

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 8
Week ending 25/10/24



GLIMPSE OF THE LAST WEEK OF HALF TERM – IT'S BEEN BUSY!



Aleyha Jameel, one of our year 3s who received tickets to RFC after the Penalty Shootout, went to watch Rochdale play and had her picture taken with Desmond the Dragon.



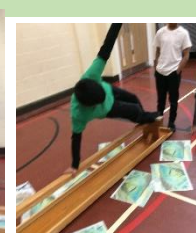
Year 6 had a Greek day and made and sampled Greek salad. Some even came dressed for the occasion.



The much anticipated results from our reception classes 'germs' experiment. The results are obvious.



M&M productions came to school on Tuesday afternoon and offered year 1-6, an amazing opportunity to see their new panto Aladdin – what a lovely treat for the end of term.



Year 5 practiced their balancing in PE. They are currently reading 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers'.

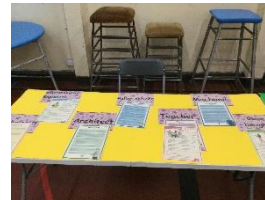


Year 6 had their parent breakfast on Monday morning, after which they show cased some of their work and watch a video they had made.





YEAR 6 CAREERS AFTERNOON



Purple Class made crafts using clay and Autumn treasures and also did a pumpkin investigation.



TT ROCKSTARS DAY

Last day of term was TT RockStar day. Children and staff all turned out in their finest RockStar gear and played times tables' games and activities all morning to sharpen the timetables skill. See below for more information about what TT RockStars is all about. Ask your children to log in during the half term break and have a go with them.



Year 6 held a careers afternoon. They invited parents, friends and family to talk about their careers and gave year 6 an opportunity to ask questions. Year 6 also did a presentation of careers they were interested in and would like to know more about. It was a very successful afternoon.

Thank you to everyone who organised and attended the event. We look forward to holding similar event every year for our year 6.



PTA

Calling ALL parents – PTA needs YOU!

With the departure of the last year 6, a few parents signed off from volunteering so our numbers are down.

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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.

RECEPTION AUTUMN TREASURES



Reception children are bringing home an autumn treasure paper bag to collect autumn leaves, conkers, twigs and things. The teachers would love for the children to create an autumn craft at home during half term and bring them back to

school. The autumn crafts will be displayed in class. Children will look at the variety of autumn treasures in topic and we will use them in maths for counting, sorting, and comparing

Please find the time to take part in an autumn treasure hunt with your child.



HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

****Year 6 Parents ONLY****

Please be aware that the deadline for high school applications for your year 6 child is 31st October 2024.



It is crucial that all parents are aware of this deadline to ensure their children maximise their chances of securing a place at their preferred secondary school. Applications can be completed on line via the Rochdale council website. You can start an application, save it And go back to complete it as many times as you want.

You can follow us on  <https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 18/10/24

RB	100%
2C	99.3%
5C	99.2%
5P	99.2%
1L	98.5%
3A	98.4%
2S	98.1%
1P	96.8%
4O	95.8%
6S	95.3%
4Y	92.5%
6R	92.1%
RT	90.8%
3L	88.6%

Please note that attendance figure are always for the week prior.

WELL DONE RECEPTION BLUE CLASS – THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS. GOOD JOB GUYS!

80% OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP!

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.



HALLOWEEN

What is Halloween?



The Halloween holiday has its roots in the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain (a Gaelic word pronounced "SAH-win"), a pagan religious celebration to welcome the harvest at the end of summer, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off ghosts

Halloween or Hallowe'en is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day (All Saints Day), which is a celebration of ALL the saints of the church – known and unknown.



A mixture of the 2 along with American culture has brought about what we generally regard as Halloween today.

As we approach the half term break many of the children will be excited about Halloween. Whether you are throwing them a Halloween party or allowing them to 'trick or treat'.

We thought as a school we would remind you of some of the things to remind your children about around this holiday, if, you are allowing your children to trick or treat (T/T).

Children:

- Never T/T alone. Stay in groups and take an adult if possible.
- Never enter homes.
- Stay in familiar/local areas.
- Choose face paint over masks so you have better visibility and appropriately sized costumes to avoid trip hazards.
- Enter and exit drive ways slowly.
- Only approach houses that are well lit.
- If you are aware that there are older people in houses/homes, try and avoid these unless you know better as older people are often scared of pranksters and/slower to come to the door
- Walk don't run, always walk facing traffic and carry a torch.

- Don't accept lifts from strangers.
- Don't eat sweets until you get home and they have been checked.
- If crossing roads, use pedestrian crossing and obey traffic signals.
- Respect the wishes of individuals that don't celebrate the festival and **DON'T** trick them if they don't treat you. **BE KIND** and move on.

Adults:

- Choose face paint over masks so children have better visibility and appropriately sized costumes to avoid trip hazards.
- Accompany children whilst they are T/T.
- Drive slowly especially through residential areas where children might be T/T.
- Contain your pets.
- If possible make sure your children are aware of their allergies if any, inspect their sweet and chocolates before the consume them.
- Add any reflective tape to costumes or make sure your kids are carrying something reflective.
- Enter and exit driveways slowly.

BONFIRE NIGHT

Before our next newsletter comes out, we will have come upon Bonfire night celebrations also. We all know the story about Guy Fawkes and the plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament, so we'll skip that bit and talk about the fun part...fireworks!



Whether you're going to an organised display or arranging your own in your back garden – please stay safe.

Here's a reminder of 'The Firework Code'.

- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked.
- Don't drink alcohol (adults) if setting off fireworks.
- Keep fireworks in a closed box.
- Follow the instructions on each firework.
- Light them at arm's length using a taper.
- Stand well back.
- Never go near a firework that has been lit. Even if it has gone off it could still explode.

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- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them.
- Always supervise children.
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves.
- Never give sparklers to child under 5.
- Keep pets indoors.
- Don't set off noisy fireworks late at night and never after 11pm.

Have a safe a lovely Bonfire night!

DID YOU KNOW

We are on 'X' – formerly known as Twitter. We post regularly on X and shared tidbits of information that we might not get on the newsletter. Best of all you can interact and send messages. Download it now and see for yourself.

REMINDERS

GOVERNMENT TAX FREE VOUCHER SCHEME

****IMPORTANT****

If you are a parent that is using these vouchers, please be aware they can only be used to pay for childcare e.g.

Tea time club, early start club and nursery.

Schoolgateway



When you do make payments please ensure that you notify the office via email, with details and a breakdown

of what and who you are paying it for.

Once a payment has been made it is not possible to refund or move these funds.

YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY!

There's just under 2 months to go – GET SCANNING TODAY!



If you shop in ASDA – you could help our school raise money and it won't cost you a penny.

You can follow us on  <https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

Here's what to do:

1. Open your ASDA rewards app (download from apple store or Play store)
2. Choose 'CASHPOT for Schools'
3. Search for and select 'Shawclough Primary School'

Best of all it won't cost you anything. You can keep collecting your own points and it won't affect your personal cash pot.

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

****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

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

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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.

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

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

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.

FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Is your child struggling with their Timetables?

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/

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



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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

Shawclough school kindly request that parents -

- 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.

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 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.

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.

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.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER		
4 th	Welcome back after half term	Whole school
4 th	Bonfire Display at Bowlee Community Park 	Everyone
6 th	Deadline for School photo orders/payments 	Whole school
6 th	Bonfire Display at Queens Park 	
7 th	Bonfire display on Cronkyshaw 	Everyone
8 th	Starbook	Yr. 6
15 th	Children in Need (ACTIVITY TBA) 	Whole school
22 nd	Cinema Trip 	Yr. 6
22 ND	Viking Day 	Yr. 5

Finally, have a safe a lovely half term holiday. We will see you back at school on Monday 4th November 2024



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you need any school uniform?

UNIFORM FOR ALL

FOLLOW - REQUEST - RECYCLE
PLEASE DONATE USED UNIFORMS WITH US

FOLLOW AND CONTACT US ON:

Uniform4A

IF WE'VE GOT IT
YOU CAN HAVE IT!

Registered charity number: 1206567

SEND ADVICE LINE

FAMILY HUB SESSIONS

To book an appointment please contact:

0300 303 0380

SENDAdviceLine@Rochdale.Gov.UK

The SEND Advice Line is a new service, offering information support and guidance to access a range of services across the borough. The service is available for Parents and Carers via telephone and email. Face to face sessions are taking place within Family Hubs. For face to face SEND information and support, please join us within a Family Hub.

Please note, an appointment must be arranged in advance.

Date	Time	Venue
Friday 18th October 2024	10am - 12pm	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ
Friday 1st November 2024	10am - 12pm	Derby Street Family Hub, Derby Street, Heywood OL10 4QJ
Friday 15th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Belfield Family Hub, Samson Street, Rochdale OL16 2XW
Friday 29th November 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Sandbrook Family Hub, Hartley Lane, Kirkholt, Rochdale OL11 2LR
Wednesday 11th December 2024	9.30am - 11.30am	Meanwood Family Hub, Churchill Street, Rochdale OL12 7DJ

ROCHDALE
BOROUGH COUNCIL

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
 - NO SIGN UP
 - TALK OR LISTEN-UP TO YOU
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 - ADULTS ONLY

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MANCHESTER M25 2SW**

TIMETABLE 2024
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY



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