

Thursday 9th July 2026

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With less than two weeks until we break up for summer, we still have so much to complete in school. This week we have had a visit from Neeli Mosque who have worked with children in assemblies and workshops to learn about Haj. The level of engagement and enthusiasm was as impressive as always but especially so after a few late nights due to the football!

Tuesday was our whole school transition day where all our children spent the day with their new teacher in their new classrooms. Moving on can be tricky, especially when bonds with the current teachers are so strong. However, everyone understood the opportunities of new beginnings and our visits to classes throughout the day showed happy faces and enthusiastic chatter. All children should have come home with a transition booklet about their new class. If you haven't received one, then please check book bags or let us know and we will be happy to provide another one!

A big thank you to the parents who attended our coffee and drop-in session on Monday afternoon and the opportunity to speak with Mrs Mellor about our RSHE curriculum. Parental consultation and views are very important to us and it was good to take the opportunity to have some in-depth and detailed discussions about how we deliver RSHE in school. Quite often, information in the press or on social media can give a very different impression from what is being taught by individual schools. Mrs Mellor appreciated the time given by parents to come along and engage in open, honest and trusting conversations.

We finish the week this week with one of our most special annual events. On Friday evening between 6.30pm and 8.30pm, our Year 6 pupils will return to school for their Leavers' Red Carpet Event. It is always a lovely evening with the children and an opportunity for us to show them how special they are and how much we will miss them! Parents will be invited in at the end of the evening to see all the children together and to take photographs.

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: 2W & 5M 100%
Amazing!



Whole School Transition Day

Tuesday 7th July was our whole school transition day. Children got the chance to spend the day in their new classrooms with the adults who will be working with them from September. Please check your child has come home with a transition booklet containing important information for the next academic year. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have not received one.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book fair this week. All commission earned from the sale will be spent on purchasing new books for the school library. If your child did not bring money into school to purchase a book earlier in the week, they have a final chance to purchase one on Friday (10th July).

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.

Year Four Boomwhacker Concert

Thank you to all parents who came along to watch our year four pupils perform with Boomwhackers. They have worked really hard to build up to this performance over the past few weeks. We hope you enjoyed it.

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: Emilia	5W: Salah
R1: Abigail	5M: Finley
R2: Raheem	6W: Jess
1W: Florence	6M: Ayaan
1M: Heidi	Mrs Cadogan: Aariz
2W: Zidane	
2M: Rumaysaa	
3W: Hollie	
3M: Lamisah	
4W: Will	
4M: Adam	

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: Harri, Cerys, Toby, Robyn, Fara, Connie, Daniel, Isabelle and Heidi. Well done!



Assemblies

Thank you to our friends from Neeli Mosque and St Paul's Church who gave up their time to lead assemblies in school this week. Pupils get a lot out of these assemblies.

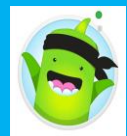
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School Council News

Councillors met this week to continue to rehearse their presentation for the upcoming network event, which they will host for other local schools on Thursday 9th July. At the event, they will be assessed to see if they have retained their platinum status. Good luck!

Relationships Curriculum

Thank you to all parents who came to school to take a look at the planning and resources for the new statutory relationships curriculum we will be introducing from September on Monday this week. We hope you found the session useful. Information about the curriculum will be published on the school website in the coming weeks.



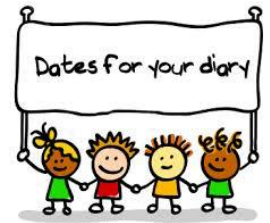
Dojo Winners

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

Nursery: Dottie	4M: Ayat
R1: Billie	5W: Annum
R2: Elijah	5M: Eva
1W: Nahla	6W: Eliza
1M: Hagan	6M: Amelia
2W: Layke	
2M: Yusuf	
3W: Yousaf	
3M: Sam & Sumayyah	
4W: Josh	

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 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 of the back play ground 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!

