

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 12
Week ending 29/12/24



Counting down the weeks!



Reception singing '1 little flower in the sun' and learning numbers.

Check out all the competition entries for the school council 'snowman' competition. What an amazing turn out!



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK

Year 1 Starbooks

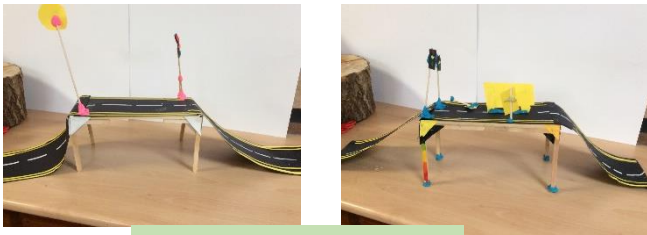




Nursery having been looking at 2D shapes



Our Competition winners!
Well done Summayah & Maryam (6), Zunaira (5), Leo (4), Mikaeel (3), Mia (2), Winnie (1), Layla (Rec) and Zakariya (Nursery)



Year 5 have been building bridges in DT



Year 2 have been making axels and all sort s of mechanical parts.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 22/11/24

5C	98.0%
SAPPHIRE	96.7%
RB	96.1%
1L	95.9%
3A	94.8%
2C	93.3%
1P	93.2%
6R	93.1%
4Y	92.5%
3L	87.4%
6S	85.5%
2S	84.1%
GOLD	82.9%
RUBY	78.8%
5P	75.6%
RT	75.4%

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

WELL DONE CHERRY CLASS – LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS.
GOOD JOB 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.



BE AN ATTENDANCE HERO
HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME!

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BLACK FRIDAY

Many of you will have heard the phrase 'Black Friday'. But what is Black Friday – what's it all about? It is believed by many that the term Black Friday come from the idea that shops/retailers operate at a financial loss, or are "in the red," until the day after Thanksgiving (an American National Holiday), when huge sales finally allow them to turn a profit, or put them "in the black."

The British people now do the same and hold massive sales on this day and allow customers to get big saving on things they may need for the upcoming Christmas celebrations. Many people wait all year for this day so they can get all the more expensive items they need at a better price than the rest of the year.



REMINDERS

FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

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](#)



YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY!

The CASHPOT for Schools initiative is **over now**. Look out next week for the total amount raised.



PTA

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.

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.

We are currently looking for some fresh ideas for fundraising.

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

****HIGH IMPORTANTANCE****

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

Schoolgateway

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.

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

PTA are on



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 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 reports. 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.

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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.

If you have been given permission by the head teacher to use the car park, can you please get in touch with



the office to ascertain whether or not this is still feasible.

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are **NOT on your mobile phone** when you are in the school **especially in the office/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 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 confiscated and 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

Please:

- 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) have a private company that will clamp your car, if left on their property.

The school have no power or say in removal of any

EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

clamps or parking tickets.

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, doors close) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their Lunch. Your child will be issued with an orange ticket to give the class teacher Please do not let your child through the reception door without this ticket or being signed in by the office.

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 may send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in class collection locations, letters coming home, trips, payments, etc. Please note: 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 (see instructions above).

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, school policy states, he/she must be off for **24 hours** from the last episode of sickness.

If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised, school

policy states, he/she must be off for **48 hours** from the last episode 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 should be instructions on the pack, however, try

- Washing 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

DECEMBER		
3 rd	Rocksteady Concert 	Parents of children taking part ONLY
6 th	Parent Breakfast & Carol Concert 	Yr. 6
10th	Christmas performance 	Reception
11th	Christmas performance 	Nursery
TBC	RockSteady Concert 	Parents of children taking part ONLY
17th	WEAR YOUR CHRISTMAS JUMPER Day 	Whole school
17 th	Pantomime Trip 	Yr.3 and Rainbow
18 th	Christmas Dinner 	Whole school
20 th	Last day of term – Christmas Parties 1pm Finish 	Whole school
JANUARY		
6 th	And we're back! Happy New Year 	Whole school

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS



Have you applied for your child's primary school place?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, it's time to apply for a place.



Tuesday 10th December
from 6.30pm
**Carol Singing
around
Shawclough**

Saturday 7th December
10am - 12noon
**BREAKFAST IN
Bethlehem**



Celebrate Christmas

with Open Door Church

Sunday
22nd Dec
6pm

Carol Service



A Child is Born

Celebrate CHRISTMAS

25 DECEMBER 11 AM





- 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 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

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



NNPCF
National Network of Parent Carer Forums
Our Strength is Our Shared Experience

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
SENDAdviceLinesRochdale.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	Balfield 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

RAISING ROCHDALE

THRUM HALL TEA TIME CLUB

Alternate Thursdays 3.30-5.30pm

STARTING THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER

A free meal for all the family, with a range of activities to enjoy together.

This teatime club is not affiliated with Shawclough School. Please contact Thrum Hall Church for further information.

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