

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 04 Autumn Term
Week ending 2/10/26



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>

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.

Please get in touch with Mrs Oldham in year 6 or ring/email the office.

IS IT PE TODAY?

Children in years 1-6 can come to school in their PE kits. Children need to wear a plain black T-shirt, Black Jogging pants, leggings or shorts, their school jumper or fleece and trainers. Please bring school pumps for indoor PE in a bag labelled with your child's name and class.

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.



PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Come along to the *SEN coffee morning*.

6th October 2026

If you have any concerns about your child around SEND, you are more than welcome to come and have a chat with our SENCO Claire Crawford, from 9-10am in the hall.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

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
info@wearelsc.co.uk
0800 032 1806

- ★ Safe & Consistent Staff
- ★ Varied & Engaging Activities
- ★ Easy & Flexible Booking

To Book a place please use the following link:

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

CORRECT SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform can be worn in a number of combinations. Please see some examples below of what your child can wear.



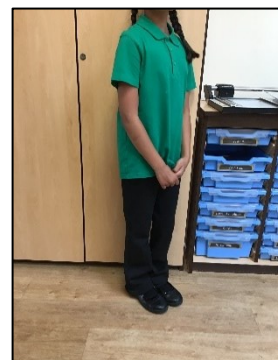
Black pinafore
Black cardigan
Green polo shirt



Black fleece
Black pants
Yellow polo shirt



Black fleece
Green polo shirt
Black pants



Green polo shirt
Black pants



Black cardigan
Yellow polo shirt
Black skirt

Black shoes/trainers
Black/grey/white/
Tights

PE KIT: Black shorts/leggings, black tshirt, pumps.
GAMES KIT: Black sweatshirt, black jogger, trainers.

NO jewellery, studs only, long hair must be tied back.

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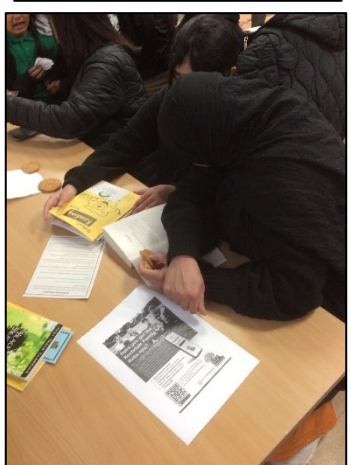


PEEK AT THE WEEK – WHOLE SCHOOL

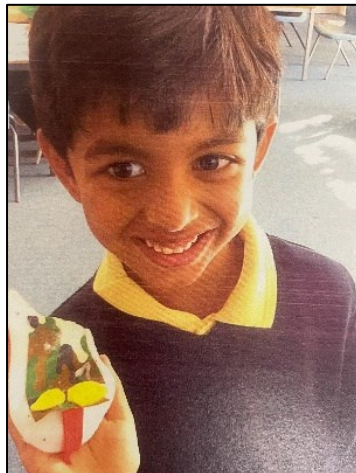


Thursday 1st October is National Poetry day. We have a lovely selection of poetry books on our reading display at the front of school, for all the children to enjoy.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 6



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 1



Purple class designed and made sock puppets.



Year 6 kicked off the week with Star books. It was lovely to see so many parents turn up to share a brew and a book with their child. Thank you parents.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 25/9/26

GOLD RAINFOREST	100.0
3 AMBER	99.6
1 LAVENDER	99.4
6 RED	98.1
6 SCARLET	97.5
4 ORANGE	97.1
3 LEMON	97.0
5 CHERRY	96.9
RECEPTIONBLUE	96.4
2 CORAL	96.4
5 POPPY	96.3
1 PURPLE	95.6
2 SUNSHINE	95.5
4 YELLOW	95.0
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	95.0
RUBY	95.0
SAPPHIRE	92.0

GOOD JOB GOLD & 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 25/9/26

RECEPTION - MARYAM



YEAR 1 - IMOGEN



YEAR 2 - HARRIS



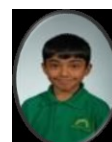
YEAR 3 - HUNTER



YEAR 4 - HANNA



YEAR 5 - ZAYYAN



YEAR 6 - INARA



RAINBOW - NOAH



RAINFOREST - CHIZARA



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STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars are for...
Being a self manager.

Nursery
Yusha R



Reception Turquoise
Yahya S

For being a 'Triatops' and doing all things for himself and not giving up.



Reception Blue
Eesa I

For being a 'Triatops' and doing all things for himself and not giving up.



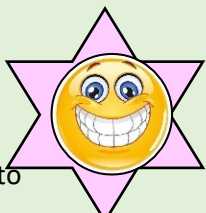
Year 1 Purple
Safa H

Being ready to learn

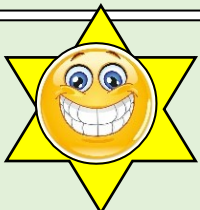


Year 1 Lavender

Issac A – being a fantastic self Manager, always remembering his coat off the playground and self-motivating to develop his handwriting.



Year 2 Sunshine
Arianna H



Year 2 Coral
Raees J

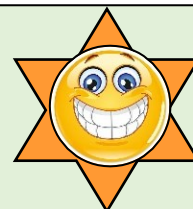


Year 3 Lemon
Maryam N

Taking responsibility for her learning.



Year 3 Amber
Adyan Ali



Year 4 Yellow
Ayah R



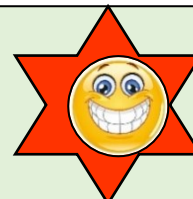
Year 4 Orange
Isaac K



Year 5 Cherry
Aaesha A & Aiza R

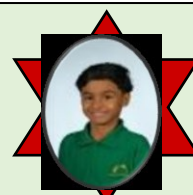


Year 5 Poppy
Ollie B



Year 6 Scarlet
Jalani

Always being ready to learn and taking ownership of his learning



Year 6 Red
Ola O

Always ready and prepared to learn. Always Respectful and looking to learn more.



Rainbow
Cillian HB

Being a self-manger and being responsible for class equipment



Rainforest
Rohan GR



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates subject to change

HOLIDAYS

BANK HOLIDAYS

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

PARENTS MEETINGS

SWIMMING

TRIPS

October

5 th	Food bank collection week	Whole school
5 th	Reading Meeting – 8-10am	Reception
6 th	Star books	Yr 3
7 th	Star books	Yr 2
8 th	Individual Picture Day	Whole school
9 th	Star books	Yr1
13 th	WW2 Day Dress up WW2 costumes or school uniform only	Y6
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 breakfast	Yr 4
11 th	Odeon Cinema Trip	Yr 5
12 th	Nursery Rhyme Day	Nursery
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

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

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 Breakfast	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

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PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINBOW

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

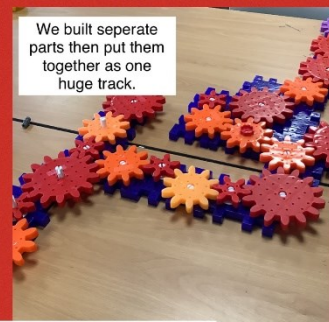
June		
7 th	Welcome back	Whole School
9 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
16 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
23 rd	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
TBC	PTA SUMMER FAIR	Yr 3
30 th	Swimming Lemon 1-2pm Amber 2-3pm	Yr 3
30 th	Lytham St Anne's Trip	Yr 2

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

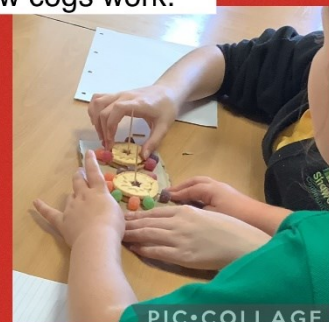
Ruby class Rainbow.



We built separate parts then put them together as one huge track.



Exploring how cogs work.



Ruby class have been exploring how cogs work and Gold class have been looking at what different animals need to survive.



PUNCTUALITY PANDA



Percy was awarded to Blue class this week. He will spend the week with them as a reward for being on time every day this week. Where will he be next week?

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

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

ORANGE CLASS

ROCK ON GUYS - WELL DONE!



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Another lovely turnout for Star Books. This time year 5.

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READER OF THE WEEK

2026 is the 'YEAR OF READING' and to celebrate this we are going to have a READER OF THE WEEK! We have started our Star books events and will continue to do so, to promote and encourage a love of reading with our children. Please continue to read with them at home and complete their reading log.



Amber D
Nursery



Noah A
Rec Blue



Dua A
Rec Turquoise



Sumayyah AJ
1 Lavender



Zakariya H
1 Purple



Ilhan A
2 Sunshine



Micah A
2 Coral



Winnie H
3 Lemon



Hiba N
3 Amber



Archie I
4 Yellow



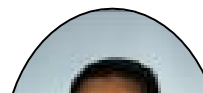
Aaryan A
4 Orange



Haaris M
5 CHERRY



Amaan M
6 Red



Qayla H
6 Scarlet



Chizara O
Rainforest

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Umbrella sessions – Understanding Anxiety, triggers and strategies to build resilience

Neurodivergent people experience anxiety at significantly higher rates due to sensory overload, unpredictability, communication barriers, and social pressure. This workshop provides the understanding and tools needed to create calmer, safer, and more supportive environments.

Different minds • Shared belonging • Stronger support

What will parents learn?

- **Neurodivergent anxiety**, how it differs from neurotypical anxiety
- **Common triggers**, sensory, social, communication and executive functioning
- **Support strategies**, practical tools for home, school and social environments
- **Inclusive design**, creating calmer, predictable responses

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers who would like to better understand how anxiety presents, learn about common triggers and develop strategies to cope and build resilience

Dates – September 22nd 2026 6-8pm

or October 12th 9.30am-12 noon

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill, (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Tel 07455 825540

Book on Eventbrite or email rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com



The Umbrella sessions – Tools to Communicate - Social Stories™, Comic Strip Conversations™, and visual supports

*This workshop explores how to use **Social Stories™**, **Comic Strip Conversations™**, and **visual supports** to improve social understanding, communication, and emotional regulation for neurodivergent individuals.*

Different minds • Shared belonging • Stronger support

What will parents learn?

How Social Stories™ help explain routines, expectations, and social situations

How Comic Strip Conversations™ make thoughts, feelings, and conversations visible

How visual supports reduce overwhelm and increase independence

Step-by-step demonstrations of each approach

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers to discover how to turn invisible social information into **clear, calm, visual guidance** — helping neurodivergent children feel safer, more understood, and more prepared for daily life.

Date – October 8th 2026

Time - 6-8pm

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

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The Umbrella sessions – Neurodiversity 'All about it'

A friendly workshop for parents and carers to explore, understand, and celebrate different ways of thinking, learning, communicating, and experiencing the world.

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What will parents learn?

- **Understand** what neurodiversity means and why it matters
- **Explore** common neurodivergent profiles, including autism, ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, and other profiles
- **Recognise** how children may experience communication, learning, emotions, and everyday routines differently
- **Discover** practical ways to support children at home and in school conversations
- **Celebrate** strengths, acceptance, confidence, and belonging

Who is it for?

This session is for parents and carers who would like to better understand neurodiversity and feel more confident supporting children with different needs, strengths, and ways of experiencing the world.

Date – October 5th 2026

Time – 9.30-12pm or 6-9pm

Venue – Spotland Bridge Mill, (Floor 2) Mellor Street, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Tel 07455 825540

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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

Tuesday 8th December

Tuesday 9th February

Tuesday 13th April

Tuesday 8th June

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Voice**

**Second Floor
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Mellor Street,
Rochdale
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10am-12pm

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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

Story Time at the Town Hall

First Monday of every month starting
5th October 2026 | 11am-12noon



A partnership between Rochdale Town Hall & Rochdale Library Service to celebrate the National Year of Reading

Looking for an activity for your pre-schooler on those wet & wild winter months? We've got just the thing, come along to Story Time interactive story sessions designed especially for pre-school children and their grandparents (or other grown-ups)

Snuggle in, nestle down and see what's in the story sack this month.

For more information:

✉ hello@rochdaletownhall.co.uk 📱 [rochdaletownhall.co.uk](https://www.rochdaletownhall.co.uk)



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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.

Tuesday 8th September

Tuesday 10th November

Tuesday 12th January

Tuesday 9th March

Tuesday 11th May

Tuesday 13th July

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ROCHDALE INCLUSIVE ACTIVITIES FAIR

Saturday 10th October 2026

2pm - 4pm

Heywood Sports Village

FREE Just Come Along!

For children & young people aged 0 - 25 with SEND & SEMH needs, their families and those that work to support them across the Rochdale Borough.

Meet Local Providers

Talk directly to Rochdale based activity providers from different locals.

Try Activities

Have a go at inclusive activities suitable for a wide range of needs.

Book Sessions

Sign up and arrange sessions that work for your child.

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