



## *Newsletter: Friday April 25th 2025*

### Welcome to the Summer Term!

We hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. As we return, refreshed and recharged, we are looking forward to a busy and exciting summer term ahead. With plenty of opportunities for learning, creativity, and growth, this term promises to be filled with memorable moments for our pupils and school community, from sports days to end of year celebrations, there's lots to look forward to!

### Breaking the Waves Foundation

Breaking the Waves Foundation is a local charity that support local families , they help families in financial difficulties, for example with a weekly food parcel. They also gift, where requested, items of clothing, toys and small household items.

We are pleased to be supporting the charity by collecting food items here at school, there is a container in the reception area for any parents/pupils/staff who wish to donate items. Any donation will be gratefully received - Thank you for the donations brought into school since we launched the campaign. For more information on the charity go to [www.breakingthewavesfoundation.co.uk](http://www.breakingthewavesfoundation.co.uk)

#### Typical Items

- Cereal
- Soup
- Pasta
- Rice
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Veg
- Tea/Coffee
- Tinned Fruit
- Biscuits
- UHT Milk
- Fruit Juices



### School Uniform

We have found a small stock of brand new school uniform that we are making available to parents/carers at a discounted price, as we need the space.

Contact the school office directly, we are not accepting requests via dojo for uniform — Cash payments only please.

Polo Shirts  
Sweatshirts  
Red PE shirts  
Red PE Hoodies  
Baseball Caps  
Sunhats  
PE Bags  
Water Bottles

### Here come the sun!!

As we move into the summer months, we would like to remind parents/carers about the importance of sun protection for our children. We invite children to bring sun cream, clearly labelled with their name into school.

Children must be able to apply their own sun cream, so we recommend that they practise at home to build their confidence and independence.



On very hot days, please note that outdoor time will be limited to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children.

Thank you for helping us keep everyone sun safe!

### Easter Bonnet Parade

We were overwhelmed by the amazing Easter Bonnets that children made for our parade. A lot of creativity and hard work had gone into the designs and creating of the bonnets.

The children were excited to share their creations and loved seeing all the familiar faces in the audience.

As always thank you for your support in making these events at school successful.





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### Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



If you think your child may be eligible to receive free school meals, you can complete the application form online at [Oldham.gov.uk](http://Oldham.gov.uk) and if you have any queries can email [benefitsfsm@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:benefitsfsm@oldham.gov.uk).

### Universal Free School Meals

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools automatically receive free school meals, regardless of family income through the universal free school meal scheme.

However, if you are in receipt of the qualifying benefits, by completing an application form for free school meals, school can get extra funding and your child may be eligible for the holiday activities and food programme funded by the Department of Education.





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### Food Vouchers to cover the May Half Term holiday 2025

You may have read in the local media that Oldham Council has been allocated Government funding through the Household Support Fund. Some of this funding will be used to cover food voucher support for children eligible for means tested free School Meals over school holidays to prevent holiday hunger.

OMBC want to ensure that families eligible for free school meals on the grounds of low income receive a food voucher to cover May half term at a rate of £15 per eligible child.

The vouchers can be used in the Oldham supermarket of your choice and are issued via a third-party online hub known as Evouchers.

The voucher system has a live link to school data and automatically recognises the students who are eligible for free school meals.

If your child is entitled to income based free school meals, please look out for an email and/or text confirming that your voucher has been issued.

For more details go to <https://help.evouchers.com/hc/en-gb>

If you need to update your contact details or have any questions, please contact the school office.





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### Sporting Achievements

31st March 2025 - Rise Gymnastics

Gold Medals - Oliva R. L, Winter G, Mya H, Kora P.S & Isaac G.O

Silver Medals - Lucie B, Reeva H, Mollie N, Poppy P & Mya L

Top score of 40 on Vault - Isaac G.O

Top score overall Level 2 - Isaac G.O

Top score overall Level 3 - Kora P.S

3rd April 2025 - Dream Big Dodgeball Competition

Silver Medals - Jude G, Sonny H, Philip T, Kaleb B, Dominic S, Ruby W, Delilah M & Vienne F

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