

Our main aim is to ensure that every child's happiness is the key and our children's happiness, safety and health are at the heart of our achievements for each individual child.

## Shawclough Community School Newsletter

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Week ending 02/05/25



### VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



May 8<sup>th</sup> 2025 is the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day.

VE (Victory in Europe) Day, is the day Allies of World War II, excepted Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces on Tuesday, 8 May in 1945. It marked the official surrender of all German military operations.

VE is celebrated every year and 2025 marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary. People up and down the country will be celebrating in style and Shawclough School are going to be part of those celebrations.

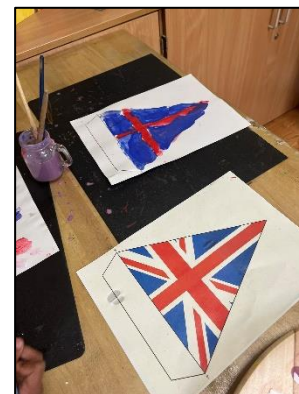
The school will be hosting a lovely afternoon tea – prepared by our wonderful kitchen staff.

Children who normally have packed lunches are welcome to join in for the afternoon tea, please book on through School Comms (a letter has gone out to advise how to do this.)

*Let's all celebrate together!*



### PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception have been learning about VE day and preparing some decorations for our party next week.

### NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

The nation's biggest celebration of gardening this year focused on new and beginners gardeners.

Organised by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS), the week aims to promote gardening and encourage participation in the healthy activity of gardening.

The theme for 2025 is "Knowledge is Flower". The RHS provides resources and activities for gardeners, including tips, myth-busting, and guidance on various gardening aspects.

At Shawclough school all the phases have been getting involved and the fact the weather has been great has added to the excitement of planting bulbs, seeds, tidying our garden spaces and learning and investigation how plants grow.

You can follow us on 

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

PTA are on







## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



For National Gardening week Reception have made world seed bombs and researched and drawn sunflowers.

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINFOREST



PIC-COLLAGE

## CHILDREN'S CHAMPION – DEADLINE 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2025

**(YEAR 4/5 ONLY)**



Does  
your  
child  
want to  
be the next



**ROCHDALE BOROUGH  
CHILDRENS CHAMPION?**

**YES?** Well...apply by downloading an application pack using the link below.

*(If you cannot download an application pack, please collect one from the school office.)*

[Children's Champions | Rochdale Borough Council](#)

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception have been painting Sunflowers just like Vincent Van Gogh.

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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 25/05/25

<b>RUBY</b>	<b>100.0</b>
5 CHERRY	99.0
1 PURPLE/LAVENDER	98.6
5 POPPY	98.0
NURSERY OCEAN	97.4
RECEPTION BLUE	95.4
3 LEMON	94.7
3 AMBER	94.5
4 YELLOW	92.8
4 ORANGE	92.5
SAPPHIRE	92.3
6 RED	91.8
2 SUNSHINE	90.4
6 SCARLET	90.3
2 CORAL	90.0
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	89.0
GOLD	82.1
NURSERY SKY	75.5

**WELL DONE RUBY CLASS**  
- GOOD JOB 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.



**MISSING SCHOOL MEANS MISSING OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN AND CONNECT WITH YOUR CLASSMATES**

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - INTERVENTION



This group have done a marvelous job clearing weeds from the Rainbow garden and planting seeds in the planters at the front of school. These will hopefully blossom into beautiful plants and flowers and make our school look spectacular.

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PTA are on





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY			DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
MAY			
8 <sup>th</sup>	VE Day celebrations – Wear Red, White and Blue		Whole school
16 <sup>th</sup>	Residential update meeting		Year 6
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day		Year 1-6
TBC	Parent Breakfast		Reception
20 <sup>th</sup>	Trip to Eureka		Year 1
22 <sup>nd</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 residential		Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term – Normal finish		Whole school
JUNE			
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back from Half term		Whole school
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rochdale visit – Cherry class		Year 5
JULY			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day		Whole school
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 6 sept		Current yr 5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 5 sept		Current year 4
4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Breakfast/Roman Day TBC		Year 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for yr 4 sept		Current yr 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover		Year 5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting event		Year 6
7 <sup>th</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 1 September		Current reception
8 <sup>th</sup>	Rochdale visit – Poppy class		Year 5
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for yr 3		Current yr 2
11 <sup>th</sup>	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 2 sept		Current year 1

15 <sup>th</sup>	Final Performance		Year 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – 1pm finish <b>Summer Holidays!</b>		Whole school
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 leavers party – hosted by PTA at Thrum Hall Church		Year 6 only

### PEEK AT THE WEEK -YEAR 4



Year 4 built Roman catapults and even Mr Doyle joined in the 'catapult wars'!

**JUST A REMINDER THAT  
SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL  
(EVERYWHERE INSIDE THE  
BOUNDARY IS :**



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## PEEK AT THE WEEK - NURSERY



Nursery also got in on the theme of National Garden Week and decided to do some planting and then played in the water afterwards.

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Year 2 have been planting seeds and bulbs this year.

## GOOD WEATHER

As the weather improves and the days get warmer and sunnier, please could parent ensure that child are bringing suitable sunhat to school and when necessary are apply sun cream to children BEFORE they arrive at school.

Year 4/5/6 children must remember to bring in water bottles so they can stay hydrated at all times.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



RAISING ROCHDALE

Rochdale Child & Educational Psychology Service Advice Line for Parents/Carers

First Wednesday of every month 1-4pm

01706 926400

Do you as a parent or carer at home have concerns about your child and feel that you need someone to talk to?

Rochdale Child & Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carer of a child or young person between the ages of 0-25, who feel they would benefit from a discussion with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising.

The concerns can be related to education or family life and might include:

- **Stress and Anxiety** which may be impacting on your child's ability to feel able to attend school
- **Low self-esteem**
- Conflict and **relationship** difficulties within the family
- Difficulties/anxieties related to **learning and/or exams**
- Concerns about **friendships, bullying and social isolation**
- How to best **look after yourself** so you can support your children

Your child does not already need to be open to the Child & Educational Psychology Service for advice to be provided.

Please ring our business support team on 01706 926400 anytime on the **first Wednesday afternoon of the month between 1 and 4pm** and ask to speak to an Educational

Psychologist.

Dates:

~~5<sup>th</sup> March 2025~~

~~2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025~~

7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

4<sup>th</sup> June 2025

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025

(If the phone lines are busy, please leave a message and a member of the team will get back to you.)

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