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Spring Term Updates

We would like to thank you all for your fantastic donations during December, which contributed to making our Christmas Fair a huge success.

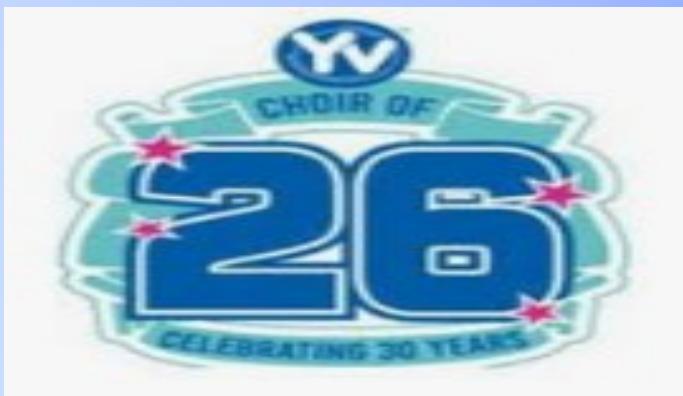


With the colder weather continuing, please remember to send children to school with warm clothing, including coats, hats, scarves and gloves, to ensure they stay comfortable during outdoor activities. We would also kindly remind families to label all items of clothing, as we often have jumpers, hoodies and coats left behind without names, making it difficult to return them to their owners.

We have already had some exciting experiences this Spring Term, Year 4 took part in an Anglo-Saxon workshop the children engaged in activities to learn about life in Anglo-Saxon Britain.

Year 6 are learning all about World War 2 and have participated in a workshop where they had the opportunity to see artefacts from the period and understand more about life in Britain during the war.

This term promises to be full of engaging experiences, including children from our choir having the opportunity to sing at the Co-Op Live Arena in Manchester and be part of Young Voices 2026!





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NSPCC Number Day Friday 6th February

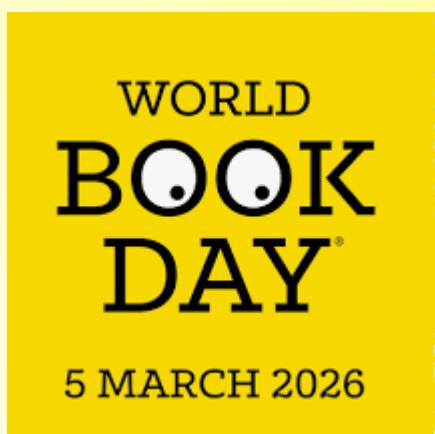
NSPCC Number Day is this Friday. We will be taking part in Dress up for Digits and having a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, whilst raising money to support their services such as Speak out Stay safe and Childline.

Pupils are invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it such as a sports team shirt, cap or even a onesie! Or you could get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.

Alternatively, children can wear their own clothes. To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.



World Book Day Thursday 5th March



World Book Day is celebrated each year to encourage more children and families to find the fun and enjoyment in reading.

To celebrate and add to the fun, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the 5th March.



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Healthy Packed Lunches

At Higher Failsworth Primary School, we encourage healthy packed lunches that support children's wellbeing and follow the same nutritional standards as our school meals. This applies to lunches eaten at school, on trips, and school journeys, including those provided by the school.

We believe a balanced, nutritious diet is important for children's growth, learning, and overall health. Parents providing packed lunches are asked to ensure they reflect these healthy standards.

We ask that packed lunches support children's health by including a balance of fruit and vegetables, protein (meat, fish, eggs, beans or lentils), carbohydrates (bread, pasta, rice, potatoes, chapatti/roti), dairy (milk, cheese, yoghurt) and drinks such as water, milk or pure juice. Fruit-based puddings like fruit salad, yoghurt with fruit, or fruity crumble are encouraged.

Foods such as crisps, cakes, chocolate spreads, and processed meat should be limited to once a week, and fizzy or sugary drinks, chocolate bars, sweets, and peanuts or peanut products should not be included.

For more information on school meals and packed lunches please see our school website.





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School Meals

Fuel for Learning: Enjoy Healthy School Meals

A nutritious meal can make a real difference to your child's focus, energy, and enjoyment of learning throughout the school day. Our school meal programme provides delicious, balanced, and affordable meals every day, helping children get the nutrients they need to grow and thrive.

Tasty and Nutritious Choices

Each day, we offer a choice of two hot meals, one meat-based option and one vegetarian option. In addition, children may choose from three sandwich options: tuna, ham or cheese.

A daily dessert is also included, with choices such as home-made bakes, fresh fruit and yoghurt.

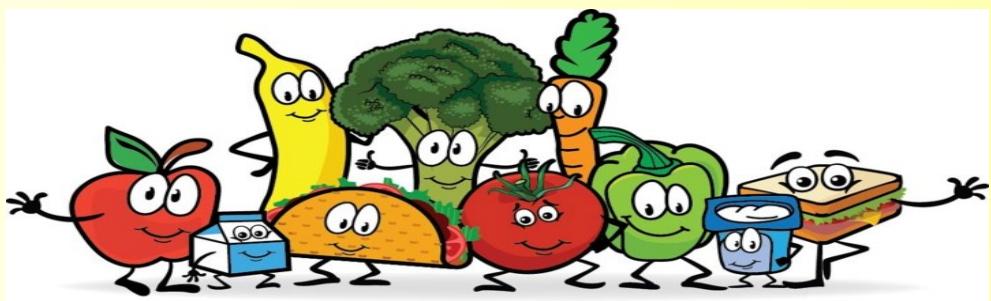
Children will be asked at morning registration which option they would like to order for that day.

Convenient and Affordable

No shopping, preparing, or lunch boxes needed, we've got it covered! School meals cost £2.70 per day or £13.50 per week.

Supporting Learning and Well-Being

Healthy, balanced meals support concentration, memory, and overall well-being, helping children make the most of their time at school.



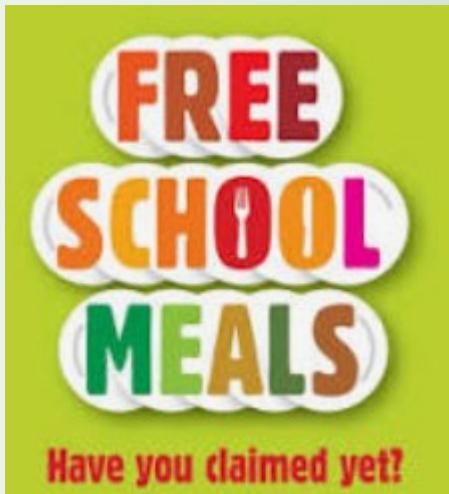


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Information on Free School Meals

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2

All children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 in state-funded schools in England are eligible for Universal Free School Meals.



Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6

Children in Years 3,4,5 and 6 may be eligible for means tested Free School Meals.

Eligibility:

You can access Free School Meals if you are in receipt of one of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related employment and support allowance.
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual income that does not exceed the current years level.
 - The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finished, or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.
- Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned Income of no more than £7400 (£616.67 per month).

How to check if you could be eligible

School now has the capability to check to see if parents are eligible for free school meals, with parental permission. A letter and more information will be sent out to families soon.

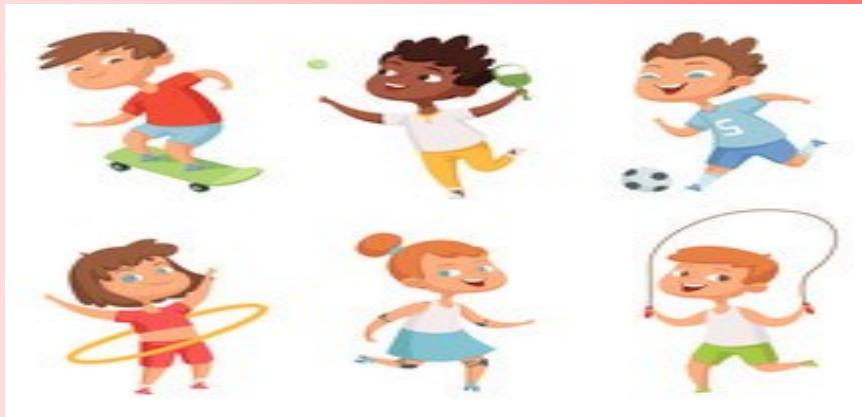


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Introducing our Play Leaders

Our Play Leaders from Years 5 and 6 have had a fantastic impact on active break and lunchtime provision. They have been excellent role models, setting a positive example while leading a range of enjoyable activities across the school.

In the Key Stage 1 playground, they organise games for our younger children, and in Key Stage 2 they run activities such as hula hooping, skipping and circuits. This wide variety of active opportunities ensures that all children can enjoy being active and engaged during lunchtime.



School Updates!

We are pleased to introduce our new Site Manager, Mr Hughes, who has recently joined our school community. Mr Hughes brings valuable experience to the role and is already settling in well. He is looking forward to getting to know the children and families and supporting the school by ensuring our site remains safe, well maintained and welcoming for everyone.



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Sporting Achievements

28th January 2026 - Archery & Targets Festival

Team Silver - Charlie C, Elliot R, Skye L.B, Beatrice K & Sonny H (Tanzanite)



Follow us on our Social platforms

We are keen to build our Social Media profile to engage more with families and share all the amazing activities that happen in school.
Please follow us on whichever platform you use:

Facebook: Higherfailsworth

Instagram: Higher Failsworth PS

X: @HigherFPschool

