

Thursday 14th May 2026

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We have three children in school who will be interviewing on Saturday for Rochdale's Children's Champion. If successful, they will move on to the election stage across all schools in Rochdale. They have worked incredibly hard on their applications, sharing thoughtful and inspiring ideas about how to improve the lives and everyday experiences of children across Rochdale. We are so proud of them already and wish them the very best of luck!

This week has also been all about our amazing Year 6 pupils as they completed their SATs assessments. Each morning they arrived early to enjoy breakfast with staff – and we have certainly discovered just how much cereal and Biscoff spread one year group can get through! While there have naturally been a few nerves along the way, nothing has stopped them from trying their absolute best. Their determination, resilience and positive attitude have been wonderful to see.

Year 6, you have truly been fantastic. You have worked so hard, risen to every challenge and made us all incredibly proud. We are looking forward to celebrating with you on Friday morning at our special breakfast with the staff who have supported you throughout your time with us.

Finally, a quick reminder about uniform – we do not expect families to purchase new uniform at this stage of the school year. If your child has outgrown any items, please do get in touch. Our PTA has a selection of new and nearly new uniform available, which we would be very happy to provide to help children through these final few weeks of term.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.5%

This week's winning class: 4W 100% Amazing!



Clubs

Clubs are now well under way for the summer term. Please let the teacher who is running the club know if your child is unable to attend a session. If your child is attending an after-school sports club, they will need to bring kit to school to change into.

KS2 SATs Week

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have taken this week's SATs tests in their stride. All pupils have shown great determination and resilience throughout the week and can look forward to a well-deserved, special end of SATs breakfast on Friday. We are proud of you all.

Warmer Weather

As we hopefully enter some warmer weather, please ensure that your child comes to school with a water bottle each day. School water bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.20. Please also ensure that suntan lotion is applied before school as staff can not apply lotion in school.

Author Visit

Please see the end of this newsletter for information about a parent reading workshop with author, Neil Griffiths, on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

Mental Health Support

Please look in the mental health section of the school website (bottom of the home page), to access links to parent and child Padlets that contain a wealth of information and support on a range of mental health topics.

Stars of the Week:

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

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| Nursery: Aadam | 5W: Piper |
| R1: Ibrahim | 5M: Freddie |
| R2: Roman | 6W: Sami |
| 1W: Aiyla | 6M: Zac |
| 1M: Neve | Mrs Cadogan: Amaya |
| 2W: Amaya | |
| 2M: Wilfred | |
| 3W: Betsy | |
| 3M: Jacob | |
| 4W: Jackson | |
| 4M: Pippa | |

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: Jasmine, Grace, Jamal, Ella, George, Max, Isabella, Khadijah and Nelly. Well done!



Children's Champion

Congratulations to Max, Piper and Aleena who have got through to the interview stage of Children's Champion which will take place at the weekend. The Rochdale Children's Champion is a year four or five pupil who represents the voice of children in Rochdale and will lead campaigns to improve aspects of life in Rochdale. Good luck to all our candidates!

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School Council News

Councillors met this week to plan an assembly with the school digital leaders about the responsible use of social media which they will deliver to the school, next week. Our charity reps also met with Mrs Backhouse to negotiate rules pupils can break on the upcoming 'Break the Rules Day.'

Uniform Reminders

Please remember that only plain studs should be worn in ears and that ear-rings must be taken out for P.E. lessons or medical tape placed over them if they can't be taken out. Bobbles and headbands should be plain. Please speak to your class teacher if your child needs to wear dark trainers because they have grown out of their school shoes.



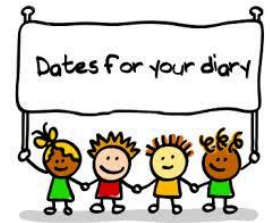
Dojo Winners

Well done to all our dojo points winners for last week. We are really impressed with your efforts.

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| Nursery: Jude | 4M: Zakariya |
| R1: Seth | 5W: Theo |
| R2: Eleanor | 5M: Dawood |
| 1W: Eesa | 6W: Sarah |
| 1M: Ammarah | 6M: Safa |
| 2W: Aleena | |
| 2M: Aiva | |
| 3W: Hollie | |
| 3M: Hira | |
| 4W: Raees | |

Dates for the Diary Summer Term 2026

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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| Wednesday 13 th May | KS2 Boules Competition |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Year 6 Trip to Imperial War Museum |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Neil Griffiths Author Visit |
| Tuesday 19 th May | Year 3/4 Unihoc Tournament |
| Wednesday 20 th May | Year 5 Nurse Talk |
| Thursday 21 st May | Year 5/6 Unihoc Tournament |
| Friday 22 nd May | School Closes For The Half-Term Break |
| W/C Monday 1 st June | Year 6 Bikeability For Two Weeks |
| W/C Monday 1 st June | Year 4 Tables Check Week |
| Tuesday 2 nd June 5.30pm | New To Reception Meeting |
| Wednesday 3 rd June | Year 5 Trip To The Mosque |
| Thursday 4 th June | PTA Bags To School |
| Friday 5 th June | School Council Fundraiser For Cancer Research |
| W/C 8 th June | Year 1 Phonics Screening Week |
| Tuesday 9 th June | Year 5 Geography Fieldwork Trip |
| Wednesday 10 th June | Year 3/4 Boules Tournament |
| Thursday 11 th June | Year 5 Boules Tournament |
| Friday 12 th June | Year 3 Trip To Ribchester |
| W/C 15 th June | Sports Week |
| Monday 15 th June 2.30pm | Year 5/6 Parents' Sports Afternoon |
| Monday 15 th June 5.30pm | New To Nursery Parents' Meeting |
| Tuesday 16 th June 3.30pm | PTA Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 17 th June 2.30pm | Year 3/4 Parents' Sports Afternoon |
| Thursday 18 th June 2.30pm | EYFS Parents' Sports Afternoon |
| Thursday 18 th June | KS2 Girls' 5 A Side Netball Tournament |
| Friday 19 th June 2.30pm | Year 1/2 Parents' Sports Afternoon |
| Friday 17 th July | Year 4 Trip To Manchester Museum |
| W/C 22 nd June | New To Nursery Stay and Play Sessions For Two Weeks |
| Monday 22 nd June | Year 6 Geography Fieldwork |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | Year 5/6 Boys' Tennis Tournament |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Year 5/6 Girls' Tennis Tournament |
| Wednesday 24 th June | Children's University Graduation - Rochdale Town Hall |
| Friday 26 th June | Staff INSET Day |
| Monday 29 th June | Staff INSET Day |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Tournament |
| Monday 6 th July | Neeli Mosque Assembly & Hajj Workshop |
| Monday 6 th July | KS2 Boys' Cricket Tournament |

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| Tuesday 7 th July | Whole School Transition Day |
| Tuesday 7 th July | New To Reception Visits |
| Thursday 9 th July | School Council Network Event |
| Thursday 9 th July | KS2 Mixed Rounders Tournament |
| Friday 10 th July | Stuart Willis, St. Paul's Church, Assembly |
| Friday 10 th July 6.30pm-8.30pm | Year 6 Red Carpet Event |
| Monday 13 th July 2.45pm | KS2 Childer Assembly |
| Monday 13 th July | Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament |
| Tuesday 14 th July | End Of Year Reports Out |
| Tuesday 14 th July | New Reception Visits and Coffee Morning |
| Wednesday 15 th July | KS2 Swimming Gala |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Year 5/6 Show For Year 5 Parents |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament |
| Thursday 16 th July | Year 5/6 Show For Year 6 Parents |
| Friday 17 th July | KS1 and KS2 Sunshine Assemblies |
| Monday 20 th July | Star Of The Year Assembly |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Tuesday 21 st July | School Closes For The Summer Break |



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Free Workshops for Parents & Carers of Children & Young People with SEND/SEMH in Rochdale

'Communication Through Play'

Wednesday 20th May 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'De-Escalate, Regulate & Recover'

Tuesday 16th June 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Communication & Wellbeing for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 29th September 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Lifeskills and Independence'

Tuesday 20th October 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'E-Safety for SEND/SEMH Families'

Tuesday 17th November 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm

'Friendships, Puberty & Safe Choices'

Wednesday 9th December 2026 @ 9:30am-12pm



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READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Creating a community that loves reading



Parent Reading Session with Neil Griffiths.


Tuesday 19th May
2:30pm–3:30pm

Join us for a special parent reading session!

Learn how to support your child's reading at home in fun and simple ways.

Discover exciting ideas to bring stories to life, build your child's confidence and love of reading, and pick up easy storytelling techniques you can use every day.

This interactive and inspiring session is designed especially for parents.

 Straight after school, stay for a
book sale and signing
with Neil Griffiths.



"Not to be missed!"

All parents/carers welcome!

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