

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 04  
Week ending 03/10/25



### NURSERY APPLICATIONS – SEPT 2026

Are you looking to enrol your child's sibling into Nursery in September 2026?

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

If you are interested, please email [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk) to request an application pack.

Alternatively, you can pop into the office for a paper copy.

Please note, the cut-off date for families wishing to apply for a September place is

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

### HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION - SEPT 2026

You must apply for secondary school for a September 2026 by

**October 31, 2025.**

Apply as soon as possible during this period to increase your chances of getting a place at one of your preferred schools, as applications submitted after the deadline are considered late. Applications should be made online through the council website portal.

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

### NUT ALLERGIES

#### **\*\*HIGH IMPORTANCE\*\***

Please be advised that children are prohibited from bringing to school **any nuts or any foods/products containing nuts.**

We have a number of 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.



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## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 26.09.25

<b>3 LEMON</b>	<b>99.3</b>
<b>NURSERY OCEAN &amp; 5 POPPY</b>	<b>97.8</b>
<b>RUBY</b>	<b>97.5</b>
<b>GOLD</b>	<b>97.1</b>
<b>4 ORANGE</b>	<b>96.9</b>
<b>6 SCARLET &amp; REC BLUE</b>	<b>96.8</b>
<b>3 AMBER &amp; 4 YELLOW</b>	<b>96.5</b>
<b>6 RED</b>	<b>96.3</b>
<b>2 SUNSHINE</b>	<b>96.2</b>
<b>2 CORAL</b>	<b>94.8</b>
<b>5 CHERRY &amp; REC TURQUOISE</b>	<b>94.2</b>
<b>SAPPHIRE</b>	<b>93.3</b>
<b>1 LAVENDER</b>	<b>92.7</b>
<b>RAINFOREST</b>	<b>87.8</b>
<b>NURSERY SKY</b>	<b>86.7</b>
<b>1 PURPLE</b>	<b>86.3</b>

**GOOD JOB LEMON CLASS – 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.



**READY  
STEADY  
ATTEND!**

## ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

Phase 1 - Florence Higgins – Reception Turquoise



Phase 2 - Ibrahim Farooq Iram - Year 1 lavender



Phase 3 – Maryam Islam – Year 4 Orange



Rainbow – Olivia Fairbrother – Ruby



Rainforest – Musa Ali



These children had 100% attendance and punctuality last week and received a certificate and badge.

**Congratulations!**

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Sunshine class have been experimenting with mixing colours.

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## PTA VOLUNTEERS



Calling ALL parents – PTA needs you !

Join the PTA!



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.

If you have any spare time/ideas or would like to volunteer, please get in touch with Mrs Choudhry in the school office.

## PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 1



One of our year 1 parents came to read purple class a story in Romanian. Matei's mummy read 'The little Red Hen'. Purple class listened carefully to see if they could understand any of the words.

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

## PTA – CLOTHES COLLECTION

**RAISE FUNDS BY COLLECTING REUSABLE CLOTHES**

**JOIN THE PROJECT TO ENTER**

**ITEMS THAT CAN GO IN THE BAGS**

- 1 ADULT AND CHILDREN CLOTHES
- 2 BATH AND HAND TOWELS
- 3 HANDWRASH & ACCESSORIES & BELTS
- 4 PANTS AND SHORTS
- 5 SHOES, CLEAN UNDERWEAR & SOCKS
- 6 JEWELLERY, COSMETICS (COMPRESSED) AND ACCESSORIES
- 7 UNWANTED GIFTS, PRESENTS & TOYS, DOLL, RAG DOLLS

**ITEMS THAT CAN'T GO IN THE BAGS**

- 1 DIRTY, RIPPED OR WET CLOTHING, UNPAID SHOES
- 2 WORK UNIFORMS, SCHOOL UNIFORMS & SPORTS KITS
- 3 CARPETS, RUGS, MATTES, CURTAINS, FANCY DRESS
- 4 BIRD-OF-BLASS, BOTTLES & CUPS/POTS
- 5 PLASTIC TOYS, BOARD GAMES & PUZZLES

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHAT TO PUT IN THE BAGS STOP AND THINK WOULD YOU WEAR IT ?**

**PLEASE USE THE CLOTHING BAG PROVIDED. YOU CAN ALSO USE ANY ADDITIONAL BAG IF REQUIRED.**

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE SAMMY'S PROJECT AND HOW TO ENTER THE CONTEST, PLEASE GO TO [www.donateclothes2sammy.org](http://www.donateclothes2sammy.org)**

**is launched by 282 Myeloma Research**

Help the PTA to raise money for our PTA and a charity, by donating your unwanted clothes and other items to Sammy's project.

Sammy Project raises money for Leukaemia and Myeloma research, a disease that effect a lot of people in the community. The charity raises awareness and educates people on the signs and symptoms of the disease and the different treatments available.

Our **PTA collection will be November 10<sup>th</sup> 2025**. Your child/ren will bring home a bag shortly to put your items in (you can use additional bags too.)

Listed above are the item that are accepted by the appeal. Please be kind when donating and take special note of things that are not accepted.

## HARVEST/FOOD BANK



The wonderful people at the Food Bank arrived to collect our donations. Well done Shawclough School – You did great. Special thanks to Amaan, Arthur and Jake for helping load the van.

Shawclough School & PTA are on



## STAR OF THE WEEK

This week our Star awards are for **RESPONSIBILITY**. There are some jobs that are not seen as ours to do but we do them anyway, this is called taking responsibility. This week the school help with donations to the food bank, it is our responsibility to help others. Our stars this week have all shown that they have taken responsibility in one way or another. Well done guys



Rainforest  
Reina El-Hajj Hassan

Nursery  
Khadija Khan



Reception Blue  
Imogen Higgins



Reception Turquoise  
Safa Hussain



Year 1 Lavender  
Aiza Wajahat



Year 1 Purple  
Louis Gorman



Year 2 Sunshine  
Zainab Awan



Year 2 Coral  
Maymuna Nazir



Year 3 Lemon  
Archie Ison



Year 3 Amber  
Mia Hardwick



Year 4 Orange  
Mohammed Ali



Year 4 Yellow  
Mikaeel Ibrahim



Year 5 Cherry  
Amina Jamil



Year 5 Poppy  
Amaan Mehmood



Year 6 Scarlet  
Zak Abbasi



Year 6 Red  
Maryam Hussain



Rainbow  
George Richmond-Burnell



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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## OCTOBER

6 <sup>th</sup>	Careers Fair		Y6
9 <sup>th</sup>	Individual photos		Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mental Health Day – Non Uniform Wear yellow		Whole school
15 <sup>th</sup>	Panto by M6		Y4 & Y5
15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 2
16 <sup>th</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 1
20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 3
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 5
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent phone calls		Yr 4
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Greek Day		Yr 6
24 <sup>th</sup>	Half term break		Whole school

## NOVEMBER

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cinema trip		Yr 5
10 <sup>th</sup>	Clothes collection Donate clothes 4 sammy project		Whole school
10 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks		Yr 6
11 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks		Yr 5
11 <sup>th</sup>	Cinema trip		Yr 6
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent assembly		Yr 4
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Rhyme Day		Nursery
14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need		Whole school
17 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks		Yr 2
18 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks		Yr 1
24 <sup>th</sup>	Starbooks		Yr 3

## DECEMBER

2 <sup>ND</sup>	Rocksteady Concert		Parent who's children are in Rocksteady
4 <sup>th</sup>	Carol concert		Yr 6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Performance		Nursery
12 <sup>th</sup>	Panto trip		Yr 3 & Rainbow
16 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas dinner/christmas jumper day		Whole school
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas parties 1pm finish End of term		Whole school

## JANUARY

5 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back Spring Term		Whole school
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## FEBRUARY

13 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term		Whole school
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school

## MARCH

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## APRIL

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Break		Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Welcome back		Whole school

## MAY

22 <sup>nd</sup>	Half term		Whole school
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## JUNE

1 <sup>st</sup>	Welcome Back		Whole school
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## JULY

17 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Break		Whole school
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## SEPTEMBER

	Welcome back!		Whole school
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## 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!

[ttrackstars.com/parents/](http://ttrackstars.com/parents/)

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



## PEEK AT THE WEEK – Ms STAPLETON



Ms Stapleton received her certificate 'officially' from a representative from Teaching Personnel.

## WEATHER

As the weather turns cooler and we are seeing more rain – please ensure that children have a coat in school at all times and a jumper or fleece if required.

## WATER BOTTLES

Reminder that ALL children in Phase 3 need a water bottle in school. Please ensure that the water bottle has water in it and NOT juice. Children are only allowed Juice with their dinner.

## SCHOOL COMMS/SIMMS

**If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – Download it 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 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

Schoolgateway



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## PARKING AND TRAFFIC AROUND SCHOOL

We are still receiving calls of complaints by our neighbours who live around the school, parents experiencing threats of violence by other parents, bad language, being aggressive towards school staff – the list goes on. The worst thing is, our children are witnessing all of this.



The safety and wellbeing of our children is one of our utmost priorities, in and around our school.

**We request that parents understand that their negative behaviour affects the children – IT IS NOT OK.**

Traffic police periodically come to our school and will issue tickets. The school **will not** intervene on your behalf. Waiting in the turning circle, parking on yellow lines – will get you a parking fine.

There is plenty of parking on Whitworth Road and Paton Street and it is barely a 5 minute walk. The church has kindly offered us their carpark to use but please do not abuse this permission by parking dangerously and blocking the entrance/exit.

**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.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES



**AUTUMN FAIR**

**SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER**  
MOUNTSIDE VIEW THRUHALL LANE  
OL12 6DE  
**11AM TILL 2PM**

**RAISING MONEY FOR A DEFIBRILLATOR**

stalls: tombola bric-a-brac  
lucky dip cake stall toy stall

**REFRESHMENTS**  
TEA, COFFEE, JUICE  
HOTDOGS, BURGERS, VEGGIE BURGERS  
**ALL WELCOME**

## JOB OPPORTUNITY

### Vacancy – School Crossing Patrol

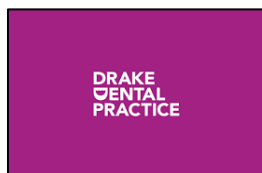
There are a number of vacancies across the borough. If you wish to apply please copy and paste the link below.

<https://apply.greater.jobs/rochdale/Job/JobDetail?jobid=1769>



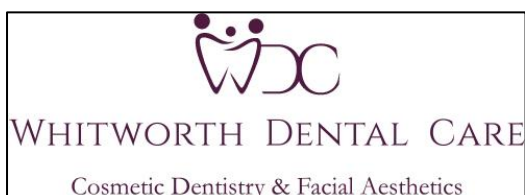
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BOROUGH COUNCIL





Drake Street Dental Practice are now accepting patients under the age of 18 on the NHS. If you would like to register your child, pop into the practice a register your child any morning from 10am-1pm. You will need a valid form of ID, either a passport or birth certificate and they will be offered their first appointment.

Whitworth Dental Practice are now also taking patients under 18. If you would like your child to be seen by an NHS dentist please contact the practice to book an appointment. You can either call us on 01706 353355 or come to the practice at: 311-315 Market Street, Whitworth, Rochdale. OL12 8PW



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- **Lego Serious Play** sessions at 10:30, 11:30, 13:15, 14:30
- Suitable for **children aged 5+** and their **parents/carers**, school teachers, and tutors

For further information and to sign up, scan the QR code or visit:

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