



## Newsletter: Friday 12th September 2025

Welcome back!

It is with great excitement that I welcome you and your family as we begin another year of learning, growth and discovery together. Whether you are joining our school community for the first time or have been with us for many years, we are delighted to have you with us.

At our school, we are committed to creating a nurturing and inclusive environment where every child can flourish. We know that strong partnerships between home and school are vital, and we look forward to working closely with you to support your child's academic, social, and emotional development.

This year is full of opportunities for children to explore new ideas, develop meaningful friendships, and reach their full potential. Our dedicated staff have been preparing engaging lessons and experiences designed to challenge, inspire and spark curiosity.

Open communication will continue to be at the heart of our work together. Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions, concerns, or suggestions - we are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for trusting us with your child's education. We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to making it a happy, rewarding, and successful one for all.

*S. Forster*





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### Individual School Photos

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 20th October to take individual portraits.

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, we will no longer be able to invite younger siblings into school for group photographs.

However, we will still take sibling groups who are all in school. Please ring the school office if you would like a sibling photograph.



### Office Hours

Please note that the office hours are from 8:15am to 3:30pm each day during term time.

To inform school that your child will be absent please use the study bugs app.

Need a form or have missed a letter, our website has lots of this information ready for you, go to Information for Parents, Letters and Forms.

It is very busy at the office in the morning, before you leave home check you have packed everything your child needs, such as:

Water Bottle  
Homework  
Book Bag  
Coat, hat, gloves, scarf  
Packed Lunch

### Parking outside School

A gentle reminder to please be mindful of our neighbours when parking near school. We kindly ask that you avoid blocking driveways or restricting access to homes, and park considerately at all times. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### The School Day

Gates will be opened from 8:40am.

#### Nursery

Morning session door opens at 8:45am and closes at 8:55am  
Afternoon session door opens at 12:15pm and closes at 12:20pm

Reception and Years 1 & 2 8:55am to 3:15pm  
Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:55am

Years 3 to 6 9:00am to 3:20pm  
Doors open at 8:50am and close at 9:00am



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### Starting Primary School?

Is your child due to start Primary school in September 2026?



If they were born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, then the answer is Yes.

Applications for Reception places are now open and close at 5pm 15th January 2026.

**YOU MUST APPLY ONLINE**

Contact the School Admissions Team on 0161 770 4213 if you need any help or advice.

For more information visit:  
[www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

### Early Years Open Evening

Come along to meet our team, have a look around, and see how our Reception class provides a joyful and inspiring place for your child to begin their learning journey.

We'd also love you to share this invitation with friends, family, and neighbours who may be interested, everyone is welcome to come and see what makes our school so special.



Thursday 16th October 3:45 to 4:45

Come to our main reception entrance.







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# Nursery Places Available



We are delighted to offer Part-Time and Full-Time Nursery Places for children aged 3 and 4 years old.

- ✓ Warm, caring and experienced staff
- ✓ Fun, engaging and creative learning
- ✓ A safe and nurturing environment
- ✓ Helping children grow, play and thrive

**Apply now to secure your child's place!**

For more information or to arrange a visit,  
please contact:

**0161 681 2645**

**[info@higher-failsworth.oldham.sch.uk](mailto:info@higher-failsworth.oldham.sch.uk)**



Come and see how we  
can give your child the  
very best start to their  
learning journey.



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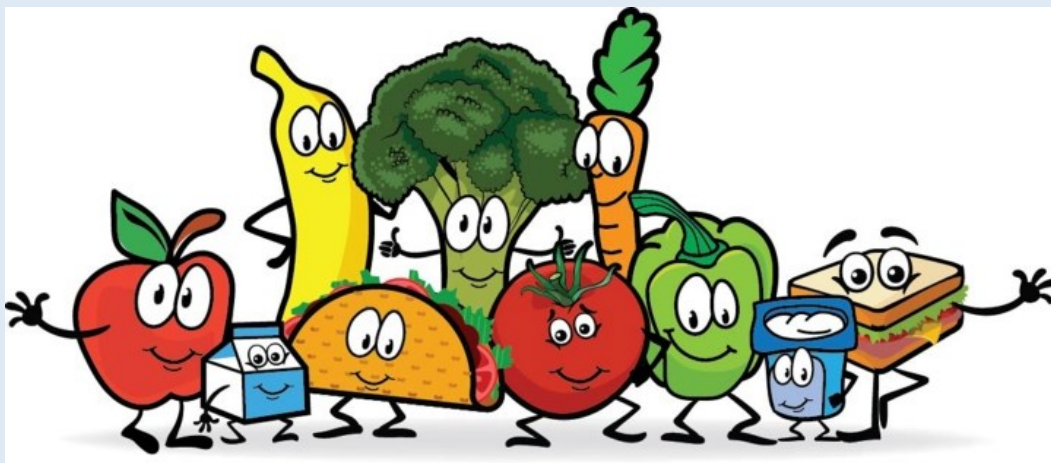


### Free School Meals

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





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### Breakfast Club

We offer a daily Breakfast Club for children from Reception to Year 6.

Children can enjoy a nutritious breakfast and then have the choice of playing board games, drawing and colouring, or reading. Then at 8:20am children can choose to remain in our dining hall with their chosen activity or they can go to the main hall with Mr Albinson, where he has a different physical activity prepared every day.



These activities cater for all ages and abilities across school and they are a chance for children to release some energy before the start of the school day and interact with others in a safe and fun way. Activities in the past have included; volleyball, Just dance, bench ball, creative bowling and whole school rock, paper, scissors! These activities are changed every half term, with influence from the children who attend our Breakfast club.

Breakfast Club is from 8:00am to 8:50am — Doors Open at 8:00am and close at 8:30am

### Macmillan Cake Morning

We are delighted to be supporting Macmillan Cancer Support once again this year with a fabulous Cake Morning event on Friday 26th September.

Weather permitting, we'll be hosting the event outside at the front of school from 8:30am to 9:00am. Families are warmly invited to join us a little earlier with the children to enjoy a slice of something delicious!



Cakes and treats will also be available for children to purchase throughout the school day. If you enjoy baking, we would be so grateful for any donations of cakes or bakes, just bring them along on the day. Please remember cakes and bakes **MUST NOT** contain nuts of any variety.

Please bring correct change - 50p or £1.



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### **Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

**RECEPTION to YEAR 6 CHILDREN ONLY**

**FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER 2025**

**If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form.**

**If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.**



**<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/2263303e>**

**The vaccinations will take place at school on Friday 10th October. The link will close on Saturday 5th October. If your child has already had the flu vaccine elsewhere since September 2025, please complete a 'NO' to consent form.**

**If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 Option 1, Option 3.**