

Thursday 18th June 2026

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Thank you so much to everyone who has supported our PTA Summer Fair this week. The weather stayed fine for us which is always a bonus! It takes a lot to organise by the PTA, who give up their time voluntarily for the school. Thank you to them for once again organising such a successful event for the children and families of the school. The funds raised go directly to the children of the school, providing experiences for the children within school and subsidising school trip costs. It is always much appreciated, but more so in these pressing times.

We have welcomed the parents of our new nursery children in for a transition meeting this week. Lots of familiar family faces and some people new to us too which is always lovely to see.

On behalf of the children and class teachers, I am sending a big thank you to the parents and carers who have been able to join us for our sports afternoons this week. Once again, it has been a fun and popular session which engages all children and adults alike. The feedback has been positive, and we look forward to repeating the sessions again next summer.

Our Year 6 children and Nursery children had the opportunity to hear about careers at sea this week. They found the sessions interesting, asking lots of relevant questions and have learned a lot more about the range of career opportunities available offshore. Year 6 have been left a challenge to name an asset on board an ocean research vessel, so we are looking forward to receiving their creative ideas!

Unfortunately, the planned netball match could not take place last week due to adverse weather being forecast. We are hoping it can be re-arranged but this will depend on whether both schools have the same availability.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.5%

This week's winning class: 4W 99% Amazing!



Four Books Challenge

The closing date for the read four books challenge is Friday 19th June. Sheets with verdicts written on that were given out in the autumn term must be handed in to your child's class teacher by this date. Winners will be announced shortly after this date and will receive a prize. Thank you to everyone who has read the four books assigned to their year group and has handed in their verdict sheet already.

Parents' P.E. Afternoons

Thank you to all parents and family members who have attended our P.E. afternoons this week. We hope you found the sessions enjoyable and not too strenuous!

New Nursery Parents' Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the new nursery parents' meeting this week. We hope you found it informative. Please contact the school office if you require any further information or forms.

Poems To Change The World

Huge congratulations to Poppy, Max, Isabelle and Hattie whose poems have been selected by a local poet for inclusion in a poetry anthology to celebrate Rochdale as town of culture for Greater Manchester.

Children's University Graduation Event

Pupils from years 5 and 6 will attend a special graduation ceremony at Rochdale Town Hall next Wednesday if they have managed to amass thirty hours of school extra-curricular activities over this academic year. Thirty children across these year groups have managed to achieve this through their attendance at clubs and meetings. Well done to them!

Stars of the Week:

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

Nursery: Zaynab	5W: Safaa
R1: Seb	5M: Aisha
R2: Zaviyar	6W: Hattie
1W: Biny	6M: Is'haq
1M: Ammarah	Mrs Cadogan: Lucas
2W: Isma'il	
2M: Emily	
3W: Inam	
3M: Ibrahim	
4W: Cecilia	
4M: Jack	

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: Oliver, Ismaeel, Thomas, Qays, Bonnie, Nomi, Amelia, Rumaisa and Charlie. Well done!



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School Council News

Councillors met this week to plan their presentation for the upcoming network event. The council secretaries have also written a report for the next meeting of the school governing board.

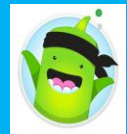
Uniform Reminders

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.

PTA Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the PTA summer fair on Tuesday. All monies raised will be used to enhance what we provide in school for pupils.



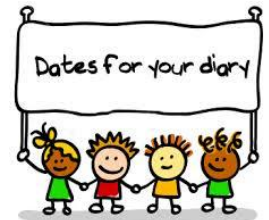
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Amaal	4M: Saafa
R1: Fern	5W: Alisha
R2: Matthew	5M: Buddy
1W: Ada	6W: Haadi
1M: Thomas	6M: Rumaisa
2W: Robyn	
2M: Eadie	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Bonnie	
4W: Layla	

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.



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
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
Tuesday 7 th July	Whole School Transition Day
Tuesday 7 th July	New To Reception Visits
Wednesday 8 th July	Year Four Music Service Concerts. 4M 9.30am and 4W 10.30am
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	Year 4 Trip To Manchester Museum
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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