

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 15

Week ending 09/01/26



To contact us about anything regarding this newsletter please call us on 01706 647 991 or email office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk

FIRST WEEK BACK – JANUARY 2026

First and foremost I'd like to wish everyone a *Happy New Year*. I sincerely hope that you all had a great new year and equally good break, whether you were celebrating Christmas or just spending quality time with friends and family.

Well, what first week back it has been! We have braved the weather and managed to all come together to start our Spring Term. Thank you to everyone - children, families and staff, for dealing with all the last minute changes and uncertainty. Just goes to prove that 'where there's a will there is almost certainly a way'.

I'd like to extend a warm welcome from us all at Shawclough School to all the new children, families and staff that have joined us this week and will be joining us in the coming weeks.

In 2026 Shawclough Primary School will continue to put the education, wellbeing and safety of our children at the heart of everything we do.

We value your continued support as parents/carers and hope that we continue to maintain these relationships, which are so important.

Communication remains vital between us all. Going forward, please do not hesitate to contact us regarding any concerns that you may have regarding your child, the school or the wider community – we promise to help whenever and wherever we can and to the best of our ability.

Last but not least WELCOME BACK EVERYONE – it's been absolutely wonderful to see all those smiling faces at the gates every morning.

Now let's get back into it.

Bye for now.

Mr Doyle



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 and request an application pack.

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

If you wish to take advantage of the priority access to spaces for families with siblings, the cut-off date for applications for a September place is

Thursday 15th January 2026

****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.**

Shawclough School & PTA are on



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

ATTENDANCE

Attendance (%) for week ending 19/12/25

GOLD	100.0
RAINFOREST	98.9
6 RED & 1 PURPLE	97.7
4 ORANGE	96.9
5 POPPY	96.7
RECEP BLUE	95.8
5 CHERRY	95.8
3 AMBER	94.4
4 YELLOW	94.2
2 SUNSHINE	93.9
SAPPHIRE	93.3
3 LEMON	91.8
RUBY	91.3
2 CORAL	90.4
1 LAVENDER	88.8
6 SCARLET	88.4
RECEP TURQUOISE	83.7

**GOOD JOB GOLD 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.



ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK ENDING 19.12.25

Phase 1 – HAZIM VAKAS - TURQ



Phase 2 – INAAYA GHURI – 3L



Phase 3 – ROHAAN HUSSAIN – 6R



Rainbow – ARNIE DAWSON - SAPPHIRE



Rainforest – JORDEN MOREIRA SAMBU



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

Congratulations!



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PEEK AT THE WEEK – YEAR 2

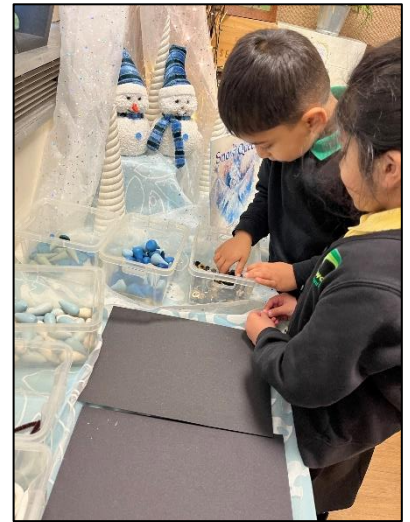


Year 2 have been making a rocking horse card in DT lessons.

PEEK AT THE WEEK - RECEPTION



Reception are having some sensory play and fun with beads and gloop.



PEEK AT THE WEEK - RAINFORESET



Mrs Karim enjoying the ball pool with the children from Rainbow.

STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Stars have been awarded for

READING

2026 is the National Year of Reading and we have decided to award those children who may not necessarily be the best readers **BUT** they have a love of reading and take great enjoyment in books.



Nursery
Aleeyah Naheed

Reception Blue
Mus'ab Choudhury



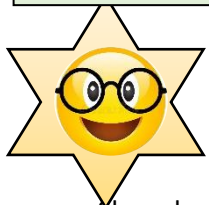
Reception Turquoise
Hazim Vakas

Year 1 Purple
Khadijan Noor



Year 1 Lavender
Abdul Mahmood

Year 2 Sunshine
Mehroosh Ali



Year 2 Coral
Yunus Awan

Year 3 Lemon
Umar Farrukh



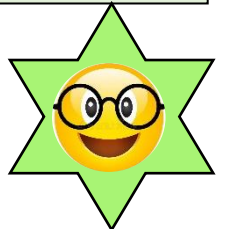
Year 3 Amber
Mia Hardwick

Year 4 Yellow
Safiah Hye



Year 4 Orange
Aleyah Jameel

Year 5 Cherry
Ammar Alabi



Year 5 Poppy
Yusaf Sajjad

Year 6 Scarlet
Tyrese McGourlay



Year 6 Red
Amelia Atherton

Rainbow
Daniel Bacvs







Rainforest
Reina El Hajj Hassan

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

JANUARY














12 th	Residential Parent/Carer Meeting		Yr. 6
12 th	PTA Leaver hoodies Order Form out – Early bird offer		Yr. 6
26 th -30 th	Bikeability Week		Yr. 5
30 th	Height and Weight		Yr. 6

FEBRUARY

2 nd	Starbooks		Yr. 6
3 rd	Starbooks		Yr. 5
4 th	Swimming starts		Yr. 3
4 th	Starbooks		Yr. 4
9 th	Starbooks		Yr. 3
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
23 rd	Welcome Back		Whole school
25 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
28 th	PTA Leaver hoodie early bird offer ends		Yr. 6

MARCH




4 th	Class Photos		Whole School
4 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
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	Start of Ramadan – please fill out a consent form if you wish for your child to fast		Yr. 6 only
18 th	World Down Syndrome Day – Odd socks day!		Whole School
18 th	Parents Afternoon/evening		Yr. 2
18 th	Swimming		Yr. 3
20 th	Red Nose Day		Whole
TBC	Eid – Please ensure you fill out an absence slip		Whole School
TBC	Eid parties – party clothes		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
31 st	PTA Leavers Hoodies Order form deadline		Yr. 6


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 TBC	Sleepover		Yr. 5
7 th TBC	Transition Day		Whole School
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

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COMMUNITY NEWS



TOMMY TUMBLE TOWN
ROLE PLAY CENTRE

TELEPHONE **01706 334111**
BOOK ONLINE www.tommy-tumble.co.uk

Unit 6 Pippin Bank
Bacup
OL13 0BU

- Parties
- Cooking classes
- Baby classes
- Stay and Play
- Toddler football
- 10+ role play areas
- Large room available to hire
- SEN Monthly Saturday Sessions
- Childminder discount

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

January Coffee Session

Tuesday 13th January 2025
10am-12pm

Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street,
Rochdale OL11 5BU
rochdalepcv@outlook.com

Private appointments with SENDIASS please email us to book a time

Guest Speakers

Roxanne from Rochdale Gateway Leisure to talk about the Service and what it can offer SEND families

Francesca from Rochdale Borough Council to talk about SLCN (Speech Language and Communication Needs)

No Booking needed just turn up!



This is a safe and open Parent Carer space for discussion so please do not bring Children and Young People you care for to this session.

The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity
NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED

- Has your child got a diagnosis of ADHD or Autism?
- Are you on the way to getting a diagnosis?
- Are you on the Neurodiversity Journey?

ANSWERED YES TO ANY OF THESE?
Then the Umbrella sessions are for you

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

Sessions are at Spotland Bridge Mill, Rochdale, OL11 5BU
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
Wednesday March 11th 12-2pm



Please book Sessions via Eventbrite or
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SEND DADS SOCIETY



- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH,
MANCHESTER M25 2SW

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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655

FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



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THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2026 7.30PM -9PM AT HEATON PARK
GOLF CLUBHOUSE, MIDDLETON ROAD, PRESTWICH (ENTRANCE TO
THE CLUBHOUSE IS ON MIDDLETON RD OPPOSITE SAINSBURY'S
THROUGH THE PARK GATE)

WE ARE A MALE SOCIAL CLUB SUPPORTING THE FAMILIES
OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER AREA WHO HAVE OR CARE FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR
DISABILITIES

• PEER SUPPORT AVAILABLE

• SIGN POSTING TO ACTIVITIES, SERVICES AND THE PARENT FORUM IN YOUR AREA

• ORGANISED FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR SENSORY EQUIPMENT IN GREATER MANCHESTER SCHOOLS

DROP IN TO OUR SESSIONS IF YOU LIVE IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

• MANCHESTER • STOCKPORT • TAMESIDE • OLDHAM • ROCHDALE • BURY • BOLTON • WIGAN • SALFORD • TRAFFORD

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Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



Rochdale, Heywood, Middleton SEND Parent Carers Attendance with SEND Listening Event Invitation

Do you have a Child or Young Person who is experiencing difficulties with attendance, is under Section 19, Electively Home Educated or experiencing EBNA (Emotionally Based None Attendance) with SEND? Professionals want to know SEND families journey in a view to making things better. By working together we can all make a difference

Where and When

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice
Second Floor
Spotland Bridge Mill
Mellor Street
Rochdale
OL11 5BU

Wednesday 28th January 2026
9.30am-11.30am

Booking is essential
by email
rochdalepcv@outlook.com
By Monday 19th January 2026

We unfortunately cannot
accommodate or provide care
for Children/Young People or
Adults you care for
in this session

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



Listening Events

A Guide for Heywood, Rochdale and Middleton SEND Parent Carers

Professionals want to know families SEND journey in a view to making things better.
By working together we can all make a difference.

What are they?

A chance for Parent Carers of SEND Children, Young People and Adults to come together in an open forum with Rochdale Council, Health Services, other SEND services and Parent Carers to express their concerns

What can I expect as a Parent Carer?

- Support if needed from Rochdale Parent Carers Voice team throughout the meeting
- A ten minute slot to discuss your concerns or any enquires you have with the full team

What happens after the event?

If further information or support is required from discussion a team member will take your details and contact you. Some cases that need more in depth work will be discussed and concluded at a follow up meeting with all team members that attended the event

Useful Tips

We recommend you bring a document that highlights the points you want to make.
If you do not feel comfortable sharing please bring a document with you that highlights the points you want to make and someone can read this on your behalf.

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