



Newsletter: Friday 24th April 2026

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!

Class Photographs



Tempest Photography will be visiting school on Friday 8th May to take our class photographs.

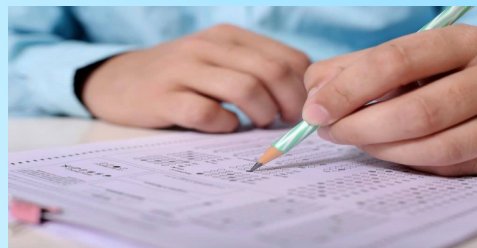
SAT's Week — for our Year 6 Children

11th to 18th May

We would like to remind parents that SATs week will take place shortly. This is an important time for our pupils, and we encourage everyone to support their child by ensuring they are well rested and arrive at school on time.

We are very proud of how hard the children have been working in preparation, and we are confident they will approach the week with a positive attitude.

Thank you for your continued support.





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Higher Failsworth Primary School



Parent Governor Vacancy

**Become a
school governor**



We have more than 1,100 school governors volunteering across Oldham making a positive difference to the lives of our children, young people and their families.

Would you like to join them and become a school governor?

Visit www.oldham.gov.uk/schoolgovernors



A vacancy has arisen for a Parent Governor on our School Governing Board.

We are inviting all parents who are interested in applying for this post to complete a nomination form.

If you would like a nomination form, please contact the school office.



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Congratulation's to Elliot

We are extremely proud and delighted to share that one of our Year 6 pupils has recently been nominated and honoured with a Mayor's Appreciation Award.

Elliot is a valued member of the Clean Up Failsworth Canal Team and regularly gives up his time to clean up the canal area, removing dumped rubbish and shopping trolleys. Elliot makes a real difference to the community and has been widely recognised by local residents in appreciation of his work.

Elliot attended the JR Clyne's Building with his grandparents, unaware of the surprise awaiting him, and was delighted to be joined by his family for this special moment. He received a framed certificate and gifts from the Mayor and Mayoress, making it a day to remember.



We are very proud of Elliot and the example he sets for others.

Sporting Achievements

16th April 2026 - Oldham Dodgeball Finals

Silver Medals - Carter N, Lucie B, Lucy R, Sonny H, Hunter C & Logan M.S

22nd April 2026 - Greater Manchester Boccia Finals

Esme E, Freya H.B, Thea H & Mikel G



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Information on 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)

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.

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. If you would like school to check eligibility please complete the form on the link:

<https://forms.gle/YW6qTn3sWzeYiFmi6>



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Food Vouchers to cover the May Half Term holiday 2026

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.

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





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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. To protect children while outside, please also provide a hat and a water bottle to keep them cool and hydrated,

Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone sun safe!



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

