

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 02  
Week ending 19/09/25



### CELEBRATING BILINGUALISM

The article below was taken from Facebook – what a lovely way to celebrate Bilingualism.

At our School we would love to provide this opportunity to all our parents who are bilingual. Could you:

- Read a story in home language, or
- Teach the children a simple song in your home language – something funny, traditional or meaningful to your culture.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to:

- Hear different languages spoken with pride
- Learn about different cultures and traditions
- Celebrate the diversity of our school

If you are interested please speak to your child's teacher or contact the school office.



### PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Year 5 went to Rochdale Library to visit Sammy Weaver, who is Rochdale's Poet Laureate. They took part in the Your Voice Your Power, poetry workshop.

### SMART WATCHES

Smart watches and any electronics that play games or take photographs are NOT allowed in school.

Any child found with these item on them will have them confiscated and left in the office to collect at the end of the day.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 12.9.25

<b>RUBY</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>6 SCARLET</b>	<b>98.9</b>
<b>5 POPPY</b>	<b>97.8</b>
<b>2 SUNSHINE</b>	<b>97.4</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>97.1</b>
<b>4 ORANGE</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>5 CHERRY</b>	<b>95.2</b>
<b>NURSERY SKY</b>	<b>94.9</b>
<b>3 AMBER</b>	<b>94.4</b>
<b>2 CORAL</b>	<b>94.1</b>
<b>4 YELLOW/NURSERY OCEAN</b>	<b>93.5</b>
<b>6 RED</b>	<b>93.3</b>
<b>3 LEMON</b>	<b>92.1</b>
<b>1 PURPLE</b>	<b>91.5</b>
<b>SAPPHIRE</b>	<b>90.0</b>
<b>1 LAVENDER</b>	<b>84.1</b>

**GOOD JOB RUBY 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.



**WHEN YOU ARE PUNCTUAL, YOU SHOW THAT YOU VALUE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND RESPECT THE TIME OF OTHERS.**

## PE KITS

Our PE kit policy has changed slightly. Going forward children are required to wear a black t-shirt rather than a white one for PE. Black shorts/leggings and pumps for indoors. Tracksuit bottoms/leggings/ jumper, black and trainers. (white t-shirts came be worn till the end of the month or until a black t-shirt can be purchased.)

Please ensure that all items of PE and Games clothing as well as uniform are labelled with your child's name and class.



Any lost items will be put in our lost property box which is situated inside the community entrance and not bought to the office.

Please check there for lost property before coming to the office.

Smaller items such as glasses, jewellery and toys will be brought to the office if handed in

## 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 letters 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.**

## SENDCO

For those of you who may not be aware, Joanna Chamberlain is no longer the SENDCO. Ms Chamberlain is now a teacher in Rainbow and our SENDCO is now Claire Crawford.

Shawclough school is CASHLESS. We accept payments by **CARD ONLY**. Please ensure you have downloaded the **GATEWAY APP** to receive information about school and make payments.



## PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL

We are still receiving calls of complaints by our neighbours who live around the school, parents experiencing threats of violence by other parents, bad language, being aggressive towards school staff – the list goes on. The worst thing is, our children are witnessing all of this.



The safety and wellbeing of our children is one of our utmost priorities, in and around our school.

**We request that parents understand that their negative behaviour affects the children – IT IS NOT OK.**

Traffic police periodically come to our school and will issue tickets. The school **will not** intervene on your behalf. Waiting in the turning circle, parking on yellow lines – will get you a parking fine.

There is plenty of parking on Whitworth Road and Paton Street and it is barely a 5 minute walk. The church has kindly offered us their carpark to use but please do not abuse this permission by parking dangerously and blocking the entrance/exit.

**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.

## JUST A REMINDER:

**SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL & EVERYWHERE INSIDE THE BOUNDARY IS**

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

## VOLUNTEERS



### Calling ALL parents – PTA needs

Join the PTA!



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.

## 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](#)



## PEEK AT THE WEEK - WHOLE SCHOOL

Some of you may have been lucky enough to see this baby deer in our woodland. Although it is beautiful and very exciting to see a deer up close, please remember they are very timid creatures and should be admired from a distance. DO NOT APPROACH!



Shawclough School & PTA are on





## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our Stars have all shown **COURAGE AND BRAVERY**. Whether it is through trying something new/trying their hardest/not giving up or even helping friends to be brave and have courage.



Rainforest  
Reina El-Hajj

Nursery  
Inara Iqbal



Reception Blue  
Pixie Furby



Reception Turquoise  
Bohdan Ptashnyk



Yr 1 Lavender  
Sumayya Javed



Yr 1 Purple  
Safa Bari-Arshad



Yr 2 Sunshine  
Amyra Mogheez

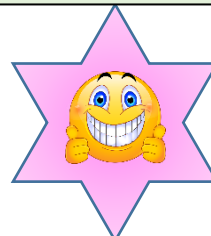


Yr 2 Coral  
Jack Binns



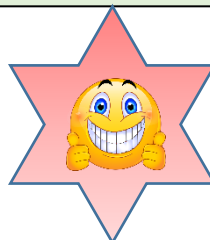
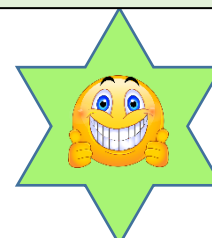
Yr 3 Amber  
Reign Nortley

Yr 3 Lemon  
Noor FATima



Yr 4 Orange  
Musa Nadeel

Yr 4 Yellow  
Hawa Muhammed



Yr 5 Cherry  
Hager Al-Shammari

Yr 5 Poppy  
Mohammed Jalani

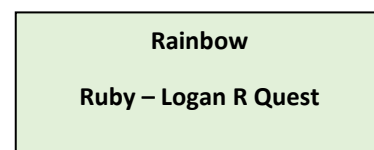


Yr 6 Scarlet  
Chizaram Okpalaojiego

Yr 6 Red  
Zishan Ahmed



Rainbow  
Ruby – Logan R Quest



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



### SEPTEMBER

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Healey Dell Walk		Y4
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### OCTOBER

1 <sup>st</sup>	Visit to Rochdale Library to meet the Poetry Laureate		5P
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harvest Collection – Non Uniform Donation 1 item of tinned food		Whole school
6 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Fair		Y6
9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos		Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Day – Non Uniform		Whole school
15 <sup>th</sup>	Panto by M6		TBC
24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break		Whole school

### NOVEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school
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### DECEMBER

19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Holidays		Whole school
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### JANUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back Spring Term		Whole school
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### FEBRUARY

13 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term		Whole school
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school

### MARCH

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### APRIL

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Break		Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school

### MAY

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half term		Whole school
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### JUNE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome Back		Whole school
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### JULY

17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break		Whole school
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## 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 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.

## WEATHER

As the weather turns cooler and we are seeing more rain – please ensure that children have a coat in school at all times and a jumper or fleece if required.



## SCHOOL COMMS/SIMMS

**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.

**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



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**Drake Street Dental Practice are now excepting patients under the age of 18 on the NHS. If you would like to register your child, pop into the practice a register your child any morning from 10am-1pm. You will need a valid form of ID, either a passport or birth certificate and they will be offered their first appointment.**

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Vacancy – School Crossing Patrol

There are a number of vacancies across the borough. If you wish to apply please copy and paste the link below.

<https://apply.greater.jobs/rochdale/Job/JobDetail?jobid=1769>



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