



Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 02/10/2026



We are excited to be developing The Featherby Explorers, our enrichment programme at Featherby. Our aim is simple: to ensure every child has opportunities to broaden their horizons, discover new interests, build confidence and develop important skills for life.

Being a Featherby Explorer will mean taking part in a wide range of experiences:



- Community – School Council, Eco Council and community litter picking.
- Create & Culture – theatre trips, museum visits, art gallery experiences and opportunities to experience the arts.
- Adventure & Nature – outdoor learning, exploring nature, residential trips and opportunities to build independence and resilience.
- Active – sporting events, competitions, new physical activities and opportunities to become Play Leaders.
- Life & Future – leadership, teamwork, responsibility and experiences that help prepare our children for their futures.

And this is just the beginning! We want our children to have opportunities to try new things, visit new places, discover their talents and develop interests that may stay with them for life.

At the heart of The Featherby Explorers is our school vision:

“Learning together to inspire minds through inclusive and creative practice – aspirations are high for all.” Through The Featherby Explorers, we want every child to discover what excites and inspires them, develop the confidence to embrace new experiences and begin to see the possibilities that lie ahead. By opening doors to new opportunities, we can help our children create lasting memories, develop important life skills and build high aspirations for themselves and their futures.

We also want The Featherby Explorers to be something we develop together with our wider community. By working with local organisations, businesses, clubs and individuals, we can open up even more opportunities for our children and help them discover experiences, interests and talents beyond the classroom.

As part of this, we want to make sure we offer a fantastic range of activities that will inspire all children and reflect their different interests and talents. We are therefore currently looking for outside companies who would be interested in coming into school to offer after-school drama, singing and dancing clubs.

If you know of a company or organisation that offers these types of activities, we would really appreciate you sharing their details with us via admin@fpsmat.org, or encouraging them to get in touch with us directly.

We'd love to hear from them and work together to create even more exciting opportunities for our children!

Explore • Experience • Discover • Grow

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First group of clubs - expression of interest form

Landing in inbox on Sunday @ 7pm

REC TO YEAR 6

Following on from our launch of Featherby Explorers, the first group of activities on offer will go live on Sunday evening at 7pm. They will be a group of first-come, first-served activities and clubs, run by Featherby staff after school in the coming weeks. We would suggest keeping an eye on your inbox and letting us know your child is interested.

WHOLE SCHOOL



Wear a Splash of Red Day - Friday 16th October

On Friday 16th October we will be joining with other schools around the country to 'Show Racism the Red Card' - as we say loudly and clearly that racism has no place in our society. So we will:

Wear RED as a sign of solidarity.

Wear RED as a sign of resistance.

Wear RED as a sign of allyship.

Children should wear their school uniform with a splash of red on that day. For example it could be red socks, red headband/ribbon, red shoes or scarf.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Have you done your local trips consent yet?

If not please go to:

MyChildAtSchool
Parental Consents
and update "2026/27 local trips"

Although we would always advise parents in advance about local trips (eg to the library), we ask parents to consider granting local trip consent in advance.

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child at
school.com

SEND FAMILIES

SEND Families Support Coffee Morning

With guest Hayley Forest from Forest Autism Support

Come along for an informal cuppa and a chat with Hayley, who is a qualified and experienced Specialist Teacher in the field of Social Communication Difficulties and Autism.



Hayley can offer a wide range of assessments, advice and practical, hands-on support for both home and educational settings.

This will be a joint coffee morning with Danecourt Parents, providing an opportunity to meet like-minded families, share experiences and enjoy a friendly Question and Answer session with Hayley.



Featherby Infant School Hall

Wednesday 7th October

09:30AM - 10:30AM



Danecourt School



What is Safeguarding?

Safeguarding is about **protecting children from harm and promoting their welfare**. This includes providing help and support when problems emerge, protecting children from abuse, neglect and exploitation, supporting their physical and mental health and development, and taking action to help children achieve the best possible outcomes.

Our Safeguarding Team works with children, families, school staff and, where necessary, other professionals to make sure children receive the **right help at the right time**.

Safeguarding and Behaviour – What's the Difference?

We understand that when something happens involving your child, it can be worrying. However, **not every behaviour incident is a safeguarding concern**.

Behaviour concerns may include:

- not following school rules or expectations
- disruption in lessons
- disagreements or friendship difficulties
- inappropriate language
- isolated incidents of unkind behaviour
- consequences relating to the school's behaviour policy

These matters are normally managed through the school's **Behaviour Policy** and pastoral systems.

Safeguarding concerns arise when there is a concern that a child **may need help or protection from harm**. This could include concerns relating to:

- physical, emotional or sexual abuse
- neglect
- exploitation
- harmful or abusive behaviour between children
- online harm
- domestic abuse
- significant concerns about a child's safety or welfare

When Behaviour Becomes a Safeguarding Concern

Sometimes behaviour **can be an indicator of a safeguarding concern**, or an incident that initially appears to be a behaviour matter may involve safeguarding.

For example, repeated or significant harmful behaviour between children, sexual harassment or sexual violence, exploitation, or behaviour that suggests a child may be experiencing harm will be considered through the school's safeguarding procedures.

Where this happens, the Safeguarding Team will consider the information available and decide what action is needed in the **best interests of the child**.

This means that two incidents which may appear similar can sometimes be managed differently because the circumstances, level of risk and needs of the children involved are different.

What does the Safeguarding Team do?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Safeguarding Team:

- receive and assess concerns about children's safety and welfare;
- listen to children and ensure their concerns are taken seriously;
- identify when a child may need additional help or protection;
- support staff to respond appropriately to safeguarding concerns;
- maintain appropriate safeguarding records; and
- work with Children's Social Care, health services, the police and other agencies when this is necessary to support or protect a child.

The Safeguarding Team does not replace the school's behaviour system. Behaviour incidents will continue to be managed in line with the school's Behaviour Policy unless there is a safeguarding concern that requires additional action.

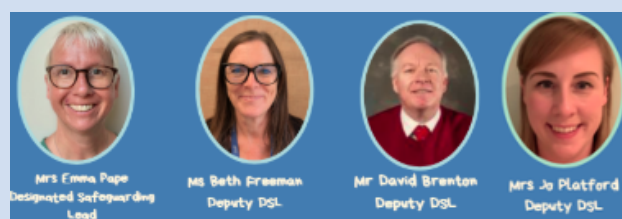
Who should I contact?

If your concern is about behaviour or a school rule:

Please contact the class teacher in the first instance

If you are worried that a child may be at risk of harm or needs safeguarding support:

Please contact the school's Safeguarding team.



Flu Vaccines for Reception to Year 6

It's the last chance to sign your child up for the flu vaccine programme (nasal spray) for Reception to Year 6 parents.

If you wish your child to have the nasal spray flu vaccine in school when the nurses visit next Friday then please go to:

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

and use the following codes:

Rec to Year 2 = KT145042

Year 3 to Year 6 = KT144969



Hatchlings Stay & Play

No Booking required -
Just turn up and play!
Free of charge

JOIN US!

- Babies and Children can explore, play and learn through a range of activities
- Meet new faces of the community!
- Parent support and guidance
- Wellbeing Support
- Inclusive and Child-led environment

Stay, play and learn sessions for under 4's **every other Wednesday**

Join us for a relaxed stay-and-play session led by our Family Liaison Officer (Registered Children's Nurse) and our Community Ambassador (Experienced Maternity Support Worker)

Suitable for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and guardians giving you the chance to build friendships and share experiences!

Time:	Location:
9am-10:30am	Featherby Infants and Nursery
Dates:	School - Allington Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 6PD
16 th Sept 30 th Sept	
14 th Oct 11 th Nov	
25 th Nov	
16 th Dec - Christmas Party	

Harvest Celebration - Year 1 parents, you're invited! **YEAR 1**

Thursday 15th October @ 2.30pm

Year 1 children will be leading on a special Harvest celebration and we would love to see you all there. We will asking parents to send in their food donations the week before for our Harvest display, and all donations will be shared with Featherby Families in care packages as part of our in-school food bank programme. We will remind you the week before but if you're shopping this week and want to pick something up, the type of donations we'd really appreciate would include: cereal, sugar, tinned vegetables, baked beans, pasta, toothpaste, toothbrushes, washing powder/tabs/liquid, shampoo/conditioner, dry pasta and sauce packets, noodles and pasta sauces (jars/tins).

As ever, We are always amazed by the generosity of our parents so thank you in advance.

Save the date and we'll see you at our Harvest celebration!



Toucan Class reward - Mon 5th October

TOUCAN CLASS

As Toucan class have worked together and have already accumulated enough class tokens for their chosen reward, they can come into school on Monday wearing the pajamas and bring a (small) teddy too.



WHOLE SCHOOL

Featherby schools are excited to invite you to our Macmillan coffee morning!

This invite is open to our Featherby family and friends as well as our wider community, please spread the word and invite your family, friends and neighbours. We would love to see as many faces as possible, old and new.

We will have tea, coffee, cake and treats available for a donation of your choice. We will have pots for change on the day as well as a link and a QR code for donations.

We will look forward to seeing you there!

Natalie King (Featherby's Family Liaison Officer) and Vicky Paterson (Featherby's Community Ambassador)

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026

Time: 9am-10:30AM

Venue: Featherby Infants and Nursery School main hall,
Allington Road, ME8 6PD



MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

WHOLE SCHOOL



BROMPTON ACADEMY
20th – 30th October 2026

PRICES STARTING AT £28 PER DAY
8:30AM-4PM
EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE - 8AM

BOOK ONLINE TODAY VIA OUR WEBSITE

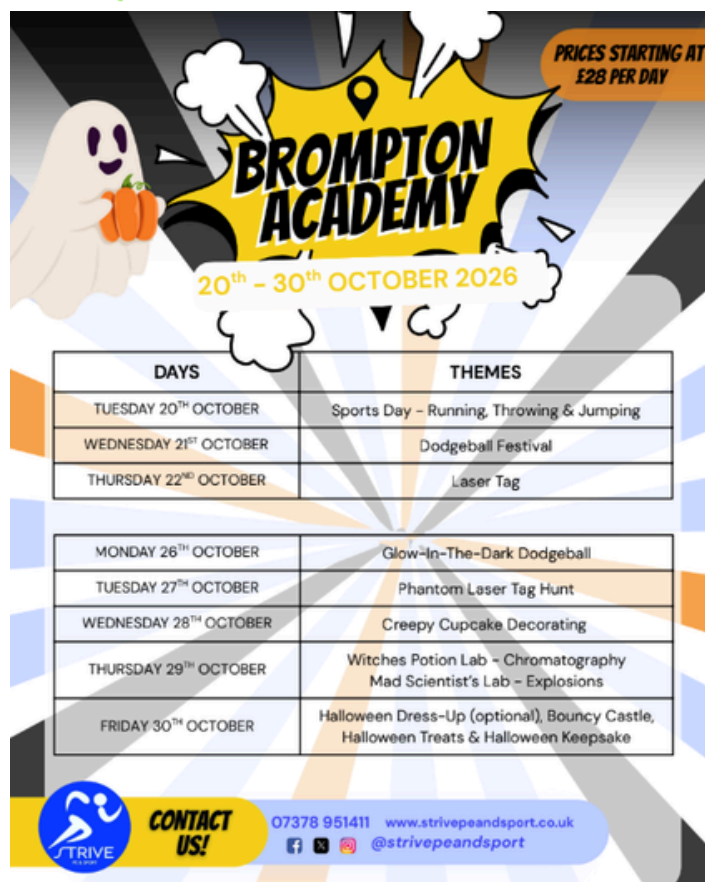
TEACHER LED
DBS CHECKED
SEND SPECIALISTS

ACTIVITIES

- SPORTS DAY
- DODGEBALL FEST
- LASER TAG
- GLOW-IN-THE-DARK DODGEBALL
- PHANTOM LASER TAG HUNT
- CREEPY CUPCAKE DECORATING
- WITCHES POTION LAB
- HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP (OPTIONAL)
- BOUNCY CASTLE

BOOK HERE >

CONTACT US! 07378 951411 www.strivepeandsport.co.uk @strivepeandsport



BROMPTON ACADEMY
20th – 30th OCTOBER 2026

PRICES STARTING AT £28 PER DAY

DAYS	THEMES
TUESDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	Sports Day – Running, Throwing & Jumping
WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	Dodgeball Festival
THURSDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	Laser Tag
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	Glow-In-The-Dark Dodgeball
TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	Phantom Laser Tag Hunt
WEDNESDAY 28 TH OCTOBER	Creepy Cupcake Decorating
THURSDAY 29 TH OCTOBER	Witches Potion Lab – Chromatography Mad Scientist's Lab – Explosions
FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	Halloween Dress-Up (optional), Bouncy Castle, Halloween Treats & Halloween Keepsake

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Invoices to support UC Claims

WRAPAROUND

If you need invoices to support your Universal Credit claims for the wraparound sessions paid for, we are always happy to help. We would ask that you let us know a few days before you need it, so we can ensure you get it in time (as we're not always able to produce them at short notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Can you help us fundraise with Cashback

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We've registered for a great scheme which enables school to raise valuable funds via 'cashback' to spend on enrichment for the children. Parents can register via: [EasyFundraising](#) and when you then purchase items online with hundreds of retailers (from supermarkets to Amazon) the school earns cashback. We would be so grateful if you could help and we'll keep you posted on our progress. As ever, thank you.

Meet Rupert, our Dog Mentor

WHOLE SCHOOL

We're excited to let you know that Rupert has graduated his training and can't wait to spend time in school. He's here to calm children when they feel they can't yet express how they feel, celebrate great work that the children are proud of and be a friend when needed. Key staff are also receiving training on how to support Rupert in his work and we know that the children will benefit from him being in school. If you see him on the gate, be sure to give him a Featherby welcome (he loves a fuss!)



Events in Red = Events when parents in certain year groups come in to join us (dates for your diary)

Events in Blue = Events happening in school for the children, that doesn't involve parents coming in

Monday 5th October	New	Toucan Class reward: pajama and teddy day
Tues 6th October @ 10.30am		Eagle Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 7th October 9.30-10.30am	New	SEND Families Coffee Morning (with guest Autism specialist) Page 4
Thurs 8th October @ 10.30am		Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 9th October		School nursing team coming to do flu vaccinations for parents who have opted in for their child
Fri 9th October		Nursery Emergency Services Dress Up Day
Tues 13th October 9am-10.30am	New	Macmillan coffee morning - everyone welcome to join us (infant hall)
Tues 13th October @ 10.30am		Emu Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 14th October 9am-10.30am	New	Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Thurs 15th October @ 10.30am		Puffin Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 15th October @ 2.30pm	New	Year 1 Harvest Celebration (parents invited to join us) - Page 5
Friday 16th October		Nursery Harvest Stay & Play (parents invited to join us)
Friday 16th October	New	Wear a Splash of Red (with uniform) to show support against Racism
Friday 16th October		Last Day of Term 1 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 2nd November		First Day of Term 2
Tues 3rd November @ 10.30am		Flamingo Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 5th November @ 10.30am		Tawny Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 10th November @ 10.30am		Ostrich Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 11th Nov 9am-10.30am	New	Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Weds 11th November (evening)		Parent & Teacher Autumn Consultation Meetings (day 1)
Thurs 12th November (evening)		Parent & Teacher Autumn Consultation Meetings (day 2)
Thurs 12th November @ 10.30am		Barn Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 17th November @ 10.30am		Parrot Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 19th November @ 10.30am		Snowy Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 24th November @ 10.30am		Toucan Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Weds 25th Nov 9am-10.30am	New	Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Tues 1st December @10.30am		Macaw Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 8th December @10.30am		Skylark Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 8th December @ 9.30am		Robin Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Weds 9th December @ 9.30am		Wren Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 10th December @ 9.30am		Finch Class Nativity Performance (parents invited to join us)
Tues 15th December @10.30am		Jay Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)

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Events in Blue = Events happening in school for the children, that doesn't involve parents coming in

Weds 16th Dec 9am-10.30am	New	Hatchlings Christmas Party (baby & toddler group) Infant Hall
Friday 18th December		Last Day of Term 2 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
Monday 4th January 2027		First Day of Term 3
Friday 12th February		Last Day of Term 3 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 22nd February		First Day of Term 4
Thursday 25th March		Last Day of Term 4 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
Weds 10th March (evening)		Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 1)
Thurs 11th March (evening)		Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 2)
Mon 10th - Thurs 13th May		National Year 6 SATs Tests
Monday 12th April		First Day of Term 5
Friday 30th April		Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 3rd May		Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 18th May		Sports Day (Years 1 - 6)
(Thursday 20th May)		(back up Sports Day for Years 1-6, if weather poor on 18th)
Friday 28th May		Last Day of Term 5 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 7th June		First Day of Term 6
Mon 7th - Fri 18th June		National Multiplication checks for Year 4s
Mon 14th - Fri 18th June		National Phonics tests for Year 1s (and some Year 2s)
Tuesday 15th June - pm		EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Sports Day
(Weds 16th June - pm)		(back up Sports Day for EYFS, if weather poor on 18th)
Tues 6th July (pm)		End of Term Celebration of Learning (all classes) Parents to join us
Tues 13th July (pm until 6pm)		Year 6 Leavers Festival
Thurs 22nd July (am)		Year 6 Leavers Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Friday 23rd July		Last Day of Term 6 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)



Special Mentions

Olive	Tawny Owl	For showing great determination and resilience in her learning this week. Focussing on her tasks and giving her best. Keep it up Olive!
Tillie	Wren	For working hard with letter formation and name writing, even during independent learning time. Keep up the amazing enthusiasm! Well done Tillie
Teddy P	Puffin	For being confident and sharing ideas and having a fantastic attitude to learning! Well done!
Harper	Barn Owl	For taking responsibility for your actions and asking an adult for help, even when you find it hard. I am proud of your honesty and how you recognise when you could have made a different choice.
Eli	Woodpecker	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning and for his fantastic reading this week. Well done superstar!
Aneesa	Finch	Aneesa has really wowed us this week with her fantastic level of engagement across all aspects of her learning.
Ella	Snowy Owl	For always having a confident and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning and her fantastic writing this week. Well done Ella!
Maddison	Kingfisher	For your growing confidence and for being a fantastic friend.
Ellie	Robin	for being super involved and enthusiastic towards your learning in all areas, especially in phonics. You are a superstar!
Izzy	The Nest	for joining in with bucket time and circle time this week! Well done

Evie T	Jay	For her huge improvement in her resilience over the last two weeks and coming into school more settled - well done!
Grayson L	Skylark	For fantastic engagement during his learning in class and always being keen to pass his knowledge on to the rest of the class!
Edison G	Dove	For holding high aspirations in Maths this week, and meeting them daily! Edison was extremely on task this week, and even demonstrated respect for others by helping them, too! Keep it up legend!
Alice B	Parrot	For producing an excellent persuasive speech this week, including rhetorical questions and expanded noun phrases. Well done Alice!
Cole B	Toucan	For always being responsible and doing the right thing. He is a super helper who is always on task and takes great pride in producing the very best work he can.
Isla K	Macaw	For singing during our music lesson with such confidence and expression. Keep up the wonderful performance!
Toby H	Ostrich	For being positive, friendly and on task. Great job Toby! You are a ray of sunshine.
Finley M	Flamingo	For demonstrating the core skill of resilience over 4 weeks and trying his hardest in every aspect of his learning. I am super proud of you Finley - you have been a superstar.
Harper M	Emu	For showcasing her amazing work ethic across all subjects. No matter the task, Harper always tries her absolute best to achieve. You are a superstar, Harper!
Janelle A	Hawk	For being a superstar in our class assembly, stepping in at the last minute to take on someone else's line, and doing an amazing job!
Rebeca D	Falcon	For being a superb role model. Her work is always to a high standard and she is an active participant in every lesson.
Santino S	Eagle	For always trying his best even when he finds things tricky and for being a wonderful friend and helping hand. Well done Santino, keep it up!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors
Skylark - 98.75%

Infants
Kingfisher 98.52%



Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Year 1 - Frankie-Rae Capon
Year 2 - Noah Mason
Year 3 - Ihan Anu V
Year 4 - Zachary M
Year 5 - Harry A
Year 6 - Phoebe W