

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



Year 6s with their... er... interesting yoga poses.



A few children worked with Springhill hospice on some blind folded activities



The Food Bank Collected our generous donations – Thank you everyone!

Year 5 took a field trip to the newly refurbished Town Hall and also had a look around the town



Reception have been doing Summer themed activities, beaches, mermaids and even a pirate or 2 made an appearance.



Year 2 were learning about emotions and made a hug to give to those they love



## COMPETITION TIME

Is your child a budding artist? Do they have an eye for design? This might be the perfect competition for them to enter.

Rochdale Council are looking for a new design for a library card. See below all the details of how to enter your child's design (An entry form like the one below will be sent home with your child this week).



### Design a Library Card Competition

We need a new design for a children's library card, and we'd love your help!

We'd like our new design to be as exciting as possible.



#### About the competition

- Please only use pictures, not text.
- Your entry must be your own work.
- You can use any art materials to create your design.
- By entering this competition you agree to Rochdale Borough Libraries displaying your design and/or reproducing it on a new library card.

#### How to enter

- Think about how visiting the library makes you feel, and why you think more children should join.
- Use the other side of this sheet for your design, and make sure to fill the whole space.
- Make sure to complete the form below.
- Hand your completed entry in to any library in the borough by 14th September 2024.



Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Your age \_\_\_\_\_

Your school \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/carer \_\_\_\_\_

Your parent/carer's contact details (e.g. email address, 'phone number), so we can let you know if you win! \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: Rochdale Borough Libraries may display entries and reproduce winning design(s) without limitation or compensation.

## SPRINGHILL HOSPICE

Springhill Hospice visited Shawclough School this week to promote their brand new fundraiser.

The hospice members are going to be climbing up 'The Big One' in Blackpool. For those of you that are unfamiliar with this, 'The Big One' is the huge rollercoaster in Blackpool Pleasure beach.



Azeem Amir is a blind footballer and plays for England blind Men's Team, he is also a Disability Awareness Advocate and came along with Springhill Hospice. Best of all Azeem is a local Rochdale lad. He helped organised lots of games activities for some of the children to try – whilst being blindfolded and have the hearing blocked, to gain an appreciation of how difficulties can be overcome even by the blind/deaf. Amir is currently working with Springhill Hospice to raise money and awareness,

The children also met with the Mascot – Springy, in a special assembly for the school.

It was a most enjoyable assembly, Springhill Hospice are always welcome at Shawclough School and we are proud to be supporting them in their charitable work.



## REMINDERS

### 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.



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**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](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.

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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.

## 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 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](#)

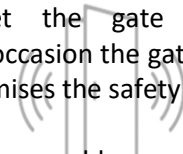


### PHONES

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 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.

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

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## 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.

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## 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 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.* 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

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.**

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance for week ending - 07/06/2024	
5C	99.0
1L	98.5
4Y	94.4
2S	93.1
3A	92.2
6S	91.9
6R	91.4
3L	91.4
2C	90.4
4O	90.0
5P	89.3
1P	88.8
RB	87.4
NS	85.7
RT	84.4
NO	83.9


















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

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June 2024		
17 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	SATS 	Year 2
17 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Penalty Shoot out with Rochdale Football Club 	Whole school
20 <sup>th</sup>	Eid parties and non uniform	Whole school
26 <sup>th</sup>	Rochdale Parent Carers Coffee Morning & Healthy Eating Workshop 	Parents All Welcome
26 <sup>th</sup>	Smithhills Farm Trip 	Reception
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover 	Year 6
July 2024		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ribchester Museum 	Year 3
2 <sup>nd</sup>	High School & whole school Transition Day 	Whole School
3 <sup>rd</sup>	The Jolly Postman Performance 	Year 2
5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Breakfast & Roman Day 	Year 3
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wellbeing Ambassadors Celebration event (TBC) 	TBC
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sleepover (details to follow) 	Year 5
9 <sup>th</sup>	Puttstars trip (details to follow – payment over GATEWAY)) 	Year 6
10 <sup>th</sup>	Last show/performance 	Year 6
15 <sup>th</sup>	Trip (TBC) 	Year 2
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rocksteady Concert 	<b>Rocksteady children parents only</b>
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>		

