



## Newsletter: June 2026

### Approaching the end of the School year!

This term has been a busy one, especially for our Year 6 children who have been excited to receive and wear with pride their leaver's hoodies.

Our Year 6 have completed their SATs and we want to take a moment to say how incredibly proud we are of every single child.

Over the past weeks, the children have shown resilience, determination, courage and hard work, and that deserves to be celebrated.

SATs are only a small snapshot of a child's journey. They do not measure kindness, creativity, humour, imagination, musical flair, sporting ability, teamwork or the countless other qualities that make each child unique and special. A test can never capture the full picture of who a child is or all the wonderful things they are capable of.

And to our parents and carers: thank you for your encouragement, patience and support throughout the process. The children could not have done it without you.

Now it is time for our Year 6 to enjoy being proud of their primary school journey and to celebrate they are staging a production, an adaptation of Grease! The cast list has been announced and parents and carers are invited to watch the spectacular on Thursday 9th of July.





Important

### Important Changes to Free School Meals from September 2026

You may have heard or seen in the news that the Department for Education is introducing significant changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility from September 2026.

This is important information for all families, not just those currently receiving Free School Meals. Many more children may become eligible under the new arrangements, while some pupils currently receiving FSM may see changes to their entitlement.

### What Parents and Carers Need to Do

A child can only receive benefits-based Free School Meals if an application has been made and eligibility has been checked.

We strongly encourage all families who receive Universal Credit to apply, even if they have not been eligible previously.

Applications for the new scheme can be made from 1 June 2026, and families are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Early applications will help ensure that eligible pupils can receive their free meal entitlement from the first day of the autumn term.

With consent school can check eligibility – if you would like school to check please complete this easy google form with parent/carer and children's information.

<https://forms.gle/gCjwXcDoRZcpUH6y7>

Alternatively you can apply through Oldham Council at:

[https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education\\_grants\\_and\\_allowances/161/free\\_school\\_meals](https://www.oldham.gov.uk/info/200231/education_grants_and_allowances/161/free_school_meals)





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### ParentPay - Please pay in advance

We kindly remind all families that ParentPay accounts should be kept in credit and paid in advance for school services such as school dinners and breakfast club. Paying ahead helps the school manage costs and ensures services can continue smoothly for all children.

To support with budgeting, please note that payments can be made throughout the year and accounts can be topped up at any time, whether weekly, monthly or termly, depending on what suits you best.

If you ever need to discuss payments, financial support, or are struggling with the using ParentPay, please contact our School Business manager, Joanne Fitzgerald, who is always happy to help and talk things through in confidence. We fully understand some of the financial pressures many families are facing.

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.





### Uniform Swap Shop Update

Thank you to all of our families who have made uniform donations throughout the year to add to our Pre-Loved uniform stock!!

Donations of clean, gently used school uniforms to help families and promote sustainability are now being taken ready for the new academic year and would be gratefully received.



Please donate your preloved uniforms:

- Jumpers
- Polo Shirts
- PE Hoodies
- PE T-Shirts
- Skirts
- Trousers
- School Shoes
- Coats



Drop off Point: School Office

More information will follow of times and dates when our Uniform Swap Shop will be open to parents.

Thank you for your kindness!

### Celebrating a Year of Activity, Teamwork and 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 is a look back at everything we accomplished together:

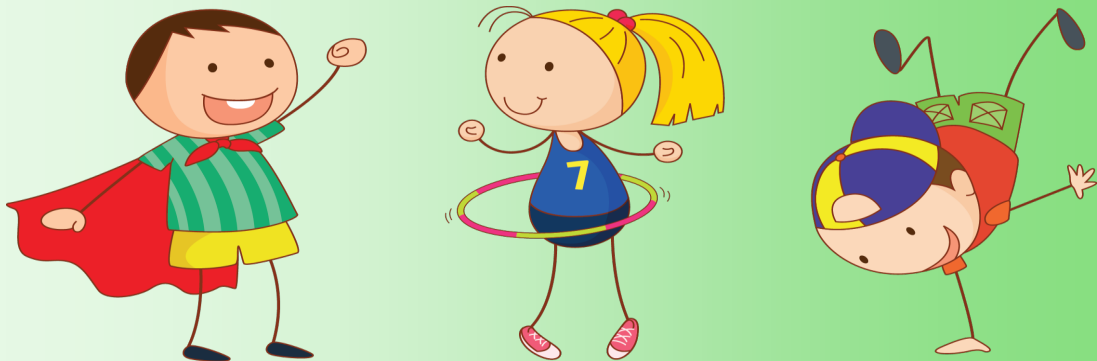
Multi Skills & Active Play: Our Multi Skills sessions gave students the chance to build coordination, balance, and agility through fun and inclusive games. Active Club also kept energy levels high, offering a space to enjoy movement and fitness after school.

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.

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.





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### 2025/2026 Extra Curricular Clubs Overview

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Term	Club	When	Average Attendance
Autumn 1	Year 3/4 Multi Skills	After School	17
All Year	Active Club	After School	19
Autumn 1	Year 5/6 Netball	Lunchtime	14
Autumn 1	Year 5/6 Multisport	After School	15
Autumn 2 / Spring 1	Year 3/4 Dodgeball	After School	28
Autumn 2 / Spring 1	Year 5/6 Dodgeball	After School	28
Spring 2	KS1 Football Club	After School	21
Spring 2	KS2 Football Skills	After School	28
Summer 1	Year 3/4 Football	After School	16
Summer 1	KS2 Athletics	After School	22
Summer 2	KS2 Tennis Club	After School	18
Summer 2	KS2 Rounders	After School	18

### 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





### Supporting children with medication in school

There are times when children need medication but are fit and well enough to attend school. To support our families medication can be administered by school staff. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, there are strict guidelines regarding the administering of medication in school.

Please take note of the following:

Prescribed Medication: must be provided in it's original packaging, including the patient information leaflet, with a pharmacy label displaying the child's name and dosage instructions.

Non-Prescribed Medication: in some cases non-prescribed medication may be given. The medication must be in it's original packaging with a patient information leaflet. Please speak to the school office for more information.

Medication given 3 times a day: where a child's medication is to be given three times a day, we ask that parents administer this at home rather than sending to school.

Medication storage: all medication must be handed into the school office and must not be kept in children's bags.

Consent forms: A parent/carer must complete the required forms before any medication is given. These forms are available on the school website and at the school office.

