

Thursday 20th March 2025

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All of the children have taken part in Safe Railway assemblies this week where they have learned all about safe behaviours around railway lines and embankments. Everyone showed lots of insight around the dangers of railways and made some thoughtful contributions.

Next week we have parents Art afternoons. Please check the dates for your diary for your child's year group. These afternoons were very popular last term and we are looking forward to another set of lovely art-themed afternoons. A big thank you to our PTA who have donated the funds for materials for these afternoons.

Friday will be a busy day in school. It is Comic Relief day and everyone can wear non-uniform to school. If you are able to make a small donation for the Comic relief charity which supports good causes both here and overseas, we would be most grateful.

Friday is also disco day! Our youngest children will be having their disco in the afternoon and KS1 and KS2 will have theirs in the evening. These discos start at 6 and end at 7.30pm. We thank you in advance for your patience whilst we get all of the children in and out safely and make sure everyone goes home with the right adult!

Just a reminder about medicines in school. We are happy to administer prescribed medicine during the day and also top up doses of Calpol if required. Please make sure you bring these to the main office and sign a permission slip. It would also be helpful if you would write your child's name on the medicine box/bottle, especially if it is Calpol as we can end up with a few bottles. We do have bottles in school for unexpected times but would appreciate it being sent from home if it is for a longer duration.

Have a lovely weekend
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
96.27%

This week's winning classes: R2 100%
Fantastic!



Easter Events

Pupils in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 are invited to enter our decorate an Easter bonnet competition and pupils in Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 are invited to enter our decorate an egg competition. Please ensure entries have names and classes on them. Entries are to be brought into school on **Wednesday 2nd April 2025**. Prizes will be awarded for the best entries. We look forward to seeing them all!



Marie Curie Daffodils

Throughout the month of March, the school council will be selling Marie Curie daffodils. If you would like your child to purchase one in aid of this worthwhile charity, please send a £1 donation in to school with them. At Whittaker Moss, we are proud to support many different charities, and we thank parents for their continued generosity.



Red Nose Day

Children may come dressed in non-uniform on **Friday 21st March** for Comic Relief. Donations are welcome but not necessary. Donations can be made through ParentPay accounts.

Roblox Information Leaflet

Please look out for a useful information leaflet about Roblox that has been e-mailed out this week. This leaflet was created by Whittaker Moss School Council members as part of their online safety campaign. Councillors chose this game due to its popularity across school.

Stars of The Week

Well done to the following children for winning our Star of the Week Award:

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| Nursery: Roman | 5W: Elizabeth |
| R1: Aysha | 5M: Is'Haq |
| R2: Ari | 6W: Muhammad |
| 1W: Mason | 6M: Aila |
| 1M: Izzy | Mrs Cadogan: Ayaan |
| 2W: Maryam | |
| 2M: Mirha | |
| 3W: Razes | |
| 3M: Aleena | |
| 4W: Finley | |
| 4M: Zak | |

Science Poster Competition

Entries for the poster competition detailed below need to be handed to teachers by Monday 24th March 2025.

Lunchtime Stars

These certificates are awarded to pupils who display excellent manners and behaviour during lunchtimes. Pupils who received our Lunchtime Stars Certificates last week were: Phoebe, Zahlie, Caleb, Marwah, Skye, Kiswa, Jack, Laurie and Ada.

Well done to them!



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School Council News

The school council will be running an Easter raffle over the last two weeks of term (30p per ticket or £1 per strip of tickets). From next Monday, please send money into school with your child if you would like them to participate in this event. They will also be running an Easter colouring competition which is 50p per entry. The school council have voted that the money raised will go towards the purchase of new lego sets for every class in school.

Please visit Engage Rochdale for photos and a write-up of our recent Network Event.

Spring Art Afternoons

Parents/Family Members are invited to join us to complete an art activity with pupils next week. Please see below for the dates for different year groups.



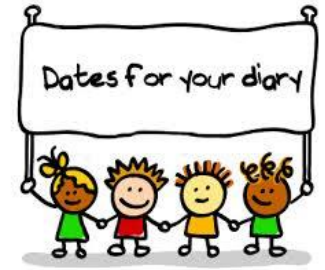
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for the week before the holidays:

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| Nursery: Anya | 4M: Finn |
| R1: Ben | 5W: Max |
| R2: Archie | 5M: Chase |
| 1W: Oliver | 6W: Saarah |
| 1M: Evie | 6M: Idris |
| 2W: George | |
| 2M: Imogen | |
| 3W: Jack | |
| 3M: Libby | |
| 4W: Finley | |

Dates for the Diary Spring Term 2025

We try to include as many useful dates as we can but suggest that you keep checking this list over the following weeks as dates may be added or amended. Please contact school if you have any queries relating to dates of events or holidays.



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| Friday 21 st March | Comic Relief Day: non-uniform |
| Monday 24 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Years 3/4 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon |
| Tuesday 25 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Years 1/2 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon |
| Tuesday 25 th March 5 - 6pm | Year 1 Parents' Phonics Meeting |
| Wednesday 26 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Nursery & Reception Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon |
| Thursday 27 th March 2.30pm - 3.30pm | Years 5/6 Parent & Child Spring Art Afternoon |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | Easter egg and bonnet entries into school |
| Wednesday 2 nd April | Eid Party Day (Date added) |
| Thursday 3 rd April 9.30am - 11.00am | Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 3 parents (Please note change of date) |
| Friday 4 th April 9.30am - 11.00am | Year 3/4 Spring performance for Year 4 parents (Please note change of date) |
| Friday 4 th April 1.30pm | Pupil of the Term Assembly |
| Friday 4 th April | Close for Easter Break |

Dear Parents/Carers,

British Science Week is here again!

We celebrated British Science Week between the 7th and 16th March. Science Week is a ten-day celebration of science, technology, engineering, and maths. In school we will have the Wonder Dome (inflatable planetarium) and Emma's Crazy Creatures as part of our celebrations for this week.

We would like to invite pupils to get creative and enter the British Science Week annual, UK-wide poster competition! To enter, they simply need to create a poster which fits in with the theme for 2025, '[Change and adapt](#)', – there are loads of STEM topics to be explored. Pupils could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology. They could look at climate change and how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment, or their favourite science experiment and how it shows change. The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!

The poster must be on A3 or A4 paper. Children can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs and materials such as pencils, paints, crayons, and paper to create their posters. We will then select the 5 best creations and submit them for a chance of winning an array of prizes.

Your poster must be submitted to your child's class teacher by Monday 24th March 2025.

Information from British Science Association...

How will the posters be judged?

We wish that everyone could be a winner, but we only have a limited number of prizes. So, here's the lowdown on what the judges will be looking for:

Creativity in approach – Innovative angle on the content or creative interpretation of the theme – don't be afraid to think outside the box.

Content – Clear, accurate and informative about a STEM topic.

Effective communication – presented and communicated in an engaging way.

What are the prizes?!

Prizes for the 2024 competition winners included:

- Cool Cat Chem Cards
- 15-minute STEM books
- Shape Aliens Game
- At the museum jigsaw
- A Day in the Life...books
- Shroot pouches
- Memberships for My Science Club
- MegaWatt Games
- A collection of Science Works books



Struggling with your child's school attendance?

Join our school attendance support for parents (SASP) group.

Our education welfare service offers a safe space for parents and carers (only) to access confidential peer support, advice, and guidance to overcome these challenges. Refreshments provided.

Upcoming sessions

- **Wednesday 19 March 4.30pm – 5.30pm**
(Sandbrook Family Hub, Hartley Lane, Rochdale OL11 2LR)
- **Wednesday 23 April 2.30pm – 4.30pm**
(Meanwood Family Hub, Churchill Street, Rochdale OL12 7DJ)

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