

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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**THE JULIA SANDIFORD-MITCHELL EDITION**



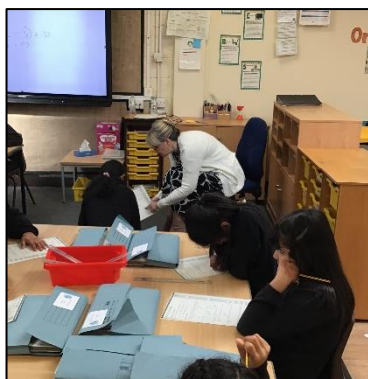
So, after 17 years, Mrs. Julia Sandiford Mitchell – Head of Shawclough Community Primary School, is leaving us. Over the year's she's been hands on with every aspect of school life. Here are just a few short snippets of her journey with our school from the beginning. Good luck and best wishes for the future from all the staff and children at Shawclough – we're going to miss you!



From the very beginning it has always been about the children. Mrs Mitchell has built a special rapport with the children in the school and even years after leaving some still come back to see her and let her know how they are getting along.



As head teacher she has dressed up for World Book Day...



...taught year 6's maths...



...taken part and gone on trips with the children...



### 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](https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/childrens-champions)



...has often taken assembly (she loves talking about the royal family) when she can...



...present numerous badges, certificate and awards...

You can follow us on

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

PTA are on





## ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 28/3/25

<b>GOLD</b>	<b>100.0</b>
2 CORAL	99.3
2 SUNSHINE	97.7
5 CHERRY	97.6
RUBY	97.5
1 LAVENDER	96.9
SAPPHIRE	96.7
3 AMBER	96.0
4 ORANGE/5 CHERRY	95.2
4 YELLOW	95.0
6 RED	94.8
RECEPTION BLUE	94.4
3 LEMON	93.8
1 PURPLE	93.1
RECEPTION TURQUOISE	91.5
NO	91.2
6 SCARLET	91.0
NS	72.5

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

**WELL DONE GOLD CLASS**

**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.



**BRIGHT FUTURES BEGIN WITH GREAT ATTENDANCE.**

...said goodbye to staff, as well as year 6 leavers every year...



...helped take out the food to the food bank truck after a successful collection...



...have a regular chats with the business manager to make sure the office staff are doing their jobs...

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...take competition winners out for a lovely Wonka winner's breakfast...



...take time out of her busy day to pose next to the Shawclough Christmas tree...





...collecting awards with the SLT on behalf of Shawclough School...



...and after all that, even had time for a boogie at the staff Xmas parties! ...

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	APRIL	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Back for new term 	Whole school
	MAY	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day 	Year 1-6
TBC	Parent Breakfast 	Reception
22 <sup>nd</sup> -23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 6 residential 	Year 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half term – Normal finish 	Whole school
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Back from Half term 	Whole school
	JULY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Transition Day 	Whole school
4 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Breakfast 	Year 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover 	Year 5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Sporting event 	Year 6
15 <sup>th</sup>	Final Performance 	Year 6
18 <sup>th</sup>	End of term – 1pm finish 	Whole school
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 leavers party – hosted by PTA AT Thrum Hall Church	Year 6 only

...and when all is said and done, she has worked tirelessly to ensure that our school is a shining beacon of excellence. Thank you Mrs Mitchell for all your hard work...we will miss you. Good luck in your new role – You're going to smash it!



On her very last assembly Mrs Mitchell treated all the children to a doughnut how generous!

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## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



The first chick hatched in Reception. A new life, a new beginning – how exciting...

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINBOW



Rainbows chicks hatched too – aren't they cute?

## PEEK AT THE WEEK - CORAL



As you are all aware we have been selling Maggie's famous biscuits this last week to raise much needed funds for the school. Little Isaac from year 2 also bought some biscuits but he also named a lovely Magnolia tree in his garden after Maggie.

Isaac is a beautiful representation of what our children at Shawclough School are like – and well done mum for bring up such a kind individual.

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## 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.)

**HAVE A LOVELY EASTER BREAK EVERYONE –  
DON'T EAT TOO MUCH CHOCOLATE!**

**AND A FINAL FAREWELL TO MRS MITCHELL!**

**BYE.XX**

