



Newsletter: Friday 18th July 2025

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the remarkable journey we have shared and to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership.

This year has been filled with growth, achievements, and memorable moments. Our children have shown incredible resilience and dedication, excelling in their studies and participating enthusiastically in a wide range of extracurricular activities. From academic competitions and sports events to music showcases and community projects, their talents and hard work have shone brightly.

I am incredibly proud of how our school community has come together to create a nurturing and dynamic environment for our children. Our teachers and staff have gone above and beyond to provide high-quality education and support, fostering a love for learning and personal development in each child. Their commitment to our pupils' success and well-being is truly inspiring.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our parents and guardians. Your involvement and support have been invaluable in making this year a success. Whether through volunteering, participating in school events, or supporting your children at home, your contributions have strengthened our school community.

As we look forward to the next academic year, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. We will continue to strive for excellence in all areas, working together to support our students in reaching their full potential.

For now, I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. May this time be filled with relaxation, fun, and quality family time. We look forward to welcoming our pupils back in the new school year, refreshed and ready to embark on another exciting journey of learning and growth.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Have a wonderful summer!

Warmest regards, Mrs Forster

Best Class Attendance



Well done to Coral Class who won the attendance award for this year.

The children went on a trip to the Odeon cinema in Oldham to watch How to Train Your Dragon and had a wonderful time.

Staff Updates

After 21 incredible years of dedicated service in our school kitchen, we say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Sharrock. Her delicious meals and wonderful cakes have been a much loved part of our HFPS family. As she begins her early retirement, we wish her all the very best for the future, with good health, happiness and plenty of time to enjoy life's sweet moments.

Thanks you, Mrs Sharrock - you will be missed



We also welcome new staff into our HFPS family,

Miss O'Reilly joins us to teach the children in Sapphire class from September.

Miss Cook joins us in a SEN Teaching Assistant role in Key Stage 1.



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End of Year Awards

Today we celebrated with our end of year presentation assembly. Each class teacher was able to award a certificate for a child in their class in each of the following categories:

Perseverance
Citizenship
Sportsmanship
Progress

We'd like to say a huge well done to all of the children who were awarded a certificate this year. Congratulations!

Perseverance	Citizenship	Sportsmanship	Progress
Esmae	Sofia	Frankie - John	Kayden
Kayla	Esosa	Dominic	Sienna
Daisy	Skye	Carter	Ruby
Nikita	Sonny	Ayo	Ruby
Paula	Lewis	Zac	Judy
Lilly	Emily	Mikel	Bavan
Olivia	Umar	Teddie	Rawyar
Pearl	Hanna	Jaden	Ralphi
Olivia	Omotola	Vincenzo	Sedrah
Tallulah	Ariah	Connie	Layal
Ronnie	Miriam	Hudson	Merdi
Jax	Sofia	Harlen	Finley
Noah	Georgia	Elliott	Amina
Osagie	Jaylen	Noah	Edan
David	Aaira	Mason	Richie
Ronnie	Ellie	Vinnie	Bryan



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Celebrating a Year of Activity, Teamwork & Fun!

As we start to wrap up another fantastic school year at Higher Failsworth, we want to take a moment to celebrate all the amazing extracurricular activities that have kept our students active, engaged, and thriving beyond the classroom.

Over the past year, pupils have had the opportunity to explore a wide range of sports and physical activities, developing not only their skills but also their confidence, teamwork, and love for movement. Here's a look back at everything we accomplished together:

Multi Skills & Active Play: Our Multi Skills sessions gave students the chance to build coordination, balance, and agility through fun and inclusive games. Active Club also kept energy levels high, offering a space to enjoy movement and fitness after school.

Running & Athletics: From sprinting to long-distance challenges, our Running Club and Athletics sessions helped students push their limits and discover the joy of personal achievement.

Team Sports: This year saw enthusiastic participation in Netball, Football, and Dodgeball, where pupils practiced fair play, strategy, and team spirit. Whether learning new Football Skills or competing in full games, pupils brought great energy to every session.

Gymnastics & Multi Sport: In Gymnastics, pupils worked on strength, flexibility, and body control — with impressive progress throughout the term. Multi Sport sessions gave everyone the chance to try different games and activities, keeping things fresh and exciting each week.

Rounders: The summer term ended on a high with Rounders, bringing plenty of laughter, teamwork, and healthy competition to the playground.

Dance with Miss Olivia: Both KS1 and KS2 children have had the opportunity to attend Dance club over the year, culminating in the group attending Oldham's Celebration of Dance and demonstrate their amazing dancing skills delivering confident and enthusiastic performances.

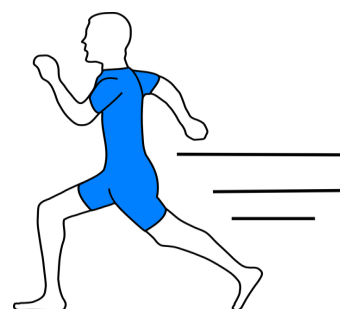




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2024/2025 Clubs Yearly Overview

Term	Club	When	Average Attendance
Autumn 1	Year 3/4 Multi Skills	After School	18
Autumn 1	KS1 Running	Lunchtime	24
Autumn 1	KS2 Running	Lunchtime	30
All Year	Active Club	After School	18
Autumn 1	Year 5/6 Netball	Lunchtime	19
Autumn 1	Year 5/6 Multisport	After School	17
Autumn 2 / Spring 1	Year 3/4 Dodgeball	After School	26
Autumn 2 / Spring 1	Year 5/6 Dodgeball	After School	28
Spring 2	KS1 Football Skills	After School	9
Spring 2	KS2 Gymnastics	Lunchtime	12
Spring 2	KS2 Football Skills	After School	31
Summer 1	Year 3/4 Football	After School	22
Summer 1	KS2 Athletics	After School	30
Summer 2	Year 1/2 Football	After School	22 + 3 helpers
Summer 2	Active Club	After School	22
Summer 2	KS2 Rounders	After School	29





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Uniform Swap Shop Opening Information

Thank you to all of our families who have made uniform donations to help start up our Uniform Swap Shop! We have been overwhelmed by the response.

We have lots of preloved uniform, that we will be organising in the first few weeks of the summer.

The Swap Shop will be based in the Children's Centre and open between 10:00 and 12:00 on the following dates:

Tuesday 19th August
Wednesday 20th August
Thursday 28th August
Friday 29th August

Simply bring your items to swap for our preloved items.

- Coats
- Jumpers
- Hoodies
- Polo Shirts
- Trousers
- Skirts
- PE Kit
- Shoes
- Socks

Ring the Bell on the left of the door on arrival.

Do you Follow and Like us?

We're building our social profiles and you can now follow us on three different platforms.



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ParentPay - Please pay in advance

As we are at the end of the school year, we kindly ask that you check your child's ParentPay balances and bring any outstanding payments up to date. If your child is in Nursery or Years 3 to 6 and will be taking a school meal when we return in September please ensure that payments are made in advance.

Paying ahead helps the school manage costs and ensures services can continue smoothly for all children.

For your convenience, below are the upcoming payment amounts and deadlines:

Dinner Money:

Weekly Payments: £8.10 by Wednesday 3rd September

£13.50 by Sunday 8th September and so on.

Monthly Payment: £48.60 for September

£54.00 for October

Half Term: £102.60

Breakfast Club: (attending every day)

Weekly Payments: £3.00 by Wednesday 3rd September

£5 by Sunday 8th September and so on.

Monthly Payment: £18.00 for September

£20.00 for October

Half Term: £102.60



Where arrears do occur, the following steps will be taken as a reminder but also to support in minimising arrears:

- 1 week's arrears: A reminder via Class Dojo or a telephone call.
- 2 week's arrears: We will ask that any outstanding balance is settled and, in the meantime, request that your child brings a packed lunch and/or avoids attending breakfast club until the arrears are cleared.

We appreciate your continued support in keeping accounts up to date and helping us to provide the best service for all children.



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Information for Parents in our current Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2

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 School Meals Scheme (UFSM).

Parents of children moving into Reception in September

Your child can enjoy a school meal under the UFSM scheme - more information is in the information pack you received at the Reception Open Evening.

Parents of children moving to Year 1 and 2 in September

Your child remains eligible to enjoy a free school meal under the UFSM scheme. If your child is currently on packed lunches and would like to move onto school meals from September, please let the office know.

Parents of children Year 3 and Upwards

Unless your child is eligible for free school meals. The charge for a school meal is £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week. This is payable weekly via ParentPay.

Families in receipt of qualifying benefits can also apply for free school meals. Where your application is successful you will also be able to access other services, for example the Holiday Activities and Food programme which is a pro-gramme providing activities during the school holidays, funded by the Department of Education.

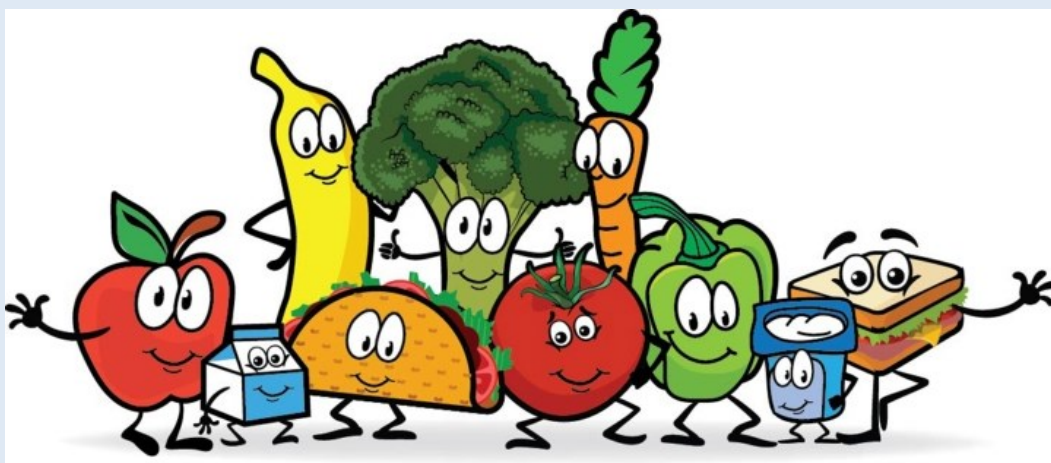
This would also mean that school would receive extra funding to fund learning resources. For more information go to the [Oldham.gov.uk](https://www.oldham.gov.uk) website.

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](https://www.oldham.gov.uk) and if you have any queries can email benefitsfsm@oldham.gov.uk.





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Finally!!

Have a fantastic summer,
What a wonderful year it has been!
Thank you to all of our amazing children , families,
and staff for making it so special. Now it is time to
relax, recharge, and enjoy the sunshine!

Wishing all of our Year 6 leavers Good Luck in their
next chapter!

Looking forward to see everyone else return ,
refreshed and ready, when school reopens on
Wednesday 3rd September for the start of the
Autumn term.

