

main aim is a love of life and learn
 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 15
 Week ending 20/12/24



FINALLY, it's the Christmas hols – YAY!



GLIMPSE OF THE LAST WEEK OF 2024

Reception had fun playing with Christmas their photo booth and then had even more fun dancing away and enjoying Christmas jumper day!

Wednesday was Christmas dinner day – the kitchen served 'Festive Burgers'. The hall was set up all fancy with Xmas Crackers for the children.



Year 5 took a brisk walk to Falinge Park High School to watch their Performance of Frozen – it was lovely to see so many of our past students in the show.

Cherry class also won class attendance last week, so 'Percival' the Punctuality Panda stayed with them for the week. Well done!



Mrs Mitchell's last Christmas at Shawclough School ☺ (Erm...why does she look so happy? ☺)



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Rainbow did an investigation with ice and by the looks of it had a party for the rest of the week – now that's the Christmas spirit!



Nursery had the 'cutest' Christmas Fun Run



WELL DONE

We had a number of raffles at the end of this term after the Christmas performance. We raised £152.00. Thank you to everyone that donated raffle prizes and thank you to everyone that bought raffle tickets.



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS



Have you applied for your child's primary school place?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, it's time to apply for a place.



CLOSING DATE 15TH January 2024. You must apply for Primary School place through the council website

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 20/12/24

1L	97.1%
GOLD	96.4%
6S	95.8%
5P	95.5%
2S	95.4%
6R	95.1%
1P/3A	95.5%
RT	95.05
5C	94.0%
40/3L	93.5%
4Y	91.5%
RB	88.5%
2C	88.0%
SAPPHIRE	83.3%
RUBY	76.6%

Please note that attendance figures are *always* for the week prior.

WELL DONE LAVENDER CLASS – LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.'



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS... NO REALLY IT DOES!

REMINDERS

PTA

YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES

Next term, PTA will be sending out an order form for your child's leaver's hoodie.

Please be aware that the earlier we get all the order form back and orders processed, the earlier your child will receive their hoodie and can start to wear it.



This will ensure that your child has their hoodie early enough to get as much use out of it as possible before they start year 7 in their new high school.

This also means that the children will have their hoodies for their end of term trips.

VOLUNTEERS



Calling ALL parents – PTA needs!

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.

Join the PTA!

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!

trockstars.com/parents/

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- [What's included?](#)
- [Importance of timetables](#)
- [TTRS intro video](#)
- [Parent guide PDF](#)
- [FAQs answered](#)
- [Free downloadables](#)



- Enter the same email address and mobile number that is registered with the school
- You will receive a 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.

EARLY PICK UPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Picking up children from school early should be avoided at all costs. **Appointments should be arranged out of school hours.**

We are aware that occasionally this isn't possible but in most cases appointments should be made after 3.15pm. Too many parents are picking up children early and as a result of this, children are missing valuable topic work and learning time in the afternoon.

Any appointment made during the day must be an **emergency only**. Also, children cannot be 'ready' for you in the reception area. You must come into school, fill out an appointment slip – only then will your child/children be brought from classrooms and released to you. We therefore request that you manage your time carefully. Our school is a big school and it takes time to get around – not all classrooms have phones.

Any reason other than an emergency appointment for picking up children early, will require an email to the **head teacher** directly and **only** she can **authorise** this.

DOGS

Please **DO NOT** bring dogs into school grounds.



PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

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

SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway



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

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Please be reminded that the playground areas around school are **STRICTLY** out of bounds, out of school hours.

The equipment at the back of the main yard/playground, the muddy area next to reception (with the big slide) and the nursery garden at the back of school, are all areas that must not be used by children before 8.30am and after 3.15pm.



Any resources left out in playground areas are the property of the school and will be collected in when it is convenient for staff to do so – please do not assume it is 'lost' or 'dropped' by someone. It is NOT ok for your children/child to take it. If you believe that your child has been 'found' something in the playground that doesn't belong to them, please hand it in to the office.

Please also be aware that if your child were to have an accident or injure themselves in anyway there may not be a first aider onsite.



STAFF CARPARK

**NO
PARKING**

The staff carpark is for **STAFF ONLY**. Unless you have been given special dispensation from the Head Teacher or have a blue badge please **DO NOT** use the staff car park to pick up and drop off your children before and after school.

Please park outside of school when dropping children off to early start club. Staff are trying to access the carpark at these hours and are often held up and delayed due to parents taking up spaces for a quick drop off.

If you have been given permission by the head teacher to use the car park, can you please get in touch with the office to ascertain whether or not this is still feasible.

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area. Please do not be offended if you are asked to switch off or leave the premises to continue on a call. Only year 6 children are permitted to bring in a phone with permission is required from the head

teacher. Phones must be handed to the office for safe keeping at the beginning of the day. If children are found with phones in the classroom they will be prohibited from bringing them in at all.

PEDESTRIAN GATES

We kindly request that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian (electric) gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. On occasion the gate has been jammed open, this compromises the safety of all our children.

If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.

PARKING

Please:

- Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.
- Be mindful of our neighbours, local community, gardens and driveways. **DO NOT** move people's bins or property to park your car.
- Be kind and use kind language to each other around the school. Remember our children are always listening. Set a good example for your children and others.
- Think of the health benefits of parking a little further away and walking. A bit of light rain never hurt anyone – kids love it!
- Please do not drive over and along pavements, this is very dangerous and unnecessary.
- Please hold onto your child when arriving and leaving school, especially on the roadside – there have been complaints of children running into the road unsupervised



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.

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EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers, that *all* children who are attending Early Start Club, **should** be brought inside and signed in by an adult.

Any child dropped off before 8:30am will be placed into Early Start Club *and you will be charged for this*.

If you are late picking up your child, he/she will be taken to teatime club *and you will be charged for this*. Teachers will only wait by the door for a short while after pick up time.

If you arrive late in the morning (8.40am and doors will be closed) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their lunch. **Class teachers/TAs will close the doors at 8.40 regardless of if the bell has gone.**

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

If you have a *regular* arrangement for a child to walk home (**year 6 only**) or be picked up by another parent or someone not on the 'class pickup arrangements' please let the office know. Children will not be released to anyone if school have no prior knowledge of it. **Any pickup changes need to be reported to the office before 3pm**

If you change pick up arrangements for a one-off afternoon via phone call, this does not constitute a regular change in arrangements. If pickups are to be done by anyone other than someone on your pick list on a regular basis, please notify the office via email/fill in a form.

Too many parents are assuming that if they pick up someone else child, the other person is automatically allowed to pick up their children. This is only possible if they are on each other's list.

Also, we have had many parents say 'but (Name) has been picking my child up for a long time'. Please note that we have had a lot of staff changes recently and when teachers are off we have supply staff. They won't always be familiar with names and faces, so please bear with them when they begin checking lists. Any person other than mum/dad needs to be on the list.

Some children just run out and say 'I can see my mum'. Teachers are dismissing up to 30 children at a time, please make sure the teachers are aware you are taking your child.



Finally - Please give the office plenty of notice if arrangements are to be changed – Thank you.

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 letter 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.

IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

If your child is off due to illness **YOU MUST** inform the office first thing in the morning. You can leave a message on the answering system and then call to follow up. Alternatively, you can email or text in. **THIS INCLUDES NURSERY.**



If your child has an appointment first thing in the morning (emergency's only) you **MUST** still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your return to school. School should be informed for all other appointments in advance.

If your child has been **vomiting** or is sent home from school for vomiting please be advised that he/she must be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.

If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that he/she must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.

There is a current spike in children being ill and visiting the GP or A&E. As the cold weather approaches, so do a range of coughs/colds/sickness bugs and viruses. The government has produced a resource/website that addresses these problems. If you have any concerns on how to treat children with these 'common childhood diseases' – take a look at the website through the link below.

<http://hmr.sensecds.com/index.html>



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HEAD LICE

Every so often there is an outbreak of Head lice in a class. If you find that your child has head lice, please follow the advice below:

You can treat head lice without seeing a GP.

Treat head lice as soon as you spot them.

You should check everyone in the house and start treating anyone who has head lice on the same day.

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

Wet combing:

Lice and nits can be removed by wet combing. You should try this method first.

You can buy special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits. There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash hair with ordinary shampoo
- apply lots of conditioner (any conditioner will do)
- comb the whole head of hair, from the roots to the ends

It usually takes about 10 minutes to comb short hair, and 20 to 30 minutes for long, frizzy or curly hair.

Do wet combing on days 1, 5, 9 and 13 to catch any newly hatched head lice. Check again that everyone's hair is free of lice on day 17.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, our school does not have an onsite nurse to check regularly for head lice. It is therefore it is parental responsibility to check regularly and treat appropriately.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY			
6 th	And we're back! Happy New Year		Whole school
FEBRUARY			
25 th	George St (Victorian) Museum		Year 2

LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

For those of you celebrating over the 2 week break...



And to the rest of you...and we'll see you in the new year. Bye for now!



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday 10th December
from 6.30pm

**Carol Singing
around
Shawclough**

Saturday 7th December
10am - 12noon

**BREAKFAST IN
Bethlehem**



**Celebrate
Christmas**
with Open Door
Church

Sunday
22nd Dec
6pm

Carol Service

A Child is Born
**Celebrate
CHRISTMAS**
25 DECEMBER 11 AM



Transition to Secondary School Coffee Morning for Year 6 Parents and Carers

What will the coffee mornings involve?

Join the Neurodiversity Hub and Rochdale Additional Needs Service (RANS) Team for Autism and Social Communication (TASC) for a brew and the opportunity to discuss your child's transition to high school.

We will be providing advice, information and resources on things such as:

- Supporting your child's anxiety over things such as homework and getting lost.
- Practical issues such as travel, equipment, uniforms, etc.
- Creating a pupil passport you can share with the secondary school.

How to book?

To book a place, please contact The Neurodiversity Hub— hmr-ndhub@nca.nhs.uk

Please include your child's name and date of birth and choose which venue is most suitable. **You will be booked on for both sessions at your chosen venue.**

Please note - you do not need to bring your child to this session, and there is no childcare available.

**Hopwood Primary School, Magdala
Street, Heywood, OL10 2HN**

Time: 10-11.30

Friday 17th January 2025 and Friday
14th March 2025

**Alkington Primary School, Manor Road,
Manchester M24 1JZ**

Time: 9.30-11

Wednesday 15th January 2025 and
Wednesday 12th February 2025

**Belfield Primary School, Samson Street,
Rochdale, OL16 2XW**

Time: 9.30-11

Monday 20th January 2025 and Monday 3rd
March 2025



Castleton, Deeplish,
Newbold & Sandbrook

Christmas Sessions

Deeplish Family Hub
Friday 27th December 2024 12-2 pm
Baby Sensory Play including Infant Feeding Support
Sensory play session for babies up to 1 year
Drop in session

Sandbrook Family Hub
Monday 30th December 2024 12-2 pm
Family Fun Session
Board Games, crafts and quiz with light snacks for ages 5+
Drop in session

Newbold Family Hub
Tuesday 31st December 2024 10-2 pm
New Year's Eve Crafts
Join us and make 2025 calendars, friendship bracelets and
other crafts – suitable for all ages
Drop in session

Ask Staff for more information



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