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 OUR FIRST WEEK





Some of the year 6s at the Gulliver's residential trip before half term













Its year 6s turn for the Bikeability course this week







Reception hosted some slimy snails











As it was kindness week, the children in Rainbow decided to put up colourful posters to remind everyone and do a kind deed by tidying around the woodland.





We had a special assembly for Maggie's retirement and the whole school came – even nursery! She got lots of lovely cards from all the classes and gifts from the school. We love you Maggie!

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END OF AN ERA



This week Shawclough Primary School says goodbye to the amazing Maggie Birtles, as she retires. ☹

Maggie has been in schools catering for approximately 24 years and with Shawclough Primary for the past 15/16 years, serving up delicious meals daily, to many generations of the Shawclough family.

Maggie is famous for her biscuits – 'Maggie's biscuits', which have been massively popular over the years with both the children and the staff, especially at Christmas time.

We would like to wish Maggie lots of luck and a well-earned rest in her retirement. She will be sorely missed.

On the upside, we now have the lovely Derese Salt, taking on the role as Kitchen manager and we know she will be just as good as Maggie in serving up fantastic food and desserts. (We love that we can call *her 'Miss Salt – the kitchen Manager',* very appropriate☺)

Thank you Maggie for everything you've done for us over the years and thank you Derese for being brave enough to fill those big shoes. (Hopefully she's pinched the recipe for those biccies!)

IT'S A GOAL!!!! (WELL IT WAS 2 ACTUALLY)

Under the watchful eye of stand in coach, Miss Ashburn (and some rather enthusiastic soccer Dads), Shawclough School Football Team played against Greenback School on Wednesday 5th June – and what a match it was!



The boys from Greenback were tall and we were short, they were big and we were small, they were smelly but we were...er...smellier? But never mind that, our boys played a brilliant game with Shawclough scoring 2 goals in the first half which pretty much secured a victory from the Greenback team (who incidentally were playing a dirty game☹) and didn't know what hit them.

The second half was just as thrilling when our team put up a brilliant defence, not letting Greenback get half a chance at scoring.



Miss Ashburn and Shawclough boys - Musa, Junaid, Faris, Yahya, Eesa, Kian, Jayden, Haroon, Ellis, Musa, Thomas and our very own pocket rocket Ali…GET IN SHAWCLOUGH, YOU DID US PROUD!

SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

It is still evident that a lot of parents are still not on the parent GATEWAY APP. 53% are registered to use the app and only 47% 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.

<u>If you know of other parents that are not on the GATEWAY App, please urge them to register – it is of benefit to everyone.</u>

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.

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- 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.

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 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.

REMINDERS

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 bought 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.

NEW SCHOOL MENU



We have updated our school dinner menu – Yay!

The new menus are available to view on the website. Please note all menu items are HALAL.

You can also help your child choose meals ahead of time on the GATEWAY APP.

PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

Please understand 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 themsleves 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!

ttrockstars.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.

PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian(electiric) 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 peoples 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**

***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.**

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COMMUNICATION

If you are clamped, the school have no power or say in removal of any 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 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.

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 (emergency's only) 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 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.

PTA VOLUNTEERS

All the funds raised by the PTA go back into school to enhance school life and make it a 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.



GOOD WEATHER

You can follow us on https://shawclough.rochdale.sch.uk/ **PTA are on**

Now that we are finally experiencing some good weather, please remember to send your child to school with a summer hat or cap and suncreen when approriate. Please apply the sunscreen before they come to school. **DO NOT SEND SUNSCREEN IN WITH YOUR CHILD.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 202		
11th	R a	Year 5 Poppy
12th	R and Town Hall	Year 5 Cherry
17th- 28th	SATS	Year 2
17th- 28th	Penalty Shoot out with Rochdale Football Club	Whole school
26th	Rochdale Parent Carers Coffee Morning & Healthy Eating Workshop	Parents All Welcome
28th	Sleepover	Year 6
July 2024		
1st	Ribchester Museum	Year 3
2nd	High School & whole school Transition Day	Whole School
5th	Parent Breakfast & Roman Day	Year 3
4th	Performance	Year 2
4th	Wellbeing Ambassadors Celebration event (TBC)	TBC
5th	Sleepover (details to follow)	Year 5
9th	Puttstars trip (details to follow – payment over GATEWAY not available yet)	Year 6
10th	Last show/performance	Year 6
15th	Trip (TBC)	Year 2
16th	Rocksteady Concert TBC	
18th	Moorland Home Trip	Rainbow
19th	**END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR – 1PM FINISH**	Whole school

PLEASE NOTE THAT DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON STAFFING

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending - 00/00/0000	

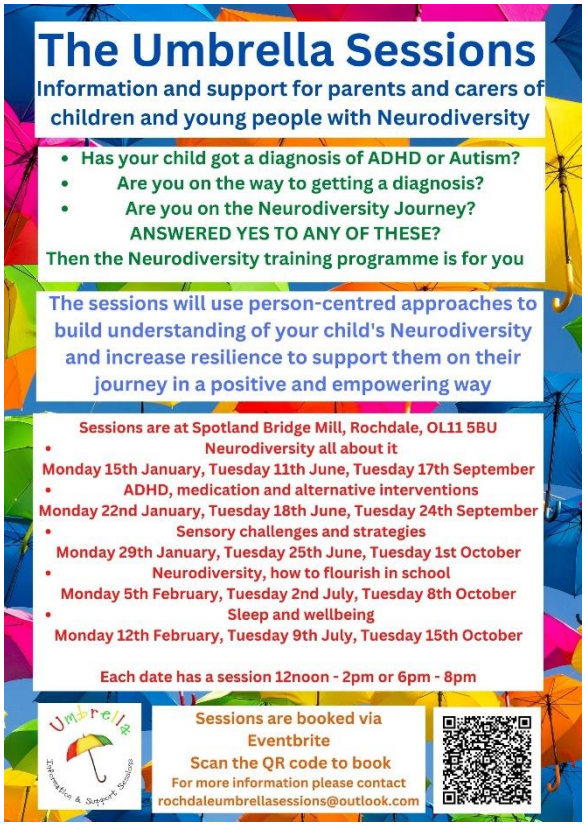
Please note that attendance figure are *always* for the week prior.

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COMMUNITY/MISC NOTICES





Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

FASD Coffee Morning
Weds 12th June 10am-11.30am

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

Do you have or care for a child/young person with diagnosed or undiagnosed FASD (Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder) and live in Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale?

If you have concerns that your child or a child you care for may have FASD come and have a brew and join the conversation around this. We are a team of SEND lived experience parent carers who want to help or signpost you to help available

Refreshments provided. We cannot accommodate children and young people under 18 in our base.

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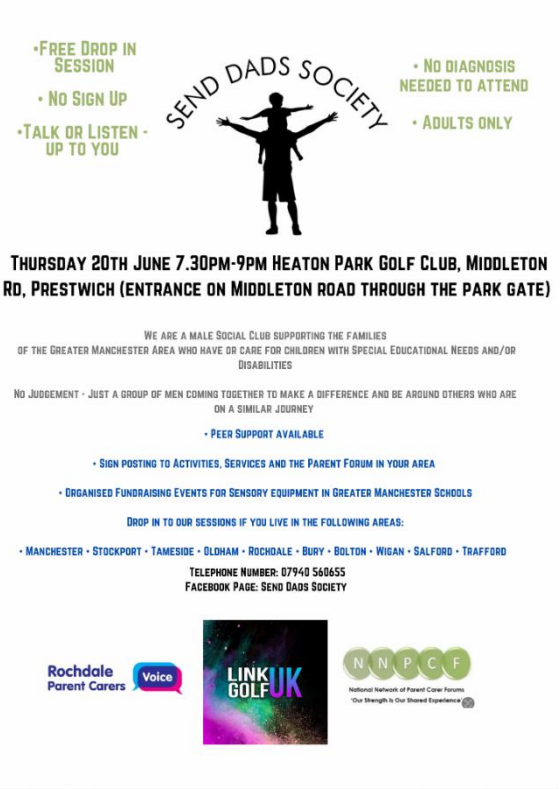
We are a team of lived experienced volunteers so if you live in Heywood, Middleton or Rochdale and have a child/young person you take care of with SEND or you you have concerns and at the start of your journey with SEND come and chat to us and have a brew! You do not need a diagnosis to attend our sessions.

We also have private appointments with Sendiass available during this time. These must be booked in advance with us via email rochdalepcv@outlook.com or via message 07901 854741 before Friday 7th June 2024.

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