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 23
Week ending 12/07/24



GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK

Year1 made boats from recyclables






Year 6 went to PuttStars and had lots of fun. They managed a pizza and a drink too.






Year 6 did the first of the last 2 performance for the parents and they sang their hearts out











Rainbow made their own Hungry Caterpillars



Nursery had their final performance for the parents – Big School here we come!



Our lovely nursery staff

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

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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.

NUTS AND NUT PRODUCTS

****EXTREMELY IMPORTANT****

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.



REMINDERS

SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

It is still evident that a lot of parents are still not on the parent GATEWAY APP. 53.8% are registered to use the app and only 49.2% 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.

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.

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

EARLY PICK UPS AND APPOINTMENTS

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

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.

DOGS

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



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

PHONES



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 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

PLAYGROUND AREAS – OUT OF HOURS

TTRS intro video
Parent guide PDF
FAQs answered
Free downloadables

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

***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, *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.

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/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?

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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.

<u>There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.</u>

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.

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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

July 2024		
15th	Seaside Trip to St Annes 	Year 2
16th	Rocksteady Concert 	Rocksteady children parents only
16th	Non uniform Day – Donations to Moorlands Childrens Home	Whole school
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		

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending 05/07/2024	
3L	98.6%
4Y	97.6%
1P	95.4%
1L	95.4%
2C	95.4%
4O	94.4%
2S	93.5%
RB	93.3%
5C	93.3%
3A	92.6%
6R	92.1%
6S	90.4%
RT	88.9%
NO	86.1%
5P	84.7%
NS	80.0%

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

WELL DONE LEMON CLASS– GOOD JOB!

"90% OF SUCCESS IS SHOWING UP…SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COUNTS!"

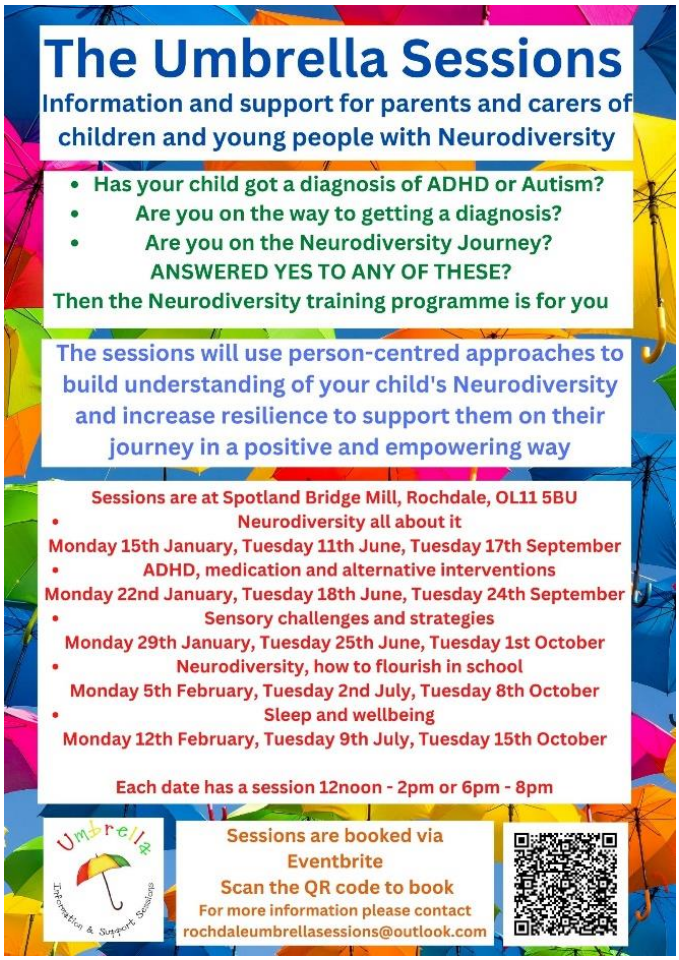
GOOD WEATHER

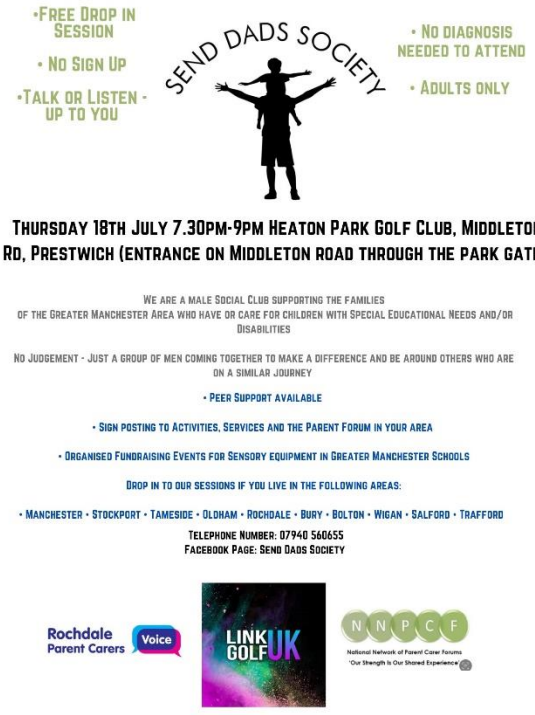
Now that we are finally experiencing some good weather, please remember to send your child to school with a summer hat or cap and suncreen when approriate. Please apply the sunscreen before they come to school. **DO NOT SEND SUNSCREEN IN WITH YOUR CHILD.**





OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS





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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

Umbrella Information & Support Sessions

Sessions are booked via Eventbrite
Scan the QR code to book
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.

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Rochdale, OL11 5BU

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

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NHS
Bury & Rochdale 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 eventbright.co.uk or ring 0161 206 0606



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Occupation Workshops

	Date	Time	Venue
Occupation Workshop	27th June 2024	13:00 14:30	Online
Occupation Workshop	22nd July 2024	10.00 11:30	Face to Face Callaghan House
Occupation Workshop	8th August 2024	13.00 14.30	Online
Occupation Workshop	2nd September 2024	10.00 11.30	Face to Face Callaghan House
Occupation Workshop	19th September 2024	13.00 14.30	Online
Occupation Workshop	10th October 2024	10.00 11.30	Face ot Face Callaghan House



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TENNIS CAMPS



ROCHDALE TENNIS CAMPS
OL11 5PW
JULY & AUGUST 2024

For 4 – 16 years - All Equipment Provided
Open to Members & Non-Members
All Standards Welcome 9am - 3pm

Mon 29th - Fri 2nd Aug
Mon 5th - Fri 9th Aug
Mon 12th - Fri 16th Aug
Mon 19th - Fri 23rd Aug

SCAN ME

All camps are delivered by an LTA Accredited tennis coach

BOOK OR CONTACT US:

01952 984 894
enquiries@wedotennis.co.uk
wedotennis.co.uk/rochdale

DUNLOP

WE DO TENNIS | Rochdale Tennis Club



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

SEND DADS SOCIETY

- NO DIAGNOSIS NEEDED TO ATTEND
- 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

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 07940 560655
FACEBOOK PAGE: SEND DADS SOCIETY

Rochdale Parent Carers Voice

LINK GOLF UK

NNPCF National Network of Parent Carer Forums "Our Strength is Our Shared Experience"



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