

Thursday 25th June 2026

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Although it has been lovely to enjoy sunny weather this week, it has presented some challenges. Thank you for working with us to ensure children are safe and comfortable at school. We are fortunate that one half of our school building does remain significantly cooler than the other and we are able to utilise those spaces for children during the day. One of our cool spaces is the front reception area. If you come to school and the front doors are locked, the space will be being used by children. The office ladies will use the front window/hatch to speak with you and we will put some chairs out for you to sit on. We are also mindful that these periods of hot weather are likely to become more frequent so we are making longer term plans about how we can ensure more safer spaces for children in extreme weather in future years.

This week our Year 6 children completed some fieldwork in the local community. Luckily this was on Monday before temperatures got too uncomfortable! Year 5 have had a visit from Environmental Services to learn all about recycling and we have had our new nursery children coming in to complete stay and play sessions. On Wednesday afternoon, children from Years 5 & 6 attended Rochdale Town Hall for the Children's University Graduation ceremony. The Children's University encourages and celebrates participation in extra-curricular activities. It aims to raise aspirations, build confidence, and inspire a love of lifelong learning by validating learning experiences outside of the standard school day. We track children from Year 3 upwards and although the full graduation ceremony is only for the older children, we will award certificates to children in Years 3 & 4 at school.

Just a reminder that school is closed on Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June for staff INSET training. Children will return to school on Tuesday 30th June at 9am.

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 100% Amazing!



Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 7th July is our whole school transition day. Children will get the chance to spend the day in their new classrooms with the adults who will be working with them from September. Please look out for your child coming home with a transition booklet containing important information for the next academic year.



Four Books Challenge

Thank you to everyone who read the four books assigned to their year group and handed in their verdict sheet. Winners have been selected by Miss Lane, the school literacy lead, and are listed below. They will be able to select a book of their choice from the upcoming book fair. Well done!

EYFS: Nell & Seth

KS1: Ava & Deen

Lower KS2: Eliza & Sami

Upper KS2: Harriet & Thomas

Staff INSET Days

School will be closed to pupils on Friday 26th June and Monday 29th June due to two Staff INSET days. School will re-open on Tuesday 30th June.

Children's University Graduation

Pupils from years 5 and 6 attended a special graduation ceremony at Rochdale Town Hall on Wednesday to celebrate amassing at least thirty hours of school extra-curricular activities over this academic year. Thirty children managed this feat and got to wear caps and gowns. They received their certificates on stage. Photos of this special event can be found on the school website.

Stars of the Week:

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

Nursery: Jude	5W: Eesa
R1: Musa	5M: Eva
R2: Nell	6W: Amelia
1W: Ada	6M: Eddie
1M: Aleesha	Mrs Cadogan: Harper
2W: Grace	
2M: Erin	
3W: Alf	
3M: Matilda	
4W: Skye	
4M: Anees	

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: Esme, Alayah, Nahla, Jonah, Annabelle, Ayda, Emily, Azka and Eesa. Well done!



Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the poster below for details of this year's Summer Reading Challenge. Sign up for the challenge at any local library. Any pupil who completes the challenge will receive a reward from school in the autumn term.

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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.

Scholastic Book Fair

This will take place between the 6th and 10th July. We are asking that money to purchase a book to be sent in an envelope with your child's name on. The average price of a book is £8. Please indicate if you do not wish your child to purchase stationery items. Each class will be assigned a day to bring their money in. To support families who have more than one child in school, there is a **three for two** offer on all books purchased. Class days are as follows:

Monday 6th July: Nursery, R1, R2

Tuesday 7th July: 1W, 1M, 2W, 2M

Wednesday 8th July: 3W, 3M, 4W, 4M

Thursday 9th July: 5W, 5M, 6W, 6M

Friday 10th July: All classes last chance



Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Zaynab	4M: Thea
R1: Yahya	5W: Bruce
R2: Liyana	5M: Ollie
1W: Aiyla	6W: Max
1M: Muaad	6M: Faizaan
2W: Grayson	
2M: Polly	
3W: Sonny	
3M: Imogen	
4W: Nathan	

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.



W/C 22 nd June	New To Nursery Stay and Play Sessions For Two Weeks
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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READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



SUPER SIGN UP SATURDAY

4th July 2026

During SUPER SIGN UP SATURDAY
don't forget to register for

The Summer Reading Challenge

to receive a challenge booklet and start
your reading journey!

Sign up is available at ANY library across the
Rochdale Borough, ask at your local library desk for more
information and how to register!





Justin Axon
Training & Consultancy Ltd

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



Scan QR Code for more & to book!

