

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 5
Week ending 04/10/24



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



We had an amazing response for our harvest collection. Our wonderful young helpers and the lovely Mrs Mitchell, helped load the van with all the generous donations. It took more than a few trips. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Year 6s returning happy but exhausted from their afternoon session of Bikeability – brilliant weather for it!



Thursday was school picture day. We had families and siblings and individual photos and it all went very well



Is there anything better than putting your wellies and waterproofs on a jumping in muddy puddles? Reception think it's the best!



On Wednesday there was a big caterpillar made up of little people in high vis jackets on the roads around school – it was our year 1 classes on a trip looking at features in and around our local area.



AS part of World Mental Health Day, nursery had a Spa Day – the staff decided to join in (well it would be rude not to)



Reception have been drawing and painting pumpkins and gourds of all different sizes



Year 5 have been practising Yoga and teaching each other about Vikings through a market place activity



Year 4 have built and designed bridges





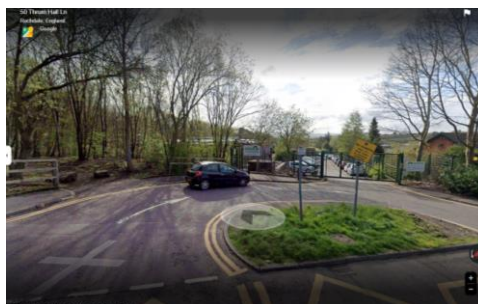
The teachers in Rainbow took some beautiful pictures of the evening and morning skies to share and discuss with Ruby class

We are on 'X' – formerly known as Twitter

We post regularly on X and shared tidbits of information that we might not get on the newsletter. Best of all you can interact and send messages. Download it now and see for yourself.

REMINDERS

THE TURNING CIRCLE



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

What is Black History Month?

This is a national celebration that aims to promote and celebrate the contributions of those with African and Caribbean heritage to British Society.



This year the theme is 'Reclaiming Narratives' which means it is about 'correcting' the historical inaccuracies and showcasing the untold success stories of those with black heritage.

Our school has many story books in the library for children to read, share and take away to read at home.

This year the PTA will be funding a further set of new books that celebrate black history month. Watch out for them in your children's reading packets and book bags. We will advise you of when the new books hit our library.

We have had a number of complaints from parents and teachers that some parents parking and/or waiting on the turning circle and looking at their phones.

Please note that this is not only illegal (double yellow lines), it is irresponsible and DANGEROUS.

If you are one of these parents please think twice, you are holding up the traffic as well.

The turning circle is for dropping children off quickly and safely and turning round.

DO NOT PARK OR WAIT ON THE TURNING CIRCLE!

DID YOU KNOW



GOVERNMENT TAX FREE VOUCHER SCHEME

****IMPORTANT****

If you are a parent that is using these vouchers, please be aware they can only be used to pay for childcare e.g. Tea time club, early start club and nursery.

When you do make payments please ensure that you notify the office via email, with details and a breakdown of what and who you are paying it for.

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Once a payment has been made it is not possible to refund or move these funds.

PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDRENS CLOTHING!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE Label your children's clothing – including coats, gloves, hats, earmuffs, PE kits,

All lost property will go into the lost property box in year 3 entrance/exit area (up the stairs next to the ramp in the school yard).



Please make sure you/your child checks the lost property box before coming to the office.

YOU CAN HELP US RAISE MONEY!

There's just under 2 months to go – GET SCANNING TODAY!



If you shop in ASDA – you could help our school raise money and it won't cost you a penny.

Here's what to do:

1. Open your ASDA rewards app (download from apple store or Play store)
2. Choose 'CASHPOT for Schools'
3. Search for and select 'Shawclough Primary School'

Best of all it won't cost you anything. You can keep collecting your own points and it won't affect your personal cash pot.

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

****HIGH IMPORTANTANCE****

Please be advised that children are prohibited from bringing to school any 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 your children are bringing into school or what it is you are packing in their lunches.

SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

Schoolgateway

If you are not already on the GATEWAY APP – get it sorted now!



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/book for items 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.

SIMs

Similarly, SIMs is used for midterm/end of term reporting. Please ensure you also have SIMs downloaded on your device.



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

PTA are on



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.

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 to take something that has been 'found', 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/

- [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. Only year 6 children are permitted to bring in a phone with permission is required from the head teacher. Phones must be handed to the office for safe keeping at the beginning of the day. If children are found with phones in the classroom they will be prohibited from bringing them in at all.

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PEDESTRIAN GATES

We kindly request 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 or property 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.

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, **should** 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 lunch. **Class teachers/TAs 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. **Any pickup changes need to be reported to the office before 3pm**

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.

Also, we have had many parents say 'but (Name) has been picking my child up for a long time'. Please note that we have had a lot of staff changes recently and when teachers are off we have supply staff. They won't always be familiar with names and faces, so please bear with them when they begin checking lists. Any person other than mum/dad needs to be on the list.

Some children just run out and say 'I can see my mum'. Teachers are dismissing up to 30 children at a time, please make sure the teachers are aware you are taking your child.



Finally - 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. All letters are sent via email.

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.

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 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 it is parental responsibility to check regularly and treat appropriately.



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ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending






6S	99.3%
3A	99.2%
4O	98.8%
5C	98.8%
4Y	97.9%
2C	97.4%
1P	96.8%
3L	96.8%
2S	96.3%
1L	94.8%
5P	94.0%
6R	92.3%
RB	91.5%
RT	87.7%

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

WELL DONE SCARLET CLASS – THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS. GOOD JOB GUYS!

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTER BUT SO DO YOU!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

OCTOBER		
21 st	Parent breakfast 	Yr. 6
22 nd	Greek Day	Yr. 6
25 th	Parent breakfast	Yr. 4
25 th	TT Rock stars day 	Whole school
25 th	Half term 	Whole school
NOVEMBER		
4 th	Welcome back after half term	Whole school
7 th	Bonfire display on Cronkyslaw	Everyone
15 th	Children in Need (ACTIVITY TBC)	Whole school
22 nd	Cinema Trip 	Yr. 6
22 ND	Viking Day 	Yr. 5

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.'



OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FREE DROP IN SESSION
- NO SIGN UP
- TALK OR LISTEN - UP TO YOU



- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- ADULTS ONLY

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 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



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

TIMETABLE 2024

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH

THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 7.30-9PM
THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER 7.30-9PM



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Rochdale Parent Carers Voice



GO! TRAIN & DEVELOP

PARENTS FIRST AID TRAINING

Enroll in our comprehensive First Aid Training program and gain the knowledge and skills needed to save lives.

HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN OUR TRAINING:

- Essential Life-Saving Techniques ✓
- Empowerment and Confidence ✓
- Comprehensive Curriculum ✓

Wednesday 30th October 2024
5- 8pm

CONTACT US

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Rochdale Communities Fund

Cost- £10 Refundable deposit, on completion of the training.

GO! TRAIN & DEVELOP

FIRST AID FOR CHILDREN TRAINING AGE 9- 11 (YEAR 5/6)

Monday 28th October 2024 -10-11.30am

First aid for children teaches how to recognise and respond quickly to medical emergencies while ensuring safety. This session equips students to maintain their own and others' safety, identify when a casualty needs assessment, and provide potential lifeEnroll in our comprehensive First Aid Training program and gain the knowledge and skills needed to save lives.

JOIN OUR TRAINING: LEARNING OUTCOMES ARE:-

- Conduct a primary survey. Contact the correct emergency services providing useful information
- Place a casualty who is unresponsive and breathing normally into the recovery position
- Identify when it is necessary for CPR to be given (when a casualty is unresponsive and not breathing normally)
- Use techniques to assist someone who is choking

Cost- £5 Refundable deposit, on completion of the training.

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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
- Tuesday September 17th 12noon-2pm or 6pm-8pm
- ADHD, medication and alternative interventions
- Tuesday September 24th 12noon-2pm or 6pm-8pm
- Sensory challenges and strategies to help
- Tuesday October 1st 12noon-2pm or 6pm-8pm
- Neurodiversity, how to flourish in school
- Tuesday October 8th 12noon-2pm or 6pm-8pm
- Sleep and wellbeing
- Tuesday October 15th 12noon-2pm or 6pm-8pm

Sessions are booked via Eventbrite
Scan the QR code to book
For more information please contact rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com





Wednesday 9th October 2024 12:30pm – 2:00pm

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

Come and join us to find out more about Healthwatch and a chance to share your feedback around lived health and social care experiences.

www.healthwatchrochdale.org.uk

Save THE Date



Do you need any school uniform?

UNIFORM FOR ALL

FOLLOW - REQUEST - RECYCLE
PLEASE DONATE USED UNIFORMS WITH US

FOLLOW AND CONTACT US ON:

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IF WE'VE GOT IT YOU CAN HAVE IT!

Registered charity number: 1206567



Umbrella Session for Practitioners & Staff

This three hour session will look at Neurodiversity, what it means and how it affects interaction and learning

We will also cover sensory challenges for those with Neurodiversity and ways to help lower the impact of these

Participants will come away with strategies to support neurodivergent people in a positive, person centred way

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

Session Dates:
Monday 14th October 1.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 15th October 2.30-5.30pm
Sessions are fully funded

Sessions are booked via Eventbrite
Scan the QR code to book
For more information please contact rochdaleumbrellasessions@outlook.com