

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 22

Week ending 27/02/26



To contact us about anything regarding this newsletter please call us on 01706 647 991 or email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk

NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPT 2026

We offer Nursery places for children aged two, three and four years old. Both funded and privately paid.

We currently have a number of 2-year-old afternoon places available in April.

We are still accepting late applications for September with a further cut off dated **4th April 2026.**

Applications received on or before 15th January's are now being processed and Play Date details will be emailed out soon.

If you are interested in applying, please email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk and request an application pack. Alternatively, you can pop into the office for a paper copy.

HIGH IMPORTANCE



ALLERGIES

Due to a high number of allergies. Please ensure you **check and check again** what your children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches, **with special attention to nuts and products that may contain nuts.**

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WORLD BOOK DAY - COMPETITION

It's here!

The much anticipated World Book Day is next week

5th March 2026.

Children can come to school on Thursday in costumes inspired by their favourite book characters – staff included.

Characters can be from fictional groups as well as nursery rhymes, fairy tales or even science fiction type books – whatever your child is interested in reading. It's not a competition, it's just a bit of fun so please don't feel like you have to spend lots of money on an outfit. There are plenty of great ideas of how to make an amazing but low cost costume with your child at home.

What is competition is the Decorate a paper plate in the style of your favourite book. We have already started to get lots of amazing entries in. You still have time to sit down with your child and help them (especially if they're only little) and get their competition entry in. Each year group will have winners and the judges are usually our school council. Entries **MUST** be in by 3rd March 2026.

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE WHO IS ENTERING.



Shawclough School & PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 13/02/26

SAPPHIRE/GOLD	100
2 CORAL	98.6
5 CHERRY	97.8
RUBY	97.5
3 LEMON	97.1
RECEPTION BLUE	97.0
2 SUNSHINE	96.8
6 SCARLET	96.5
4 ORANGE	96.4
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	93.7
6 RED	93.5
4 YELLOW/5 POPPY	91.9
1 LAVENDER	90.4
3 AMBER	89.2
RAINFOREST	87.8
1 PURPLE	85.2

**GOOD JOB SAPPHIRE & GOLD
CLASSES
– 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.



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 13.02.26

SAFA HUSSAIN – RT



ALYANAH KHAN – 1L



AMELIA QUINN – 2C



FINLEY SUTCLIFF – 3L



MAIDA RAHMAN – 4O



MATILDA LYNCH – 5P



SONNY MYATT – 6R



CILLIAN HARTLEY-BARLOW – RAINBOW



HAKEEM AHMED - RAINFOREST



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RECEPTION CLASSES EVENT



Reception

Bedtime Story Event

Come along to our bedtime story event!



Thursday 12th March

8:45-10:15 am



- Children will be able to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and bring a favourite bedtime cuddly toy.
- Join your child for story time read by their teacher.
- Enjoy making crafts together themed on some of our favourite books.
- Bring a book to swap in our book swap shop.
- Refreshments will be available.



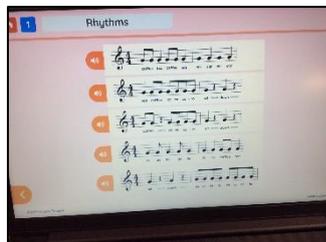
This is a free event but you do need to book on via the app



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Year 5 observed a crime to hook them into a new book *Survivors*, they made inferences and predications as to what had happened.



They also played rhythms on the drums to practice musical notation and performing at the same tempo.

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PTA

SHAWCLOUGH SCHOOL SUMMER

FAIR 2026

June 16th 2026

Stalls, food, henna, cakes, ice cream, rides, fun & games, barbeque, police and fire service and much more!

3.15PM IN THE MAIN YARD

FREE ENTRY

Interested in having a stall at our school fair or maybe even volunteering?

Contact Mrs Choudhry in the office for further details.

RAMADAN & FASTING

Firstly, Ramadan Kareem to all of our families who are fasting.

We are well into the first week of fasting and it is lovely to see so many of our year 6 children making an effort to observe the fast. Just a reminder that we do have a Ramadan fasting policy and parents and/or guardians must have signed a consent or emailed into school, allowing their children to fast.

We are currently only allowing our year 6 children to observe the fast.

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PTA MOTHERS DAY/EID GIFT POP UP SHOP

As per last year the PTA will be selling Mother's Day gifts for the children to buy.

Again Mother's Day coincides with Eid, so the PTA have decided to have an Eid gift shop too.

The gifts will be priced approximately between £1 and £5, to make them affordable for the children – who might be using their own pocket money to buy them.

The shop will be held in Rainforest class room 12th and 13th March, in time for both Mother's day on the 15th and Eid possibly around the 18th.



PTA WONKA CHALLENGE

Our Annual Wonkalicious Challenge. Will you find a Golden Ticket? Great prizes to be won! Watch this space.



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2 TRIP



Year 2 visited the George St Chapel Museum, which is a working museum. Children are able to dress up and experience what life was really like for Victorians.

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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2 TRIP



How cute are the year 2 children dressed as Victorians on the George St Chapel trip.

HELP & ADVICE FOR FAMILIES

The Education Welfare Officer has asked us to share a link to the Rochdale Family Hubs document. Family Hubs are where local families with children can go to receive the help, support and advice they might need. They can also provide advice about opportunities that are available in your local area. Family Hubs bring lots of services together, to support families from pregnancy, through childhood and into young adulthood. They make a positive difference to families and young people, by offering a wide range of services close to where they live.

Please access via the QR code below or, if you would like a copy of the document emailing to you, contact the School Office at office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk



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PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINFOREST



Rainforest children have made the most of some nice weather we had this week. From counting plane tracks to watching birds soar and spotting sign of spring

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 4



Beth in year 4 made a 'Mummy' as part of their topic on Egyptians.

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STAR OF THE WEEK

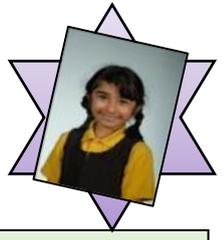
This week's stars have been for

GOOD MANNERS

Showing good manners reduces bad feeling, helps with communications and makes children feel positive about themselves when someone reciprocates. It improves the overall environment as they learn from each other.

Year 3 Lemon

Ariana Karim



Year 3 Amber

Ibraheem Hussain



Year 4 Yellow

Aiza Rizwan



Year 4 Orange

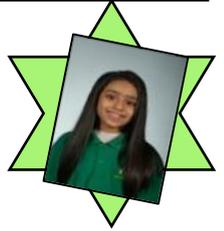
Daisy Darling



Year 5 Cherry

Ayesha Hammad

Always being polite, friendly & being well mannered



Reception Blue

Eiliyah Azim



Reception Turquoise

Ben Yamin Stanikzai



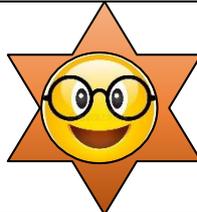
Year 5 Poppy

Matilda Lynch



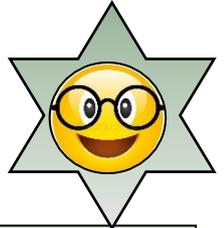
Year 1 Purple

Fatima Asad



Year 6 Scarlet

Abdul-Raheem Aslam



Year 1 Lavender

Iwan Flaherty-Brett



Year 6 Red

Ayaan Ahmed



Year 2 Sunshine

Ayaan Khan

For always saying please and thank you.



Rainbow

Stanley White



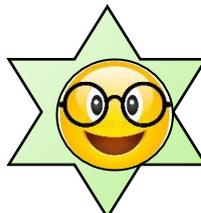
Year 2 Coral

Harper Lee



Rainforest

Rohan Ghulam RAsool



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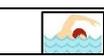
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH		
4 th	Class Photos 	Whole School
4 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
5 th	World Book Day – dress as your fav book charactor 	Whole school
11 th	Bolton Museum 	Yr. 4
11 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
12 th	Reception Bedtime Story Event	RB/RT
12 th -13 th	PTA Mothers Day Pop Up Shop – Rainforest classroom 	Whole school
16 th	Viking Day & Parent Breakfast 	Yr. 5
16 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 1
17 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 6
18 th	World Down Syndrome Day – Odd socks day! 	Whole School
18 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 2
18 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
TBC	Eid – Please ensure you fill out an absence slip 	Whole School
TBC	Eid parties – party clothes 	Whole school
24 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 3
25 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 5
25 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
26 th	Parents Afternoon/evening 	Yr. 4
27 th	Egyptian Day 	Yr. 4
30 th -31 st	Wonka Pop up Shop – Rainforest Classroom 	Whole School

APRIL		
1 st	Wonka pop up shop - Rainforest	Whole School
1 st	Autism Awareness Day 	Whole School
1 st	Swimming 	Yr. 3
2 nd	Easter break – 1pm Finish 	Whole School
20 th	Welcome Back 	Whole School

22 nd	Swimming 	Yr. 3
29 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3

MAY		
4 th	Bank Holiday 	Whole School
6 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
13 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
15 th	Residential Parent/Carer Meeting 	Yr. 6
18 th	Parent Breakfast 	Reception
19 th	Sports Day 	Yr. 6 & Yr. 1
20 th	Swimming 	Tr. 3
TBC	Residential 	Yr. 6
22 nd	Half term 	Whole School

JUNE		
1 st	Welcome Back 	Whole school
1 st -5 th	Bikeability week 	Yr. 6
TBC	Rochdale Visit 	Yr. 5
3 rd	Swimming 	Yr. 3
10 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
16 th	Summer Fair	Whole School
17 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
18 th	Eureka Trip 	Yr. 1
TBC	PTA Fathers Day Pop up Shop – Rainforest 	Whole School
24 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3
30 th	Beach Trip 	Yr. 2

JULY		
1 st	Swimming 	Yr 3
3 rd TBC	Sleepover 	Yr. 5
7 th TBC	Transition Day 	Whole School
8 th	Swimming 	Yr. 3



TBC	PTA host The Leavers Party at Thrum Hall Church		Yr. 6
14 th	Ribchester Trip		Yr. 3
14 th	Final Performance		Yr. 6
16 th	Leavers Assembly		Yr. 6
17 th	Summer Break – 1pm Finish		Whole School

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THE CALENDER REGULARLY

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception classes have enjoyed playing with clay.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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



- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH,
MANCHESTER M25 2SW

TIMETABLE 2026

THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 21ST MAY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 16TH JULY 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 7.30PM-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 7.30PM-9PM

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

4TH MARCH
20TH MAY
10TH JUNE
SHAWCLOUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL,
ROCHDALE
9.30-11.30

Are you a parent/carer at Shawclough Primary School in Rochdale?
Are you the parent/carer of a SEN child or a child with rising SEN needs?
Come along to the coffee morning to get friendly advice and help from RPCV
Connect with other services. Attend mini workshops and meet other parents/carers.

The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- Has your child got a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism?
 - Are you on the way to getting a diagnosis?
 - Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?
- ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?
Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

The sessions will use person-centred approaches to build understanding of your child's Neurodiversity and increase resilience to support them on their journey in a positive and empowering way

Sessions are at Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies
Wednesday March 11th 12-2pm



Please book Sessions via Eventbrite or
For more information please contact
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Social Prescribing

for Children & Young People

Helping young people feel better, stay connected, and thrive.

What Is It?

Social prescribing connects children and young people to **non-medical support** – like sports, arts, nature groups, youth clubs, mentoring & help with school or family stress.

Tackling social & emotional issues affecting wellbeing.

How a Social Prescribing Link Worker Helps:

Your Link Worker is here to:

- Listen to what matters to you
- Create a personal wellbeing plan
- Connect you to activities & support
- Work with your school, GP & community
- Boost confidence & reduce stress

Why It Works

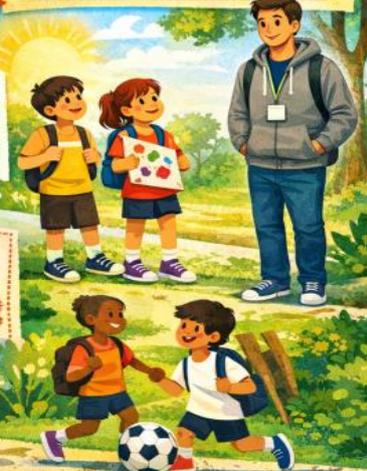
- Improves mental & emotional wellbeing
- Reduces loneliness
- Builds confidence & resilience
- Helps before problems get bigger

Need Support?

Ask your GP, school, family – or contact your Social Prescribing Link Worker directly:

01706 230116 (option 5)

You don't have to face things alone. There's a **whole community** ready to help you thrive!



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