

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 07
Week ending 24/10/25



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

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

Shawclough School & PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 17.10.25

REC BLUE	99.5
RAINFOREST	98.9
6 SCARLET	98.4
3 LEMON	98.1
GOLD	97.1
SAPPHIRE	96.7
4 ORANGE	96.2
6 RED	95.9
5 CHERRY	95.8
4 YELLOW	95.8
3 AMBER	95.0
RUBY	95.0
2 SUNSHINE	94.2
1 LAVENDER	93.2
5 POPPY	93.0
NURSERY OCEAN	91.4
2 CORAL	91.1
REC TURQUOISE	89.5
NURSERY SKY	86.0
1 PURPLE	82.0

GOOD JOB RECEPTION BLUE 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.



HERE TODAY READY FOR TOMORROW.

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 17TH OCTOBER

Phase 1 – Haysam Ali – Reception Turquoise



Phase 2 -Louis Gorman – 1 Purple



Phase 3 – Inaaya Afzal – 4 Yellow



Rainbow – Max Cunniffe - Ruby



Rainforest – Aizah Mahmood



These children had 100% attendance and punctuality last week and received a certificate and badge.

Congratulations!

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 portal on the council website.

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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 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.

WORRIED ABOUT CLOCKS GOING BACK

Rainforest staff have found a really useful website for parents who are anxious for their child/ren and how they will cope with the clocks going back.

There are some really helpful pointers for all parents, (whether they are SEND or not) on how to ease your children into the earlier evenings.

<https://www.togethertrust.org.uk/news/light-night-parents-guide-autumn-clock-change>

PICK UP & DROP OFF

Please be aware 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 staff, 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 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.

SPRINGHILL TOY COLLECTION



We all know how hard it is to give up our cuddly friends but our school children have been so generous donating some of their precious teddies to a good cause. The teddies will be put in a tombola or raffle and be given as prizes to raise money for Springhill Hospice Charity. Thank you children.

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

PEEK AT THE WEEK



When it's raining and no one can go out, just as well because 3 sheep had invited themselves to graze in the playground on Tuesday.



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STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our Star awards are for **TEAMWORK**. The children chosen have shown that they have demonstrated, they can work together to achieve a common goal by cooperating and contributing individual skills and effort. They are able to listen, communicate and show a clear understanding of their role in any task or activity.



Rainforest
Musa Ali

Nursery
Areej Mehmood



Reception Blue
Summayah Abdul Jabar



Reception Turquoise
Zakariya Hussain



Year 1 Lavender
Ezmae Green

Year 1 Purple
Duncan Pajak



Year 2 Sunshine
Haider Ali

Year 2 Coral
Haris Jawad



Year 3 Amber
Isabelle Higgins



Year 3 Lemon
Saif Rafiq



Year 4 Yellow
Zara Faisal

Year 4 Orange
Clay Mc Farland



Year 5 Cherry
Ayaan Masawar



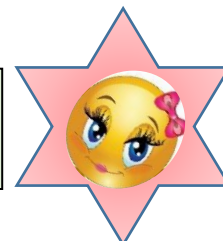
Year 5 Poppy
Zavian Choudry



Year 6 Scarlet
Matilda Healey



Year 6 Red
Innaya Imran



Rainbow
Muhammad Ghilas



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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		Only 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.



PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION

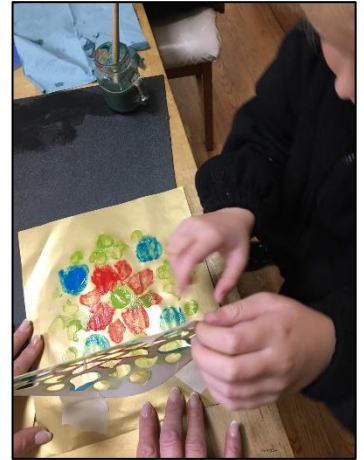


Lots of Autumn activities going in in Reception. They even opened the 'Pumpkin Café' in the mud kitchen and are taking orders. Caramel Frappe anyone?



Reception children playing with shadows on a dark wet autumn morning

Making Rangoli patterns using paint and loose parts



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Halloween & Bonfire Night Celebrations – Safety Notice from Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service

Halloween can be a lot of fun for children and young people, but it can also be distressing and intimidating for some residents.

If you are going 'trick or treating' please respect and consider others and follow these top tips to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time:

Don't:

- Go alone - 'trick or treating' is more fun and safer if you go in a small group with friends and family.
- Go into houses - stay on the doorstep where the responsible adult can see you.
- Play pranks that may damage property - this could result in arrest and a criminal record.
- Demand money or intimidate people - Halloween can be a night that some residents dread, so be respectful and polite.
- Throw any objects at people or their property - it's classed as a criminal offence and you will be arrested.

Do:

- Look out for these [posters](#) - these will let you know whether 'trick or treaters' are welcome at a house or not.
- Take extra care crossing roads - more accidents happen to children in the dark.
- Get a responsible adult to go with your group to help keep you safe.
- Dress to be seen - wear light, reflective clothes or carry a lamp or torch so that drivers and your responsible adult can see you.
- Respect people's rights - be polite, don't go out too late, ring or knock only once, and be prepared to take 'no' for an answer.

Halloween / themed costumes.

Children's Halloween costumes and other seasonal / themed costumes are currently classified as toys. You should check they are UKCA or CE marked to ensure they meet the required safety standards.

All garments have a risk of being flammable, it's important to keep them away from naked flames.

Adults are also urged to make sure they are not using candles when children and young people are wearing these costumes, as they can quickly become engulfed in flames.

Please stay safe by following our brief advice:

Don't:

- Wear fancy dress clothing on bonfire night while bonfires and fireworks are alight.
- Burn candles when young children are present.
- Use burning candles in the home when anyone is under the influence of alcohol.
- Leave burning candles unattended or leave them burning while asleep.
- Move a burning candle or tea light.

Do:

- Keep costumes away from naked flames to prevent you or young children from sustaining devastating burns.
- Use LED candles, which display the correct kite mark, as an alternative.
- If you are going to burn candles, it is essential insulated holders are used, to reduce the likelihood of accident or injury.
- Always use a candle snuffer or metal spoon to safely extinguish a burning candle.
- Be aware that draughts from open windows can knock over candles or bend the flame to ignite decorations, curtains or carpets.

If your clothing does catch fire:

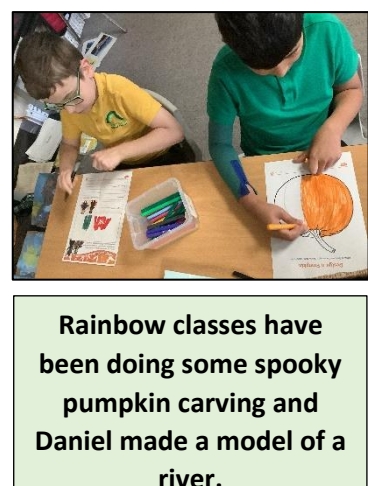
- STOP what you're doing and stay very still
- DROP to the floor
- ROLL backwards and forwards until the flames are out

We want everyone to have a safe and happy **bonfire night** and would encourage **Greater Manchester residents to attend organised displays across the city-region.**

If you do want to host your own bonfire event please ensure that you read the guidelines below, as well as the [Firework Safety Code](#).

1. Bonfires should be 18 metres from buildings, trees, fences, overhead cables and car parking areas.
2. Only clean dry timber should be burned.
3. Do not burn: aerosols, batteries, bottles, foam-filled furniture, tins of paint and tyres.
4. Bonfires should be no more than 3 metres in height. There should be a suitable barrier around the bonfire to keep spectators 5 metres away. Never leave a lit bonfire unattended.
5. Do not use petrol, paraffin, diesel, white spirit or methylated spirit to light the bonfire – use firelighters instead.
6. Check the structure is sound and always check that no children or animals are hiding in the bonfire before lighting.
7. Have only one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing e.g. a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low-flammable material.
8. Make sure that the person lighting the fire and any helpers know what to do in the event of a burn injury or clothing catching fire.
9. Keep some buckets of water nearby in case of emergency and to damp down after the event.
10. Bonfires built on council land without permission will be removed.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINBOW



Rainbow classes have been doing some spooky pumpkin carving and Daniel made a model of a river.

PTA – CLOTHES COLLECTION



RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES

ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS

- 1. BABY AND CHILDREN CLOTHES
- 2. BATH AND HAIR TOWELS
- 3. UNDERWEAR & ACCESSORIES & BELT
- 4. PANTSIES & SOCKS
- 5. PANTS, CLEAN UNWORNED SHOES
- 6. JEWELLERY, COSMETICS (UNOPENED) AND ACCESSORIES
- 7. UNWORNED CLOTHES, PERFORMERS & TOYS, SOFT TOYS

ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS

- 1. DIRTY, RIPPED OR WET CLOTHING, UNWORNED SHOES
- 2. WORK UNIFORMS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS & SPORTS KITS
- 3. CLOTHES, SHOES, HATS, CLOTHING, FANCY DRESS
- 4. BUCKLE-BAG, BUCKLE & CLOTHES
- 5. PLASTIC TOYS, BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES

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

To learn more about the Shawclough project and good causes to donate, please go to www.donatedorthebestshawclough.org

It is launched by  **Shawclough PTA**

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

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.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Building Brighter Futures with LEGO®

What does a fair start in life look like?
Free family workshop

29th October 2025, 10am to 4pm

Manchester Central Library

Join The University of Salford and The Tutor Trust for a hands-on workshop using LEGO® to explore learning, life, and how we can create bright futures for young people. **Drop in** anytime from 10am - 4pm!

- 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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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

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.

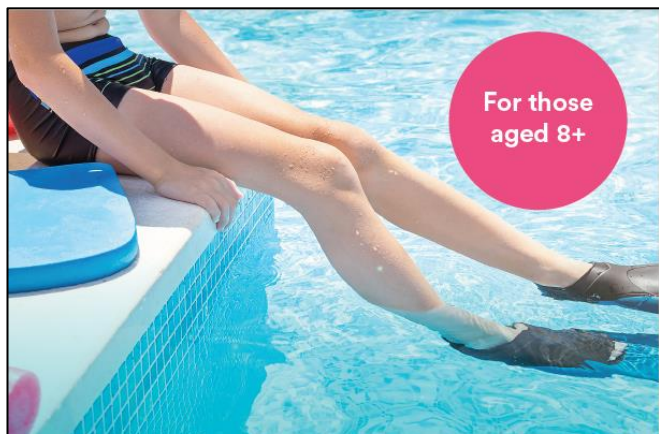
If you are interested please click on the link below to access them. Some are face to face and some are on line.

[Rochdale SENDiass Workshops Sept - Dec 2025 | Eventbrite](https://eventbrite.co.uk/e/rochdale-send-i-ass-workshops-sept-dec-2025)

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

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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 startfish 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 3.

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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