30-2:30pm
Wednesday 5th November - 4:30-5:30pm

Scan the qr code to register by completing the online form for one of the events



Pupil places are available in other year groups.

Email for further information: office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk
or call 01706 647991
Find us at: Thrum Hall Lane, Rochdale, OL12 6DE



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 10.10.25

3 LEMON	99.3
RAINFOREST	98.9
6 SCARLET	98.4
6 RED	97.8
2 SUNSHINE	96.9
RECEP BLUE	96.8
1 LAVENDER	96.7
2 CORAL	96.7
4 YELLOW	96.5
5 POPPY	96.3
3 AMBER	95.8
GOLD	94.3
5 CHERRY	93.8
1 PURPLE	93.8
4 ORANGE	90.0
SAPPHIRE	90.0
NURSERY OCEAN	87.6
RUBY	87.5
RECEP TURQUOISE	85.7
NURSERY SKY	81.6

GOOD JOB LEMON CLASS – 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.



SUCCESS IN SCHOOL BEGINS WITH SHOWING UP.

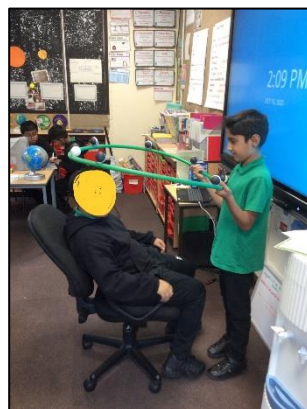
HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION - SEPT 2026

You must apply for secondary school for a September 2026 by

October 31, 2025.

Apply as soon as possible during this period to increase your chances of getting a place at one of your preferred schools, as applications submitted after the deadline are considered late. Applications should be made online through the council website portal.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Cherry class have been learning about the phases of the moon in Science

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the **lost property** box for items your child may have lost. It will be **EMPTIED** over half term and clothes will be **donated to charity or disposed of.**

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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Some of our talented writers in Year 5, visited Whittaker Moss High School and met with children's author David Webb. They spent the day doing fabulous pieces of writing with the author.

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 number of 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.

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Please be aware after recent events, we will/may be asking individuals to identify themselves when picking up and dropping off children. Whether this is at the gate when you press the buzzer to enter or when you exit the school grounds.

We have a lot of new staff in the building and other staff move around to cover different classes. People who pick up your children will not always be recognised by them, even if they have been picking up for a while. Please ensure that your contacts on the pickup lists are up to date. New staff will not recognise older sibling either – they too must be on the pickup list.

Please do not be offended if a member of staff challenges you – this is for the safety and safeguarding of both the children and staff. There are over 400 children in our school and we do not recognise all the parents, siblings and family members.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 3



Team work makes the dream work. These year 3 children have made a fabulous Caveman Dwelling as part of their topic work on the Stone Age.

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our Star awards are for lots of different things. From sharing and taking turns, to showing kindness and including others in their games. For doing extra work to show how much they have learned and showing constant improvement in applying skill they have learned Each and every child has truly deserved to be Star of the Week.



Rainforest
Chizara Onyegbule

Year 2 Coral
Arsenie Placenta



Year 3 Amber
Daniyal Ahmed

Year 3 Lemon
Ayah Raffi



Year 4 Orange
Wareesha Noor

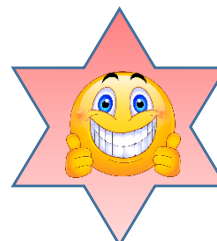
Year 4 Yellow
Husnain Akbar



Nursery
Umme-Hani Luqmaan



Reception Blue
Zidaan Jawad

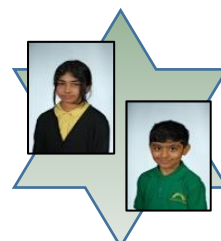


Year 5 Cherry
Irfan Latif

Reception Turquoise
Jamal Ndlovu



Year 5 Poppy
Fatima Khurran/Ayaan khan



Year 1 Lavender
Corey Bills

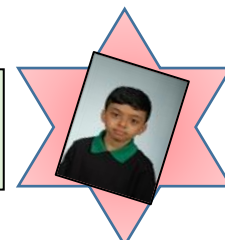


Year 6 Scarlet
Aairah Hussain

Year 1 Purple
Seraphim Dunnings



Year 6 Red
Zishan Ahmed



Year 2 Sunshine
Hannah Hussain



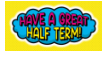
Rainbow
Noah Tierney

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER

20 th	Parent phone calls 	Yr 3
21 st	Parent phone calls 	Yr 5
22 nd	Parent phone calls 	Yr 6
23 rd	Parent phone calls 	Yr 4
23 rd	Greek Day 	Yr 6
24 th	Half term break 	Whole school

NOVEMBER

3 rd	Welcome back 	Whole school
10 th	Cinema trip 	Yr 5
10 th	Clothes collection Donate clothes 4 sammy project 	Whole school
10 th	Starbooks 	Yr 6
11 th	Starbooks 	Yr 5
11 th	Cinema trip 	Yr 6
12 th	Parent assembly 	Yr 4
13 th	Nursery Rhyme Day 	Nursery
14 th	Children in Need 	Whole school
17 th	Starbooks 	Yr 2
18 th	Starbooks 	Yr 1
24 th	Starbooks 	Yr 3

DECEMBER

2 ND	Rocksteady Concert 	Parent who's children are in Rocksteady
4 th	Carol concert 	Yr 6
10 th	Performance 	Nursery
12 th	Panto trip 	Yr 3 & Rainbow
16 th	Christmas dinner/christmas jumper day 	Whole school
19 th	Christmas parties 1pm finish End of term 	Whole school

JANUARY

5 th	Welcome back Spring Term 	Whole school
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FEBRUARY

13 th	Half Term 	Whole school
23 rd	Welcome back 	Whole school

MARCH

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APRIL

3 rd	Easter Break 	Whole school
20 th	Welcome back 	Whole school

MAY

22 nd	Half term 	Whole school
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JUNE

1 st	Welcome Back 	Whole school
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JULY

17 th	Summer Break 	Whole school
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SEPTEMBER

	Welcome back! 	Whole school
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PTA VOLUNTEERS



Calling ALL parents – PTA needs you !

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.

PTA – CLOTHES COLLECTION

RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES

JOIN THE PROJECT TO ENTER

ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS

- 1. ADULT AND CHILDREN CLOTHES
- 2. BATH AND HAND TOWELS
- 3. HANDWRAPS & ACCESSORIES & BELTS
- 4. PANTSIES AND BRAIDS
- 5. PANTSIES, CLEAN UNWASHED SHOES
- 6. JEWELLERY, COSMETICS (UNWASHED) AND ACCESSORIES
- 7. UNWASHED GIFTS, PEARLS & JEWELLERY, SOFT TOYS

ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS

- 1. DIRTY, RIPPED OR WET CLOTHING, UNWASHED SHOES
- 2. WORK UNIFORMS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS & SPORTS KIT
- 3. CLOTHES, SHOES, BELTS, CLOTHING, CLOTHES
- 4. BIKINI & BIKINI, BIKINI & CLOTHES
- 5. PLASTIC TOYS, BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES

IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT TO PUT IN THE BAGS STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT?

PLEASE USE THE CLOTHING BAG PROVIDED. YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY ADDITIONAL BAG IF REQUIRED.

PLEASE RETURN TO: 101-101

To learn more about the Sammy's project and good causes the school, please go to: www.donatedtocharity.org

is launched by Leukaemia Research

Help the PTA to raise money for our PTA and a charity, by donating your unwanted clothes and other items to Sammy's project. Sammy's Project raises money for Leukaemia and Myeloma research, a disease that effect a lot of people in the community. The charity raises awareness and educates people on the signs and symptoms of the disease and the different treatments available.

Our **PTA collection will be November 10th 2025, in the morning only.** Your child/ren will bring home a bag shortly to put your items in (you can use additional bags too.)

Listed above are the item that are accepted by the appeal. Please be kind when donating and take special note of things that are not accepted.

SCHOOL COMMS/SIMMS

If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – Download it 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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COMMUNITY NOTICES



AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
MOUNTSIDE VIEW THRUHALL LANE
OL12 6DE
11AM TILL 2PM

RAISING MONEY FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR

stalls: tombola bric-a-brac
 lucky dip cake stall toy stall

REFRESHMENTS

TEA, COFFEE, JUICE
 HOTDOGS, BURGERS, VEGGIE BURGERS
ALL WELCOME



ROCHDALE TOWN HALL

SEND SUNDAYS

Puppet Making •
 Theatre Craft •
 The Orchestra of Sound •
 Family Theatre •
 Eliza Says •

FREE

First Sunday of each month



BOOK NOW



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- Free lunch & refreshments provided
- Informal activities all day including a **Wall of Wishes**
- **Lego Serious Play** sessions at 10:30, 11:30, 13:15, 14:30
- Suitable for **children aged 5+** and their **parents/carers**, school **teachers**, and **tutors**

For further information and to sign up, scan the QR code or visit:
eventbrite.co.uk/e/building-brighter-futures-with-lego-what-does-a-fair-start-look-like-tickets-1679042795199



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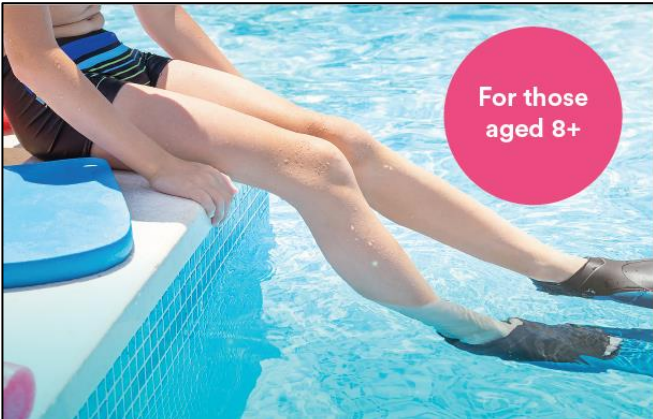
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For those aged 8+

Aqua Skills

4 day course

Monday 27 - Friday 31 October (excluding Wednesday)
1 - 1.45pm

Price = £26.40

Join these fun-filled mission sessions designed for young people aged 8 and over - a perfect addition to the Junior Lifeguard Course!

Each of the four action-packed sessions offers a unique experience, building skills in Fin Swimming, Fun Rescues, Pool Sports and more.

It's a great way to boost confidence, learn new techniques and enjoy exciting pool-based activities.

To join the course, children must be able to swim 50 metres continuously unaided.

For more information or to book, please speak to a member of the team or contact
 @swimacademy@yourtrustrochdale.co.uk
 01706 926000

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25% discount for Swim Academy Members

Intensive Swimming Lessons

4 day course

Monday 27 - Friday 31 October (excluding Wednesday)

A 30 minute lesson per day between 9.30 - 11.30am depending on availability

For those aged 3+
Price = £26.40

Non Swimmers
(Stanley 1+2 & Octopus 1)
Swimmers with little or no swimming experience.

Beginners
(Stanley 3-6 & Octopus 2)
Swimmers that are more confident moving in the water, submerging and able to propel themselves through the water with / without aids.

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Parent and Pre-school Course

4 day course

Monday 27 - Friday 31 October (excluding Wednesday)
11.30am - 12pm

For those aged 2 and 3 years, with their parent or carer

Price = £26.40

This 4 day course follows on from the baby and pre-school starfish classes and is designed for little ones aged 2 and 3 years old to get them ready for joining the 'Your Trust Swim Academy' lessons when they turn 5.

With a qualified and highly experienced baby and pre-school swimming teacher, children are also supported in the water by their parent or carer.

You'll learn the best way to support your child in the water helping them feel relaxed, happy and confident to enjoy the pool and begin developing essential water skills for life.

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Rochdale SENDiass

Special Educational Needs, Disability Information, Advice & Support Service

There are a number of workshops coming up that offer information, advice and support on a wide range of topics related to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.

If you are interested please click on the link below to access them. Some are face to face and some are on line.

[Rochdale SENDiass Workshops Sept - Dec 2025 | Eventbrite](#)

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