

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

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Its Summer term and what an exciting time to be back. We have a new Head Teacher. We know all the staff, children and parents of our Shawclough School family are going to make him feel extremely welcome and wish him lots of luck in his new post.

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOOL MR DOYLE.



Hi I'm Mr Doyle and it's my pleasure to join you as the new Head teacher of Shawclough School.

I have already been met with the warmest of welcomes from the school children and staff and have met with some of the parents too.

I feel like this is a great start to what will be a long and happy time at Shawclough School. I hope to meet with more of you over the next few days, weeks, month or whenever our paths may cross.

You will find me outside the front of school every morning if you'd like to come and say hello or have a quick chat. Please do not hesitate to arrange to come and see me for any issues or concerns you may have.

Thank you.

You can follow us on 

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

PTA are on



ST GEORGES DAY

23rd April 2025 was St George's day but who was St George and we do we celebrate him? Here's a few facts about the man himself:

St George wasn't English, he never even visited England.

He had a Turkish father and a Palestinian mother. He died and was buried in Palestine.

St George was kill for his faith - Christianity, refusing to believe in Roman Gods and is considered a martyr.

St George was chosen by King Henry VIII to represent England, after being popular with other English kings.

The story about St George fighting Dragon was added at a later date and images of him with the Dragon started to appear 500 years after he had died. The Dragon may simply have represented the battle of good and evil – there was no real dragon!

St George was a Saint Long before the holiday was being celebrated.

St George is a truly an 'international' St and is claimed by countries other than England. Venice, Genoa, Portugal, Ethiopia and Catalonia are just some of the other countries that celebrated St George.

St George represents those we honour. The Order of The Garter is still the highest order of chivalry in the country and the St Georges cross still appears on the Garter Badge and his image is the pendant of the Garter Chain.

The St Georges cross bear the image of St George fighting the Dragon and is awarded to those individuals who carry out the bravest and most courageous of acts.

Shawclough School hope that everyone celebrating had a really lovely day.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION

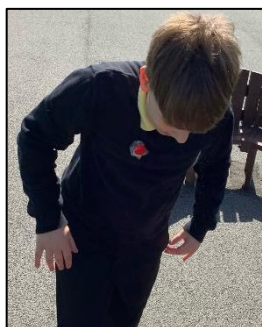


Reception have been learning about the St George and the Dragon story and celebrating St Georges Dat by making their very own flags.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINBOW



For St Georges Day – Rainbow worked on some story sequencing, making shields and writing poems.



Rainbow have also been busy looking at 2/3 D shapes and investigating seed dispersal.

CHILDREN'S CHAMPION – DEADLINE 9TH 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 taking advantage of the sunshine and playing in the mud kitchen. They made mud cake, soup and cupcakes!

Oo how...er...lovely!

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 00/00/00

**CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 2 WHO ACHIEVED
BEST CLASS FOR SPRING TERM WITH 91.1%**

Attendance figures will resume next week.

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

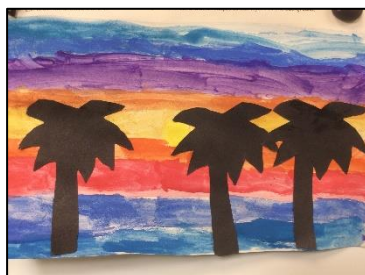
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or irregular Attendance the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.



We hope everyone enjoyed their Eid celebrations but please remember that children are allowed only **1 day PER Eid**, any further absence will be **unauthorised**.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Year 2 have been using water colours to create a sunset background.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 3



Year 3 made Roman Catapults yesterday as part of their DT lesson, learning about what technology the Romans brought to Britain.

EARTH DAY & WORLD PENGUIN DAY 2025



Today (Friday) is World Penguin Day and what better way to celebrate the cuteness of our amazing feathered friends, than by honouring them with their very own awareness day.

World Penguin Day is celebrated on the 25th April each year, as this is roughly the date of this amazing creature's annual, northward migration.

You can pay homage to World Penguin Day by finding out more about Protecting Antarctica's Marine Environment on the Greenpeace website, or just help to raise awareness for the plight of the Penguin by posting a cute Penguin picture, or sending a Penguin e card to get people talking.

You can also get involved in the chat on Twitter using the hashtag #WorldPenguinDay.

Earth Day was on Tuesday. It is a global initiative focused on raising awareness and promoting action to protect the environment.
























In Nursery and Reception, they have been learning about Earth Day and how we can protect the planet.

For World Penguin Day the children have been talking about how important it is to put our rubbish in the bins provided so it doesn't end up in the oceans and harm the penguins and other wild life.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



MAY		
8 th	VE Day celebrations – Wear Red, White and Blue 	Whole school
16 th	Residential update meeting 	Year 6
19 th	Sports Day 	Year 1-6
TBC	Parent Breakfast 	Reception
20 th	Trip to Eureka 	Year 1
22 nd -23 rd	Year 6 residential 	Year 6
23 rd	Half term – Normal finish 	Whole school
JUNE		
2 nd	Back from Half term 	Whole school
JULY		
1 st	Transition Day 	Whole school
2 nd	Parent welcome meeting new yr 6 	Current yr 5
3 rd	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 5 current yr 4 	Current yr 4
4 th	Parent Breakfast 	Year 3
4 th	Parent welcome meeting new yr 4 current yr 3 	Current yr 3
4 th	Sleepover 	Year 5
4 th	Sporting event 	Year 6
7 th	Parent welcome meeting for new yr 1 (current reception) 	Current reception
8 th	Rochdale trip (TBC)	Year 5
10 th	Parent welcome meeting new yr 4 	Current yr 3
11 th	Parent welcome meeting new yr 2 	Current yr 1
15 th	Final Performance 	Year 6
18 th	End of term – 1pm finish Summer Holidays! 	Whole school
18 th	Year 6 leavers party – hosted by PTA at Thrum Hall Church 	Year 6 only

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PLEASE NOTE : Some diary dates are subject to change.

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:

~~27th March 2025~~

~~2nd April 2025~~

7th May 2025

4th June 2025

2nd 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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