



## Higher Failsworth Primary School Newsletter Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2026

A very warm welcome to all our families as we begin another exciting year at school. Whether your child is joining us for the first time or you have been part of our school community for many years, we are delighted to have you with us and look forward to the year ahead.

Our aim is to provide a caring, welcoming and inclusive school where every child feels valued, supported and able to succeed. We believe that working in partnership with families is an essential part of helping children thrive, and we look forward to building positive relationships with you as we support your child's learning, wellbeing and personal development.

The year ahead will bring many opportunities for our children to learn, discover, create and grow. Our dedicated staff have been working hard to provide a broad range of engaging learning experiences that will encourage children to develop their skills, embrace new challenges and become confident, curious learners.

We believe that communication and collaboration between home and school are key to ensuring every child has the best possible experience. If you have any questions, concerns or ideas, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are always happy to listen and will do everything we can to support you and your child.

Thank you for your continued trust and support. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with learning, laughter, friendship and achievement, and to sharing many special moments with our children and families along the way.





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### Wrap around child care options at Higher Failsworth Primary School

#### **Exciting News – Buds & Blossoms Childcare at Higher Failsworth!**

We are delighted to share that **Buds & Blossoms childcare is now based at Higher Failsworth Primary School!** They are offering both **after-school care during term time and a holiday club during school holidays**, providing additional childcare options for our families.

We understand how busy family life can be, and we hope that having convenient, flexible childcare available on-site will help support parents and carers with their work and family commitments.

Buds & Blossoms offer flexible pick-up times of **4:30pm or 6:00pm** for after-school care. Their holiday club also provides a welcoming place for children to enjoy fun activities and spend time with friends during the school holidays.

We are thrilled to welcome Buds & Blossoms to our school community and look forward to working together to support our children and families.

For further information about sessions, availability and booking, please contact Buds & Blossoms directly,

Email: [budsandblossomsfailsworth@gmail.com](mailto:budsandblossomsfailsworth@gmail.com)

Text or Whatsapp 07539897511

Website <https://budsandblossoms.magicbooking.co.uk>

#### Higher Failsworth Breakfast Club

Our usual Breakfast Club is available from 8:00am doors close at 8:30am, offering tasty breakfast options such as cereal, toast, fruit and milk.

Children have an opportunity to socialise with friends, play games or take part in group activities led by Mr Albinson.

The cost is £1:00 per session payable in advance via Parentpay.





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### The School Day

Nursery – Morning 8:45am to 11:45am  
Afternoon 12:15 pm to 3:15pm  
Full Day 8:45am to 3:15pm

Reception – 8:55am to 3:15pm  
Doors open 8:45am and close at 8:55am

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

### 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

### Appointments during school hours

We have noticed an increase in children being collected early for appointments.

We understand that some appointments need to be booked during school time, but where possible please can appointments be made outside of the school day.

Children miss important information, learning time with their friends and the lessons are interrupted for everyone.

Thank You for your understanding and support with this.





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### Macmillan Cake Morning

We had a very successful cake morning, the children enjoyed choosing a delicious treat in exchange for a donation to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Thank you for your cake donations and contributing to the £320 raised.

### Individual School Photo Day

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and sibling portraits.

If you would like a sibling photo of children at school please call the school office, unfortunately due to time constraints we won't be able to invite younger siblings into school for group photographs.

### Halloween Disco

All of our children are invited to the Halloween Disco on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October for some spooky fun!

To secure your child's place please pay £3:00 for entry, this also includes a drink and packet of crisps, payment also confirms your consent for your child to attend. For more information see our Dojo message on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

### Children in Need

We will be joining in the Children in Need fun on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, look out on Dojo for more information.

### October Half Term

School closes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026 and returns on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.





### School Attendance

Every day your child attends school is an opportunity to learn, develop and make progress. Days missed can quickly add up and good attendance is strongly linked to positive educational outcomes. Previous data shows that 84% of Key Stage 2 pupils with 100% attendance achieved the expected standard, compared with just 40% of pupils who were persistently absent throughout Key Stage 2. The data also shows that Key Stage 2 pupils who did not achieve the expected standard missed, on average, four more days of school each year than those whose attainment exceeded the expected standard.

Being in school regularly allows children to benefit from daily teaching, learning alongside their friends and the support of their teachers. Attending school also provides children with access to pastoral support, extra-curricular activities and a safe, supportive environment in which they can thrive.

Being on time matters too arriving at school on time is just as important as attending every day. When children arrive late, they can miss important introductions, instructions and the beginning of their learning.

This can make it more difficult for them to settle into the lesson and keep up with their classmates.

Every day and every minute in school counts. Thank you for helping us to give the best possible opportunity to learn, achieve.





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### Applying for a Secondary School Place

Parents/Carers of children in Year 6 now is the time to apply for your child's secondary school place. Online applications close:  
**5pm on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2026.**

You will receive a confirmation once your application has been received. If you do not get one contact Oldham Council on 0161 770 4213.

### Applying for a Primary School Place

Is your child due to start Reception class in September 2027?  
If your child was born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023, they are due to start Reception in September 2027.

Online applications are now being taken through Oldham Council's School Admissions service. Online applications close:  
**5pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2027.**

If you need any help or advice with your application, please contact:  
School Admissions team on 0161 770 4213.

For further information and to apply visit  
[www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oldham.gov.uk/admissions)

### Early Years Open Evening at Higher Failsworth

We would love to welcome prospective families to our Early Years Open Evening. Come along to meet our staff, explore our learning environment and find out more about the exciting experiences we offer our Reception children.

It is a great opportunity to see our school, ask questions and discover what makes Higher Failsworth Primary School such a welcoming place for children to begin their school journey.

**Wednesday 4th November 2026  
3:45pm to 4:45pm**

