

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 22  
Week ending 05/07/24



## GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Year 3 took a trip back in time to Roman times. They had a great day out in Ribchester. Reception were all excited about EURO2024 and decided to play their own game of footy.



Year 2 posing after their performance



Year 3 Roman Day and parent breakfast



## WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

Being active – Walking to school.

Now the weather is improving (hopefully), the Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to encourage all children at Shawclough to become a bit more active by walking to school, or walking a bit more to school. We know some children have to travel by car, but maybe you can park a bit further away some days to get your steps in. Each child will bring home a local map and some activities about walking to school to do too. Thank you.



## THANK YOU FROM ROCHDALE FOOD BANK

27 June 2024

Mrs Julia Sandiford-Mitchell  
Headteacher  
Shawclough Community Primary School  
Thrum Hall Lane  
Rochdale  
OL12 6DE

Dear Mrs Sandiford-Mitchell

On behalf of Rochdale Foodbank, please pass on our (belated) thanks to parents, children and staff for their very generous donation – an amazing 170 kg!! A real boost for our stocks

In these challenging times, it is heart warming that so many people continue to donate. This enables the Foodbank to meet rising demand as a result of the cost of living increases and high energy costs, with the consequent impact on people's incomes.

Thanks again for your ongoing support – it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

..... Schools' Co-ordinator



Registered Charity Number: 1172470

You can follow us on

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

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## NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

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

We have a few 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 our children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches.

## REMINDERS

### SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway



It is still evident that a lot of parents are still not on the parent GATEWAY APP. 54.6% are registered to use the app and only 49.5% are using it. It is our aim to get 100% of parents registered and

using it.

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 for item 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.

Shawclough school is CASHLESS. We accept payments by **CARD ON GATEWAY APP** to receive information about school and mal

## 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.



### 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 will 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 Reception applications was October 2023. If you still have not secured a Reception place for your child, please contact Rochdale City Council.

**PLEASE NOTE: We are now over subscribed for 2 year old places**

### EARLY PICK UPS AND APPOINTMENTS

Picking up children from school early should be avoided at all costs. **Appointments should be arranged out of school hours.**

We are aware that occasionally this isn't possible but in most cases appointments should be made after 3.15pm. Too many parents are picking up children early and as a result of this, children are missing valuable topic work and learning time in the afternoon.

Any appointment made during the day must be an **emergency only**. Also, children cannot be 'ready' for you in the reception area. You must come into school, fill out an appointment slip – only then will your

child/children be brought from classrooms and released to you. We therefore request that you manage your time carefully. Our school is a big school and it takes time to get around – not all classrooms have phones.

Any reason other than an emergency appointment for picking up children early, will require an email to the **head teacher** directly and **only** she can **authorise** this.

## DOGS

Please **DO NOT** bring dogs into school grounds.



## PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

Please be reminded that the playground areas around school are **STRICTLY** out of bounds, out of school hours.



The equipment at the back of the main yard/playground, the muddy area next to reception (with the big slide) and the nursery garden at the back of school, are all areas that must not be used by children before 8.30am and after 3.15pm.

Any resources left out in playground areas are the property of the school and will be collected in when it is convenient for staff to do so – please do not assume it is 'lost' or 'dropped' by someone. It is NOT ok for your children/child to take it. If you genuinely believe that your child has 'found' something please hand it in to the office.

Please also be aware that if your child were to have an accident or injure themselves in anyway there may not be a first aider onsite.



## STAFF CARPARK

The staff carpark is for **STAFF ONLY**. Unless you have been given special dispensation from the Head Teacher or have blue badge please **DO NOT** use the staff car

park to pick up and drop off your children to and from school.

Please park outside of school when dropping children off to early start club. Staff are trying to access the carpark at these hours and are often held up and delayed due to parents taking up spaces for a quick drop off.

## 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!

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

[What's included?](#)

[Importance of timetables](#)

[TTRS intro video](#)

[Parent guide PDF](#)

[FAQs answered](#)

[Free downloadables](#)



## PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area. Please do not be offended if you are asked to switch off or leave the premises to continue on a call.

## PEDESTRIAN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian (electric) gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. On occasion the gate has been jammed open, this compromises the safety of all our children.

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's 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 light 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



## COMMUNICATION

**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.

## IS YOUR CHILD OFF DUE TO ILLNESS OR AN APPOINTMENT?

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers, that *all* children who are attending Early Start Club, *must* be brought inside 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/TAs will close the doors at 8.40 regardless of if the bell has gone.**

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. **Any pickup changes need to be reported to the office before 3pm**

## PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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.



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/email) if you have had a change in email addresses or phone numbers.

## EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

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

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 (emergency's only) you **MUST** still inform the office and fill in an appointment slip before or on your

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## ATTENDANCE

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 he/she must 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 he/she must be off for **48 hours** from the last bout of diarrhoea.

## HEAD LICE

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.

PLEASE NOTE: Unfortunately, our school does not have an onsite nurse to check regularly for head lice. It is therefore parents responsibility to check regularly and treat appropriately.

You can follow us on  <https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/>

## PTA VOLUNTEERS

**All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it a more enjoyable experience.** If you would like to be a volunteer on the PTA, please enquire at the school office.



## GOOD WEATHER

Now that we are finally experiencing some good weather, please remember to send your child to school



with a summer hat or cap and sunscreen when appropriate. Please apply the sunscreen before they come to school. **DO NOT SEND SUNSCREEN IN WITH YOUR CHILD.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2024		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Puttstars trip (details to follow – payment over GATEWAY)	Year 6 
11 <sup>th</sup>	Last show/performance	Year 6 
12 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Party	Year 6 
15 <sup>th</sup>	Seaside Trip to St Annes	Year 2 
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady Concert	Rocksteady children parents only 
16 <sup>th</sup>	Non uniform Day – Donations to Moorlands Childrens Home	Whole school
18 <sup>th</sup>	Moorland Home Trip	Rainbow 
19 <sup>th</sup>	<b>END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH</b>	Whole school 
<b>PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING</b>		

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Attendance for week ending 28/06/2024	
<b>3L</b>	<b>99.5</b>
1L	98.5
4O	96.8
1P	96.5
6S	96.3
5C	95.3
RB	94.8
4Y	93.6
2S	93.5
3A	93.5
6R	93.4
2C	92.3
RT	92.2
5P	92.0
NO	81.6
NS	

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

**WELL LAVENDER CLASS– GOOD JOB!**

**“90% OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP...SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COUNTS!”**

## The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity

- 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 Neurodiversity training programme is 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 all about it
- Monday 15th January, Tuesday 11th June, Tuesday 17th September
- ADHD, medication and alternative interventions
- Monday 22nd January, Tuesday 18th June, Tuesday 24th September
- Sensory challenges and strategies
- Monday 29th January, Tuesday 25th June, Tuesday 1st October
- Neurodiversity, how to flourish in school
- Monday 5th February, Tuesday 2nd July, Tuesday 8th October
- Sleep and wellbeing
- Monday 12th February, Tuesday 9th July, Tuesday 15th October

Each date has a session 12noon - 2pm or 6pm - 8pm

Sessions are booked via Eventbrite

Scan the QR code to book

For more information please contact rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com



## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
- NO SIGN UP
- TALK OR LISTEN - UP TO YOU
- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY



**THURSDAY 18TH JULY 7.30PM-9PM HEATON PARK GOLF CLUB, MIDDLETON RD, PRESTWICH (ENTRANCE ON MIDDLETON ROAD 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

NO JUDGEMENT - JUST A GROUP OF MEN COMING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BE AROUND OTHERS WHO ARE ON A SIMILAR JOURNEY

- 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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655  
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



**WORKING WELL**  
SOUND MINDS DIFFERENTLY FOR GREATER MANCHESTER

Working Well: Support to Succeed

**Do you want to make a positive change in your life?**

Working Well: Support to Succeed is offering FREE one-to-one coaching to people looking to make a difference in their lives. If you are aged 19+ and not part of any current employment programme, get in touch and start your journey today.

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LEVELLING UP

The Company Athena Jigsaw Support

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# Umbrella Session Person Centred Planning

An introduction to person centred planning tools  
Person-centred thinking and planning tools can help to improve understanding, communication and relationships, supporting your neurodiverse child or young person to lead a full and fulfilling life based on their own aspirations and dreams.

In this session, we will learn about -  
Capacity posters  
Relationship circles  
Important to/important for  
Good day/bad day  
What's working/what's not working so well

Sessions will be held at:  
Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor)  
Bridgefold Road (off Mellor Street)  
Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Session dates  
Wednesday June 19th 6-8pm  
Thursday September 26th 7-9pm

Sessions are booked via  
Eventbrite  
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For more information please contact  
rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com




# The Umbrella Sessions

Information and support for parents and carers of children and young people with Neurodiversity

## TOOLS TO COMMUNICATE

In this session we will look at alternative ways of communicating, supporting transitions and making the day easier to process, including -  
Visual supports  
Comic strip conversations  
Social stories  
Now/next/then

These tools use the principles that visualization and visual supports may improve basic understanding and comprehension of conversation and help Neurodivergent children and young people to identify effective responses to different situations.

Sessions will be held at:  
Spotland Bridge West Mill (2nd floor)  
Bridgefold Road (off Mellor Street)  
Rochdale, OL11 5BU

Monday June 24th 10.30-12.30 am  
Monday July 8th 6-8pm  
Sunday September 15th 11-1pm  
Monday September 30th 12-2pm  
Thursday October 3rd 6-8am

Sessions are booked via  
Eventbrite  
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Care Organisation  
Northern Care Alliance NHS Group

## Occupation Workshops

Promoting Independence for Children with Physical Difficulties age 1-7 years



Each session covers  
What is Occupational Therapy?  
What is occupation for a child?  
How to encourage and develop independent skills?  
Advice and strategies  
Questions  
Feedback

**Our Rochdale**

The sessions are open to parents, family members, carers, educational settings in the Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale Area. In fact; anyone in this area who may support children with physical difficulties can attend.

Book via [eventbrite.co.uk](https://eventbrite.co.uk) or ring 0161 206 0606



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## Occupation Workshops

	Date	Time	Venue
Occupation Workshop	27 <sup>th</sup> June 2024	13:00 14:30	Online
Occupation Workshop	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	10:00 11:30	Face to Face Callaghan House
Occupation Workshop	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	13:00 14:30	Online
Occupation Workshop	2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024	10:00 11:30	Face to Face Callaghan House
Occupation Workshop	19 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	13:00 14:30	Online
Occupation Workshop	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	10:00 11:30	Face to Face Callaghan House



# ROCHDALE CHILDREN'S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

WHERE IMAGINATION TAKES FLIGHT

**SATURDAY 6TH JULY • 10am-3pm**

NUMBER ONE RIVERSIDE/CENTRAL LIBRARY  
ROCHDALE

**AUTHORS AND BOOK SIGNINGS**  
Emma Reynolds • Loretta Schauer • Harry Heape • Oliver Sykes • Chris Mould and The Graphics Gang

FREE admission tickets available on Eventbrite

@RCLfest  
X  
@RCLfest

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rochdale-childrens-literature-festival-2024-tickets-907784707497?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

**Event Sponsors**



## Colourful Minds

SUMMER FAIR  
**SUNDAY 14TH JULY**

HEYWOOD ST JAMES AFC  
SHEPHERD STREET  
HEYWOOD  
OL10 1JW  
FREE ENTRY  
DONATIONS WELCOME  
12PM TO 5PM

FACE PAINTING  
CIRCUS TRICKS  
PENALTY SHOOT OUT

FULLY LICENCED BAR  
CRAFT AND GIFT STALLS  
BALLOONS  
FREE INFLATABLES  
FUN GAMES  
BBQ FROM BRIDGE STREET BUTCHERS

DJ  
MAGICIAN

## Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

### Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 9th July**  
10am-12pm

**Second Floor, Spotland Bridge Mill, Mellor Street,  
Rochdale OL11 5BU**

We are a team of lived experienced volunteers so if you live in Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale and have a child/young person you take care of with SEND or you you have concerns and at the start of your journey with SEND come and chat to us and have a brew! You do not need a diagnosis to attend our sessions.

Joining us for this session we have:

**The Local Offer Team**

**Salt Advisor for Key Stage 1 and 2 (only) children**

We also have private appointments with Sendiass available during this time. These must be booked in advance with us via email [rochdalepcv@outlook.com](mailto:rochdalepcv@outlook.com) or via message 07901 854741 before Thursday 4th July 2024

Refreshments provided. We are unable to accommodate children and young people under 18 in our base.

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- ADULTS ONLY



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

**TIMETABLE 2024**  
EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

- THURSDAY 18TH JULY 7.30-9PM
- THURSDAY 15TH AUGUST 7.30-9PM
- THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 7.30-9PM
- THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 7.30-9PM
- THIRSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 7.30-9PM
- THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30-9PM

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