

Shawclough Community School Newsletter

Issue 18

Week ending 30/01/26



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.**

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

STARBOOKS

2ND – 11TH FEBRUARY



Its Starbooks time again, starting with year 6. Please come along and read with your child for a short period of time on the morning of their Starbooks event.

The event takes place in the dining hall in a comfortable and enjoyable environment. Your child's class will also be doing a short performance for the parents, based on something they are reading/learning in the classes.

They will be a number of books for you and your child to choose from or maybe they would like to read their reading book with you. Let's help our children to become confident readers with a love for books.

Event Dates:	Year 6	2 nd Feb
	Year 5	3 rd Feb
	Year 4	4 th Feb
	Year 3	9 th Feb
	Year 2	10 th Feb
	Year 1	11 th Feb

Shawclough School & PTA are on



ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 23/01/26

6 RED	100.0
3 AMBER	100.0
RUBY	100.0
1 LAVENDER	99.2
REC. BLUE	99.0
REC. TURQUOISE	99.0
RAINFOREST	98.9
GOLD	97.5
4 ORANGE	97.2
2 CORAL	97.1
SAPPHIRE	96.7
4 YELLOW	96.2
6 SCARLET	96.0
3 LEMON	95.7
5 CHERRY	95.7
2 SUNSHINE	95.6
5 POPPY	91.9
1 PURPLE	89.3

GOOD JOB RED, AMBER & RUBY 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 23.01.26

Phase 1 – ISMAEEL AHMED – REC. BLUE



Phase 2 – EVEN DIXON – 3 AMBER



Phase 3 – AMEERA ASLAM – 6 SCARLET



Rainbow – LOGAN RUCHAT - SAPPHIRE



Rainforest – CHIZARA ONYEBULE – R'FOREST



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

Congratulations!

CLOTHES COLLECTION – WHOLE SCHOOL

Have you got any old clothes, shoes, bags etc. that you no longer need but are in good condition? If so, please donate them to Sammy's Project. Your child will bring home a bag next week, fill it, add any addition bags and bring to school the morning (only) of Monday 9th February.



Let's make this collection bigger than the last one



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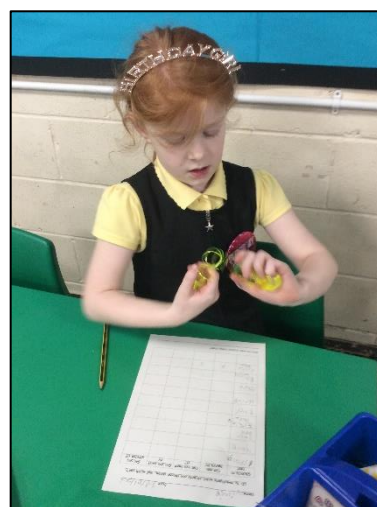
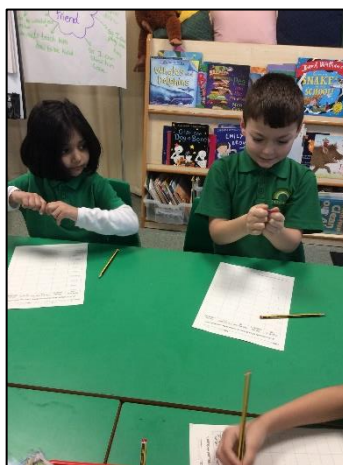
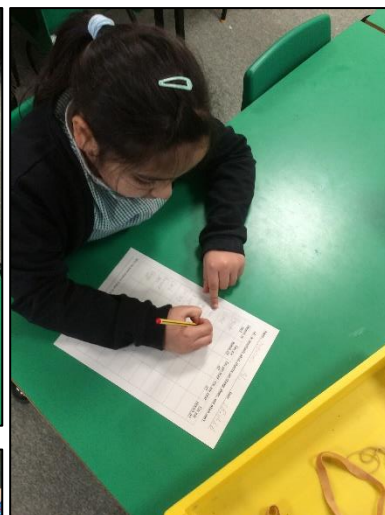
PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 5



Year 5 kicked off the week with Bikeability.



PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2



Year 2 investigated which materials change shape when squashing, twisting, stretching and bending.

PARKING

Parking around the school has become an issue AGAIN. Please refrain from parking across peoples driveways, on double yellow lines and any that is illegal.

The school has receives complaints daily from local residents about careless and inconsiderate parking. The school will NOT take responsibility for any parking tickets you may receive or reports to the police.

Parents are also still arguing with each other over parking often resulting in obscene language and heated confrontations – in front of our school children. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

As parents we should be setting an example. We understand that parking space are few around the school but there is plenty of space on Whitworth Road and Paton Street. It's only a short walk.

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's stars have been awarded for

RESPECT

Someone who demonstrates respect at lunch and break times or someone who plays well with others outside and demonstrates good and respectful behaviour.

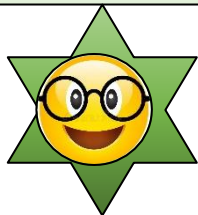


Nursery
Eesa Zahid

Reception Blue
Faris Shah



Reception Turquoise
Emily Lech-Nathan



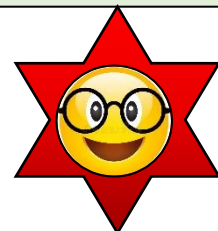
Year 1 Purple
Zahra Haque



Year 1 Lavender
Ayat Hussain



Year 2 Sunshine
Maryam Nazir



Year 2 Coral
Haadiyah Mahmood

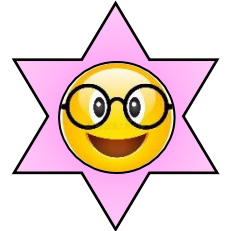


Year 3 Lemon
Ruqayyah Abdul-Jabbar



Year 3 Amber
Amelia Nawaz

Year 4 Yellow
Aaesha Aslam



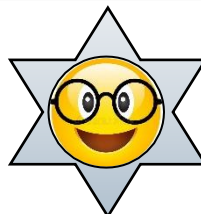
Year 4 Orange
Beth Crossley

Year 5 Cherry
Yousef Imran



Year 5 Poppy
Zayyan Ibn Ittefaq

Year 6 Scarlet
Maya Matei



Year 6 Red
Shyla Miah

Rainbow
George Richmond-Burnell



Rainforest
Angelo Antoine






















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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY







FEBRUARY			
2 nd	Starbooks		Yr. 6
3 rd	Starbooks		Yr. 5
3 rd	ChristChurch Healey Trip		Yr. 1
4 th	Swimming starts		Yr. 3
4 th	Starbooks		Yr. 4
9 th	Starbooks		Yr. 3
9 th	PTA clothes collection – Donate your all clothes 'Clothes4Sammy'		Whole School
10 th	Starbooks		Yr. 2
10 th	Safer Internet Day		Whole School
11 th	Starbooks		Yr. 1
11 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
11 th	Rochdale Parent carers Voice Coffee morning		All Parents welcome
TBC	Decorate a plate for World Book Day – details coming home.		Whole School
13 th	Half term		Whole school
18 th	Start of Ramadan – please fill out a consent form if you wish your child to fast after half term		Yr. 6 only
23 rd	Welcome Back		Whole school
25 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
28 th	PTA Leavers Hoodies Order form deadline		Yr. 6







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	Swimming		Yr. 3
TBC	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
20 th	Red Nose Day		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

APRIL			
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
TBC	PTA Wonka Bar Challenge – Rainforest Classroom.		Whole school
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
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	Sleepover		Yr. 5
TBC			
7 th	Transition Day		Whole School
TBC			
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 - RAINBOW




We have taken part in the RSPB bird watch.



26.1.26

Lots of birds have been enjoying our food.



Blackbird I saw ☐
 House Sparrow I saw ☐
 Blue Tit I saw ☐
 Starling I saw ☐
 Woodpigeon I saw ☐
 Robin I saw ☐
 Chaffinch I saw ☐



28.1.26

L.I: to know the process of mummification.



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Exploring mummification.



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Emptying the skull by mashing up the brains.



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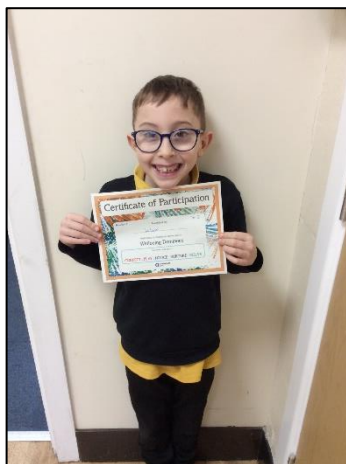
Investigating the fish before mummification.

Rainbow have been busy this week. As well as learning about Egypt, mummifying a fish, mashing up brains – they also took part in the RSPB bird watch. They put out food then recorded the all the different birds that came to visit.

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PEEK AT THE WEEK - WELLBEING



Mrs Kiernan's Wellbeing Dominos group received some well deserved 'Certificates of Participation'. Well done guys – those smiles say it all!

PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 3



Look what Subhan found in the music cupboard – a small Indian folk music drum, otherwise known as a Dholki. He has had a smashing time banging out some tunes, singing along and entertaining Miss Sharp and the ladies in the office.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception are learning to play 'SNAP!'

PEEK AT THE WEEK – WHOLE SCHOOL

WOW! Well done everyone - children, parents and staff that took part in and contributed to the Reindeer Run – you did amazing. Look how much we raised for Springhill Hospice!



COMMUNITY NEWS



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SEND PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

11TH FEBRUARY
4TH MARCH
20TH MAY
10TH JUNE
9.30 - 11.30AM

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

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 - Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?
- ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?**
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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

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Neurodiversity and school
Tuesday January 13th 10-12 or 6-8pm

Sensory challenges and strategies to support
Thursday January 15th 6.30-8.30pm

Neurodiversity All about it - part 1, Information
Wednesday March 4th 11-1pm
Neurodiversity All about It - Part 2, strategies
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TIMETABLE 2026

THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 7.30PM-9PM

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

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Parent Carers

