

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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## GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



There were some interesting visitors in Year 2 this week.



Year 4s visited Manchester Museum



Reception have been looking at birds, bugs and beetles



Poppy Class enjoying eating the casserole they prepared.

## BANK HOLIDAY

### Why do we have Bank holidays?

The May Day Bank Holiday is the first of the 2 bank holiday in May and come at the start of the month. Spring Bank Holiday takes place at the end of the month.

Bank holidays were introduced by Sir John Lubbock, who drafted the Bank Holiday Act in 1871. Written to address the fact that most employers could give their staff the day of on 'Public Holidays' but it was difficult for banks due to the people with were bills were still able to demand payments on that day.



At first, only banks and financial institutions had the bank holidays' off but over time other employers also joined these holidays.



The Bank Holiday also has its origins in the Pagan religion/times. The 1st May is known as MAY DAY and traditionally involves

dancing round a Maypole (believed to originate from a German fertility ritual), crowning a May Queen, Morris Dancing and generally celebrating the oncoming summer. Celebrations differ all over the world.

In 1890 the May Day Bank Holiday became associated with day of protests in support of an 8 hour working day. After that, 1st May was linked with protests and became an official holiday in 1978.

Originally, the second bank holiday in May started as the Monday after Pentecost, also known as Whitsun or Whit Monday. Whit Monday was a holiday, a celebration that took place 50 days after Pentecost. It served to commemorate the decent of the holy spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Week.



***INTERESTNG FACT: May Day has nothing to do with planes crashing!***



The officer Fredrick Stanley Mockford, was asked to think of a phrase that would signal an emergency and be understood easily by pilots and ground staff. At the time a lot of the air traffic was

between Croydon and Paris, he suggested the word MAYDAY. It came from the word m'aidez (help me), a shortened from venez m'aidez (come and help me!) - so, now you know.

**SHAWCLOUGH PTA**

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS HOODIES**

The much anticipated Year 6 Leavers Hoodies have arrived – YAY!

Our hoodies this year come with an added feature – inside the pocket is a hidden pocket for a mobile phone. Last year's hoodies didn't have that.

If you ordered a hoodie for your child, they will have bought home or will bring home (early next week) their Leavers Hoodie.

Please note, although the hoodies bear the school logo, hoodies are NOT classed as school uniform.

We understand that you would like your child to get as much wear as possible from their hoodie, so they will be allowed to wear them to and from school but they MUST NOT be worn in school. They are also welcome to wear them on the Year 6 residential and on any non-uniform days that may occur.



**NURSERY PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2024**

**\*\*IMPORTANT NOTICE\*\***



Nursery places for September 2024 are filling up fast! If you have a child of nursery age that you are hoping to start at our school in September, please ensure you either pick up an application form from the office or email [office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk](mailto:office@shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk) and request an application pack.

Please note, places are allocated on a first come first served basis therefore having a sibling attend our school does not guarantee a nursery place. Similarly having a place in nursery does not guarantee a place in Reception. – Deadline for applications was October 2023.

If you have not yet secured a place for your child for Reception, please contact the Rochdale City Council – Admissions Department

**PARENT WORKSHOP – HEALTHY EATING**

Shawclough school is **CASHLESS**. We accept payments by **CARD ONLY**. Please ensure you have downloaded the **GATEWAY APP** to receive information about school and make payments.



Are you stuck when it comes to choices for your children's meals? Are they picky eaters? Are you confused about making or helping them make healthy choices? Are you at your wits end when it comes to meal times?



Yes? Well, you might benefit from attending our Healthy Eating workshop with the school nurse on **8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**.

The nurse will be advising and sharing ideas on how to develop healthy eating behaviour, ideas for healthy meals and snacks – including lunch boxes.

**Come along – it's FREE to attend!**

### PTA FILM NIGHT



**Kung Fu Panda Film night – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024.**  
**YEARS 2-6 ONLY**

Tickets are **NOW** available on the GATEWAY APP.

£3.50 - includes popcorn, sweets and a drink.

The show will be run from 3.15 – 5pm. Please collect your children from the dining hall entrance/exit.

Please remember that these events are run by the PTA who are **volunteers** and can only go ahead if we have the correct adult to child ratio for safeguarding reasons. This also means that there will be a limited amount of tickets, therefore they will be sold on a first come first serve basis.

### BAG2SCHOOL

**BAG2SCHOOL collection on 9th May 2024.**

Just a reminder of the things that they collect:

- Good quality adults and children's clothing
- Paired shoes
- Hats
- Belts
- Handbags
- Soft toys
- Bedding
- Curtain
- Towels



Please ensure items are clean and shoes are soil free.

The PTA are always looking for new ideas **and volunteers**. If **you** have extra time or would like to help out with an event, please get in touch via the school office.

### PTA VOLUNTEERS

**All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it more enjoyable experience.** This year

we would like to be able to contribute towards end of term trips or new playground equipment



for the whole school, should funds allow.

### HEADLICE

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 a special fine-toothed comb (detection comb) online or from pharmacies to remove head lice and nits.

There may be instructions on the pack, but usually you:

- wash 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.

Alternatively, you can buy over the counter products at the pharmacy and follow the instructions on the back

**Please note:** Anyone can get head lice

## FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

**Is your child struggling with their Timetables?**

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/](http://trockstars.com/parents/)

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



## ROCKSTEADY

**Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band?**

Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:

**Confidence**  
**Resilience**  
**Behaviour**  
**Wellbeing**  
**Attainment**  
**Inclusivity**

For more details visit their website:-

[www.rocksteadymusicschool.com](http://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com)

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Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers.

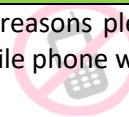
Classes are delivered at school, in school time by a professionally trained musician supplied by Rocksteady. Our current teacher is Adam. Adam collects the children from their classroom and delivers them back after their lesson. Adam has developed close relationships with the children and creates a fun environment for the children to learn.

See our children below in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning valuable skills.

**(Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady not school)**

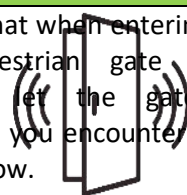
## PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area.



## PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. If you encounter any problems, please let the office know.



## PARKING

Shawclough school kindly request that parents -

- Be mindful of where you choose to park around school.
- Be mindful of our neighbours, local community, gardens and driveways. **DO NOT** move people bins 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 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) 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 said clamp.**

### EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers that **all** children who are attending Early Start Club, **must** be brought in 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 and doors will be closed) you have to bring your child through the main reception area to be signed in and choose their dinner. Class teachers 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.

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.

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 can send out a number of messages during the day to notify you of changes in collections, letters going out, trips, payments, etc.**

**Please advise the office (in writing) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.**

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE DOWNLOADED THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP.**

### 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 (made last minute) 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 that they should be off for **24 hours** from the last bout of sickness.*

*If your child has **diarrhoea** or is sent home from school due to having diarrhoea, please be advised that they must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.*




## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2024			
6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		Whole school
8th	Healthy Eating workshop		Parents
9th	BAG2SCHOOL collection		Whole school
13 <sup>th</sup> -17th	SATS week		Year 6
21 <sup>st</sup>	Parent Breakfast		Reception
23 <sup>rd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Residential trip to Gullivers World		Year 6
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>		Whole school
27 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b>		Whole school
June 2024			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>WELCOME BACK</b>		Whole school
3rd	Bikeability		Year 6
July 2024			
1st	Ribchester Museum		Year 3
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH</b>		Whole school
PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING			

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 26/04/2024	
RT	98.8%
4Y	98.8%
6S	98.2%
3L	97.4%
1L	97.3%
5P	95.3%
4O	95.2%
RB	95.0%
6R	94.5%
2C	94.2%
2S	93.8%
3A	90.4%
NO	91.0%
1P	90.0%
5C	78.0%
NS	70.0%



### WELL DONE TO BOTH YEAR FOUR YELLOW & RECEPTION TURQUOISE FOR THE SECOND WEEK – GOOD JOB!

Please note that attendance figure are Always for the week prior.

“SUCCESS IS EARNED ONE DAY AT A TIME – START BY SHOWING UP!”

## COMMUNITY/MISC NOTICES

A number of pairs of glasses are in the lost property box in the office – Do any of these belong to your child?



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PTA are on

