

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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A WORD FROM THE HEAD

To all of our wonderful Shawclough Community,

I will be leaving Shawclough on Friday 4th May after 17 years and 1 term. In some ways, it feels like I have been here forever and in other ways the time has flown. Some of you have known me for a short period and some of you may have been with me for almost the whole journey. I am very proud to have been part of this community, I am very proud of the school, and its children. I will still be involved in Rochdale schools and in a small way Shawclough too.

During my time here, the school has changed massively including now having 2yr old nursery provision, the flagship Rainbow and Rainforest provisions and being a leader in School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT).

I have seen many, many families come and go and have seen our children going on to achieve great things. Our children work hard and our loved by all of us and that has been the cornerstone of my philosophy for school. We are here for the children and yourselves especially when times are tough.

The governors have appointed a great new Head teacher in Mr Doyle and I know you will support him as you have done with me.

I have loved my time here and all of your children. I wish you all well and look forward to bumping in to you in Rochdale, please come and say hello if you see me I always love a chat and its lovely to hear how your children are getting on.

***I know that I will miss
You all.***

***Thank you
Julia Sandiford-Mitchell***



PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception made the most of the weather this week and played outside – but did they get the ball in the cup?

PEEK AT THE WEEK - NURSERY



Nursery went searching for mushrooms one afternoon and found lots of other natural treasures



EID-UL-FITR

Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting, and is celebrated during the first three days of Shawwāl, the 10th month of the Islamic Calendar.

This year Eid-UI-Fitr will fall either on Mother's Day, the day after or maybe the day after that. (30th/31st/1st)

Just like in Islam's other holy festival, Eid al-Adha, it is marked by community prayers at daybreak on its first day.

Eid al-Fitr is a time for friends and family. They greet one another, presents and money are given to children, new clothes are worn and feasts are prepared and shared. Lots of families also visit the graves of relatives that have passed away.



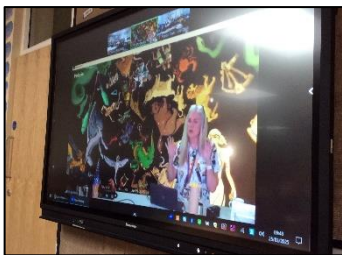
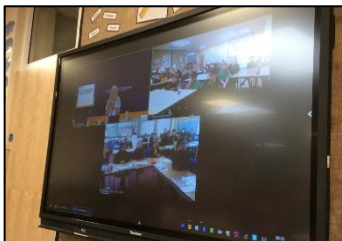
In lots of counties Eid is a 3-day celebration in England we only get one day off – so it's back to school the day after!

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Year 2 took a nature walk around the local area.

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Year 5 had a LIVE workshops with Wendy and Alex from STFC to learn about the James Webb Telescope with is currently in Space! They learned about how it collected and transmitted data, took pictures. They also looked at different star constellations and made observation using an infrared camera.



IS YOUR CHILD INTERESTED IN MUSIC?

Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band? Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:

- Confidence
- Resilience
- Behaviour
- Wellbeing
- Attainment
- Inclusivity

For more details visit their website:-

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers. Classes are delivered at school, in school time by a professionally trained musician supplied by Rocksteady.

Our current teacher is Adam. Adam collects the children from their classroom and delivers them back after their lesson. Adam has developed close relationships with the children and creates a fun environment for the children to learn.

See our children below in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning valuable skills. (Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady no

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HAPPY MOTHERS DAY



Mother's Day is on the 30th March 2025 but where did it all start and how did we come to celebrate it?

During the Middle Ages, the custom developed of allowing people who had moved away from where they grew up to come back to visit their home or 'mother' churches, and their mothers, on the fourth Sunday of the Christian festival of Lent.

At the time, it wasn't uncommon for children to leave home to work when they were as young as 10 years old, so this was an opportunity for families to meet up again.



This became Mothering Sunday in Britain. As the dates of Lent vary each year, so does the date of Mothering Sunday.

Although it's often called Mother's Day in the UK, it has no connection with the American Mother's Day.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - ROCKSTEADY



This week Shawclough School had our termly Rocksteady concert and all our bands rocked out with Adam their band master. The show was attended by parents and classmates and it was brilliant!

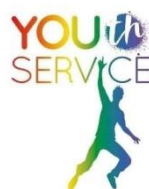
PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception have been making some beautiful bookmarks for Mother's Day but Shhhh! – they're a secret.

CHILDREN'S CHAMPION

(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 – YEAR 4



The wonderful year 4 teacher Mrs Goodridge and Miss Housely taking part in Egyptian Day. You both look fabulous Miss!

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

PTA are on



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 3



Year 3 had a whole day of circles skills, learning skills like balancing, gymnastics, rope work and juggling, amongst other things.

LOST PROPERTY

These glasses are currently in the office and have not been claimed.

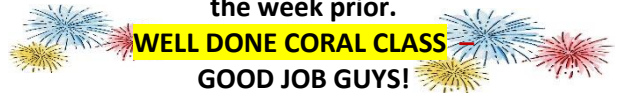


ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 21/3/25

Gold	100.0
3 Amber	99.6
1 Lavender	99.2
6 Red	98.6
4 Yellow/1 Purple	98.1
5 Poppy	97.6
2 Coral	94.4
2 Sunshine	97.3
4 Orange	97.2
6 Scarlet	96.8
3 Lemon	95.6
5 Coral	95.4
Nursery Ocean	93.8
Reception Turquoise	91.2
Reception Blue	89.6
Sapphire	86.7
Ruby	83.8
Nursery Sky	77.5

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



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.'



SUCCESS IS THE SUM OF SMALL EFFORTS REPEATED DAY IN DAY OUT

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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 4



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

APRIL		
3rd	Eid Parties 	Whole school
2nd	Autism Awareness Day	Rainbow/Rainforest Day
4th	End of term – 1pm Finish 	Whole school
22nd	Back for new term 	Whole school
MAY		
19th	Sports Day 	Year 1-6
TBC	Parent Breakfast 	Reception
22nd-23rd	Year 6 residential 	Year 6
23rd	Half term – Normal finish 	Whole school
2nd	Back from Half term 	Whole school
JULY		
1st	Transition Day 	Whole school
4th	Parent Breakfast 	Year 3
4th	Sleepover 	Year 5
4th	Sporting event 	Year 6
15th	Final Performance 	Year 6
18th	End of term – 1pm finish 	Whole school
18th	Year 6 leavers party – hosted by PTA (To be confirmed)	Year 6

Year 4 all dressed as Egyptians and did lots of activities. They even got to wrap up the class mates like mummies.



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:

~~5th 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.)

IS YOUR YEAR 6 CHILD GOING TO CROMPTON HOUSE

Please find below the dates for transition meetings at Crompton House for the new cohort (2025-2026 academic year).

Welcome Evening - 7th OR 8th May (5.30pm)

This is for parents only and they will be contacted directly with the relevant date to attend

Fun & Friendship Day - 2nd June (8.30am - 3pm)

This is for any students who will be coming to Crompton House on their own and do not know anyone else

Intake Evening - 11th June (5.30pm)

This is for parents and students together - due to capacity we can only accept 1 student and parent/carer per family

Music Transition Day - 17th June (8.30am - 3pm)

Students who play musical instruments or are interested in learning to play an instrument at Crompton House

Borough Transfer Days - 3rd and 4th July (8.30am - 3pm)

All students to attend Crompton House on both days

AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY



ROCHDALE
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our service is currently recruiting for both permanent and casual staff which are needed across the borough, we have various vacant points and we also need casual staff to cover absence as and when the need arises.

If you are interested or know of anyone that would be interested, please apply for these roles using the following link
<https://www.greater.jobs/job/75687110>.

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