

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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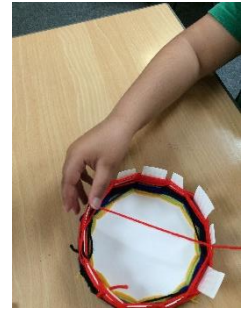
GLIMPSE OF THE WEEK



Rainbow had some interesting visitors



Year 6s excited about finishing their SATs and all ready for sports day



Year 3 using different sculpting techniques and observing water being transported through the stem of a flower.

Year 4s have been weaving baskets



Year 5 have been testing slow cooker recipes



(BE PREPARED FOR LIGHT RAIN)

SCHOOL GATEWAY/COMMS PARENT GUIDE

It is still evident that a lot of parents are still not on the parent GATEWAY APP.

Schoolgateway



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.

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 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 further advice.

WELLBEING AMBASSADORS

Our smile is one of our best assets and that is why is important to give it the best care possible.

By learning more about how to achieve a healthy mouth, we can keep our teeth for life whilst protecting ourselves from other diseases.



Year 6s enjoying cricket, netball and football on their sports day



YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

It's finally here! Now that SATs are done and dusted, it's off for 2 days of fun, fun and more fun, at Gulliver's World Theme Park.

Below is just a quick reminder of the details.

Date:	23 rd /24 th May 2024
Departure from school:	23 rd May, 12am after lunch.
Arrival at Gulliver's World:	12.45/1pm (approx.)
Departure from Gulliver's:	24 th May, 2pm.
Arrival back at school:	3.00pm approximately.

Kit needed:

- Sleeping Bag and a pillow
- Toiletries. (toothbrush, toothpaste, flannel)
- Sunscreen (school will provide).
- Cap or Sun Hat (Warmer Seasons).
- Rain Jacket is a must
- Old Shoes, Trainers, Boots or Wellingtons (these may get dirty and wet).
- Suitable old clothes appropriate for the time of year – no expensive, posh clothes.
- A change of clothes and shoes for the evening
- Woolly Hat, Gloves and Scarf/Snood (Colder Seasons).
- Clothes for bedtime, PJs, Onesie, etc.
- Please leave valuables at home **MOBILE PHONES, CAMERAS, JEWELLERY, MONEY** is NOT permitted.

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This year, National Smile Month, has the theme 'LOVE YOUR SMILE'.

Our wonderful Wellbeing Ambassadors, along with the school nurse, will be holding a stall on the school yard on Thursday 23rd May between 3.15-3.30. They will be promoting oral health and tooth brushing. Please visit them on the big yard.

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

REMINDERS

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 parent taking up spaces for a quick drop off.

You can follow us on  (formerly Twitter) : <https://shawclough.rochdale>

HEADLICE

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.

FUN WITH TIMESTABLES

Alternatively, you can buy over the counter products at the pharmacy and follow the instructions on the back

Please note: Anyone can get head lice

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](#)



ROCKSTEADY

Is your child musical? Would he/she like to sing, or learn to play an instrument and play in a rock band?

Rocksteady is a company that work in partnership with school to deliver a musical learning experience to children which in turn helps improve:

Confidence
Resilience
Behaviour
Wellbeing
Attainment
Inclusivity

For more details visit their website:-

www.rocksteadymusicschool.com

Some of our children are already benefitting from the benefits of Rocksteady and take part in a showcase concert every term for their peers.

Classes are delivered at school, in school time by a professionally trained musician supplied by Rocksteady. Our current teacher is Adam. Adam collects the children from their classroom and delivers them back after their lesson. Adam has developed close relationships with the children and creates a fun environment for the children to learn.

See our children below in their 'Rock Bands' having fun whilst learning valuable skills.

(Payments and bookings are made directly through Rocksteady *not* school)

PHONES

For safeguarding reasons please ensure that you are NOT on your mobile phone when you are in the school reception area.

PEDESTRAIN GATES

We kindly ask that when entering and leaving the site that the pedestrian gate is **NOT pulled or pushed**. Please let the gate close and open automatically. 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 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 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 said clamp.

For safeguarding reasons, please may we remind parents and carers that **all** children who are attending Early Start Club, **must** be brought in 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.

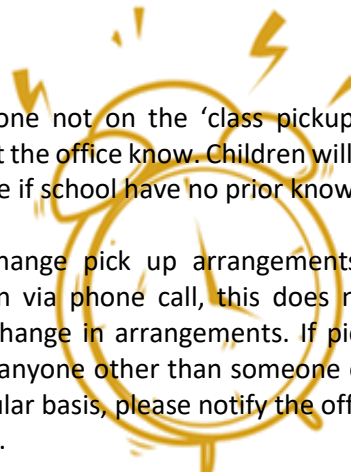
EARLY START & TEATIME CLUB

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 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

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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.

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.

PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

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) 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 (made last minute) 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 they should 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 they 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.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May 2024		
21 st	Parent Breakfast 	Reception
23 rd	Wellbeing Ambassadors Stall in playground promoting Health and toothbrushing 	Whole school
23 rd -24 th	Residential trip to Gullivers World 	Year 6
24 TH	Sports day with sports coach(outside weather permitting) 	Year 5
24 th	HALF TERM 	Whole school
June 2024		
3 rd	WELCOME BACK 	Whole school
3 rd -7 th	Kindness week	Whole school
3 rd	Bikeability 	Year 6
7 th	Non-uniform and Foodbank collection 	Whole school
11 th	Rochdale town Centre and Town Hall 	Year 5 Poppy
12 th	Rochdale town Centre and Town Hall 	Year 5 Cherry
26 th	Rochdale Parent Carers Coffee Morning & Healthy Eating Workshop 	Parents All Welcome
July 2024		
1 st	Ribchester Museum 	Year 3
2 nd	High School Transition Day	Year 6
19 th	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 - 17/05/2024	
2C	100.0%
2S	98.1%
NO	96.7%
4O	95.8%
5C	93.2%
3L	92.9%
6S	92.4%
3A	91.3%
1P	91.3%
4Y	90.0%
6R	89.%
RB	88.5%
5P	85.0%
1L	87.5%
NS	82.1%
 WELL DONE TO YEAR TWO CORAL CLASS – GOOD JOB!	
Please note that attendance figure are <i>always</i> for the week prior.	
“ABSENCES ADD UP – MISSING JUST 2 DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!”	

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COMMUNITY/MISC NOTICES

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.**



Rochdale
Parent Carers 

Coffee Morning at Shawclough Community Primary School Weds 26th June 2024 9.30am-11am

We will be hosting a Coffee Morning at your school on the above date and time. If you have a child with SEND or you have concerns your child may have a SEND need please come and meet our team and find out about what is available in our area and how we can help you.

We are all parents and carers with lived experience so where ever you are on your SEND journey or if you want to know more about SEND services in our borough please come along and have a brew and chat with us. No diagnosis for a child is needed to attend.

We look forward to meeting you.
RPCV Team



FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

Hopwood Hall College
COMMUNITY FUN DAY
MIDDLETON CAMPUS

SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2024 11AM - 3PM

ANIMAL INTERACTION SESSIONS, WALLABY KEEPER TALKS, VISIT THE LORIKEETS, OLYMPIC-THEMED SPORTS ACTIVITIES, INFLATABLES, JIU-JITSU & FENCING DEMOS, ESPORTS, CRAZY GOLF, FIRE ENGINE EXPERIENCE, FACE PAINTING, SENSORY ACTIVITIES, FREE FITNESS CHECKS, LIVE MUSIC, GAMES, COMPETITIONS...AND MUCH MORE!

Hopwood Hall College & University Centre

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PTA are on

