

Thursday 2nd July 2026

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Although it has been a short week due to the INSET Day on Monday, it has been a busy week with lots of fantastic learning going on across school and lots to celebrate.

All week, Captain Codfish and Captain Blackbeard have been creating fun and a little bit of mischief in our Reception classes. I hope you find your treasure, Reception! Our year four pupils have been busily rehearsing for their BoomWhacker concert for parents next week. The date and times of the concerts are listed in the calendar dates below.

On Wednesday, a learning walk was conducted across school with one of our colleagues from Bamford Academy. The behaviour for learning seen across school was extremely impressive, with all pupils engaging well with their learning and producing some high-quality pieces of work.

On Monday 6th July, parents are invited into school at 2.30pm to speak with Mrs Mellor about the school's Relationship Curriculum. There will be an opportunity to look at the planning and resources that we use to deliver this curriculum. Please attend if you can.

Tuesday 7th July is our whole school transition day, where children spend the day in their new classrooms with their new staff members. Please try to make sure your child attends school that day as it really helps to alleviate any anxieties around transition.

Over the next two weeks, we will be collecting donations for the Rochdale Football Club Community Bus. As a school community, we have generously supported the bus for several years and would be grateful for any donations of food you can spare.

The Scholastic Book Fair lands in school next week with a 3 for the price of 2 offer on all items. Information about this is detailed below.

Finally, well done to our netball team who played against St. Vincent's this week. Although the results didn't go your way, you played the matches in the right spirit and we are proud of you all.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Backhouse

Attendance

Whole School Target: 97%

Whole School Average Attendance to Date:
95.3%

This week's winning class: 6W 98.5% Great!



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.

P.E. Kit / Bags for September

A number of parents have contacted the school office regarding P.E. kit for September. Children will continue to come to school dressed in their Games kit for P.E. days, which consists of trainers, plain black joggers, plain white t-shirt and, for cold days, plain black hoodie or school jumper. Due to limited space in school, there is no room for big ruc-sacs. Please send your child in with a small book bag for reading books and homework. Please ensure all uniform and kit is clearly labelled with your child's name. Thank you for your support with these matters.

Rochdale Football Club Community Bus

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting items for the Rochdale Football Club Community Bus. Please see the end of the newsletter for further information.

Summer Reading Challenge

Please see the end of the newsletter for details of the library Summer Reading Challenge. You can sign up to the challenge for free at your local library. Children are challenged to read at least six books over the summer holidays. Those pupils who complete the challenge will receive a medal and certificate. They will also receive an extra prize from school in September. Good luck!

Stars of the Week:

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

Nursery: Amaal	5W: Kiswa
R1: Alayah	5M: Freddie
R2: Ruby	6W: Alizah
1W: Hira	6M: Faizaan
1M: Frankie	Mrs Cadogan: Jack
2W: Eva	
2M: Ni'mat	
3W: Sami	
3M: Iqra	
4W: Max	
4M: Aria	

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: Sienna, Insiyah, Henry, Eadie, Yusuf, Kaylib, Sophie and Aiza. Well done!



Relationships Curriculum

Parents are invited to come and have a brew and take a look at the planning and resources for the new statutory relationships curriculum we will be introducing from September on Monday 6th July at 2.30pm. Please meet in the main office.

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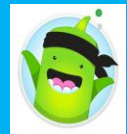
School Council News

Councillors met this week to continue to plan their presentation for the upcoming network event, which we will host for other local schools, next week.

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



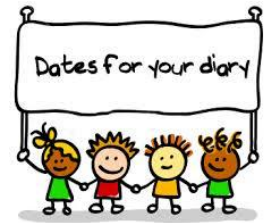
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Arhaam	4M: Esme
R1: Wilfred	5W: Lucia
R2: Zakariya	5M: Oscar
1W: Charlie	6W: Daniyal
1M: Muaad	6M: Musa
2W: Grace	
2M: Hattie	
3W: Adeem	
3M: Liyana	
4W: Faith	

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 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
Monday 6 th July 2.30pm	Parents' Meeting With Tea & Coffee - new relationships curriculum
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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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!



From Monday the 6th until Friday the 17th of July we will be collecting food to donate to the food bus based at Rochdale Community Trust.

As the summer holidays approach, there is always an increase in demand for services such as this and for food banks. Stocking the bus can prevent children going hungry whilst not at school. *The pantry currently supports an average of 40 people per week, offering a vital top-up food service to individuals and families in need—without requiring a referral. This change reflects the charity's commitment to continuing service in some capacity, even as financial pressures increase.*

Rochdale continues to face significant issues of food poverty and economic hardship. Across the borough, over 40 % of children are living in poverty, placing Rochdale among the areas with the highest child-poverty rates in the UK. Fuel poverty affects around 15 % of households, and approximately 12 % of residents struggle with food insecurity – between April and September 2023, three local food banks distributed 6,698 emergency food parcels, the highest summer total recorded since 2018, of which 2,408 were for children.

If you wish to donate to the food pantry, you can do so online (link below) by buying a food pack for as little as £3, or drop any physical items at the Rochdale AFC Community Trust office.

rochdaleafccommunity.org/dale-food-pantry

There will be 2 food collection bins in school. One on the back playground and one outside the office. You can donate anytime over the 2-week period.

Items that are in demand:

Essential Foods

Tinned goods: Meat, fish, fruit, tomatoes, baked beans, and rice pudding

Pantry staples: Long-life UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, and cooking sauces

Dry goods: Pasta, rice (500g bags), and breakfast cereals

Hot drinks: Instant coffee (jars) and tea bags

Quick-cook meals: Pot noodles, instant noodles, and instant mash potato

Condiments & Spreads: Jam, honey, and small ketchup bottles

Comfort Items & Treats

Biscuits, crisps, and chocolate/sweets

Sugar (500g bags)

Toiletries & Household

Personal care: Shampoo, shower gel, deodorant, and toothpaste

Household: Washing-up liquid, toilet paper, and laundry detergents



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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



Scan QR Code for more & to book!

