

Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 09/10/2026



What another busy week at Featherby!

This week we have launched Reading with Parents, which I am really excited about. Reading is such an important part of children's learning, and even just ten minutes a day can make a real difference to their confidence, fluency and enjoyment of books.

I absolutely love listening to the recordings of children reading. Hearing their voices, the effort they put into tricky words and how their confidence grows is just wonderful. It is so nice to hear the progress they are making, so please do keep the recordings coming! Sharing a book, listening to your child read or simply talking about a story together are all great ways to encourage a love of reading. It's also wonderful to see the different ways children are learning at home. Whether it's sharing a story, practising something they've learnt in class or exploring something that interests them, these little moments all make a difference. We know how busy family life can be, and we really appreciate everything you do to support your children's learning.

On a personal note, I also wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who has taken the time to ask about my knee and send such kind words and good wishes. It really has meant a lot to me, and I am very grateful for everyone's thoughtfulness.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend, everyone!

E. Pape

Have you logged on to Learning with Parents yet?

Raising a concern

WHOLE SCHOOL

There are times when you may need to ask a question or raise a concern about some aspect of school life. To be able to help you resolve these quickly in the first instance you should speak to the class teacher. If you need further support from school your next point of contact is your child's phase leader or the SENCO. They are: EYFS / Year 1 - Miss McKenna, Year 2 / 3 - Miss Baker, Year 4/5 - Mr Brooker, Year 6 - Mrs Astirbadi, SENCO - Mrs Blyth

If your concerns have not been resolved after following this process then your concerns will be escalated to the school's Assistant Headteacher

Assistant Headteacher (Pastoral and Behaviour) - Mr Brenton

Assistant Headteacher (Teaching and Learning) - Mrs. Platford

We hope by this point the issues you have raised will have been addressed. However, we know in a small number of cases further school input will be necessary and at this point Ms Freeman (Deputy Headteacher) will become involved.

In rare cases, when all other avenues have been explored it may be necessary to escalate to Mrs. Pape (Headteacher)

We hope this helps to clarify who to contact should you have any questions or concerns about school life.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Attendance Matters

Every Day for Every Child - that's our aim. Ever wonder if your child is too ill for school or if you need to keep them off?

This useful video might be a useful resource: [Illness absence & staying healthy](#)

to remind you, if you need to report your child as being unwell, please do so by 8.30am via:

- Message on MCAS
- Answerphone (01634-231984 option 1 for Nursery to Year 2 and option 2 for Years 3-6)
- email: attendanceinf@fpsmat.org (Nursery to Year 2) and attendancejnr@fpsmat.org (Year 3-6)

Year 4 - Cookery next term

YEAR 4

Year 4 will enjoy a term of cookery lessons in DT next term, as they develop this life-skill they will also be learning about many other parts of the curriculum including maths, science, reading and writing. We want every child to take part so please ensure you complete the consent form for the ingredients:

[Year 4 Cookery Consent Form](#)



YEAR 4

Year 4 will be extending their learning about their current reading: Kensuke's Kingdom by watching a film of the story. This is a PG film but we note that all our Year 4 children have already got consent from parents to watch PG films. However if you had any concerns, as always, please speak to your child's class teacher.



WHOLE SCHOOL

Earrings and safety

Pretty though they are, children should not wear hoops or dangly earrings at any time in school for safety. Studs only please in school.

Thank you



Barn Owl Class reward - Mon 12th October

BARN OWL

As Barn Owl class have worked together and have already accumulated enough class tokens for their chosen reward, they can come into school on Monday wearing their pajamas or onesies. Enjoy your reward, Barn Owl - you've earned it.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Christmas Card Design Competition

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's time to get creative, festive and full of Christmas cheer! We are delighted to announce our **Christmas Card Design Competition**, and we would love to see the wonderful ideas and designs from our children.



Competition Information

Entry fee: £1 per entry
Closing date: Wednesday 11th November
Who can enter: EYFS, KS1 and KS2

There will be winners from each phase:

EYFS Winner

KS1 Winner

KS2 Winner

Prizes

1st Prize

A Christmas hamper

2nd Prize

A stationery hamper

3rd Prize

Christmas goodies

The winning designs will be turned into Christmas cards, which will be sent out to members of our local community. What a wonderful way to share some Christmas joy!

So, sharpen those pencils, get out your crayons and let your imaginations run wild!

Get creating, get festive and, most importantly, have fun!

We can't wait to see all of your fantastic Christmas designs.



MedwayGo

FREE ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FREE

FAMILY FUN DAY

**MEDWAY PARK SPORTS CENTRE
MILL RD, GILLINGHAM ME7 1HF**

Tuesday 27th Oct 2026

11:00 - 12:00: SEND Hour

12:00 - 14:00: Open to All

Inflatables - Multisport - Facepainting

**Book using the QR code
go.medway.gov.uk/**



Scooters and Bikes on site

If your child brings a scooter or bike to school to ride to/from home please can you ensure that they do not ride/scoot it until they get out of school site completely and are clear of others walking.

Riding or scooting around families as they enter or leave the site risks injury (for the child on the bike or scooter as well as for our parents and other children) so please help us to help keep everyone safe and dismount whilst around others and push it instead.

Thank you

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

We would like to invite you, your family, neighbours and friends to our Macmillan coffee morning

On **Tuesday 13th Oct** from **9am until 10:30am** in the Infant building main hall.

We will have tea, coffee, juice, cakes and treats available in return 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.

All proceeds will be going to Macmillan Cancer Support. To learn more about this charity and all the fantastic work Macmillan please follow this link: <https://www.macmillan.org.uk/>

To help make our coffee morning a HUGE success and to help raise as much money as we possibly can, we are asking for donations of cakes and treats please. These can be shop-bought or homemade (if homemade please label your storage container so we can return it). If your cake is allergy-friendly, please let us know so we can make sure everyone is catered for. We are kindly asking for all items to be NUT FREE. Please can we ask that donations brought into either school building by the end of the day on Tuesday 29th September 2026.

Any leftover cakes and treats will be available at the end of the school day by the infant gates for a small donation of your choice.

We have also agreed that it would be wonderful to see lots of green around school on our coffee morning day, so we are excited to share that your child/children can wear green or something green for a donation of any amount on that day.

We will, of course, send out reminders leading up to the date, so please pencil the date into your diary/calendar as we would love to see you all there.

Many thanks for your continued support,

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



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

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

Time to send in your donations
and please come along on 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 this week 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 would really appreciate the following:

- 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.

We'll see you at our Harvest celebration Year 1 parents!

RECEPTION

YEAR 6

Height & Weight Checks - Monday Reception & Year 6

The nursing team will be in on Monday to undertake the national Height & Weight checks. Information is confidential and discreet for each child but if you have any concerns do let the school know.

REC TO YEAR 6



Explorers

This afternoon the choir, the first of our Explorer enrichment activities started, and how delightful to enjoy the children's singing. Many more experiences are due to start next term including cooking, first-aid, reading, gardening, sewing etc

We can't wait to see what the children make of these experiences..



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:
9am-10:30am

Dates:
16th Sept 30th Sept
14th Oct 11th Nov
25th Nov
16th Dec -
Christmas Party

Location:
Featherby Infants and Nursery
School - Allington Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 6PD



CALLING U8 GIRLS FOR OUR NEW TEAM!





TRAINING TUESDAY 5-6PM



CONTACT MATT 07582825443



SCHOOL YEARS 2 & 3

TEAMWORK ★ FRIENDSHIP ★ FUN



R RAINHAM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER
TIME: 5PM - 7PM
HEADTEACHER TALK AT 5PM

FOR YEAR 6 PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE STARTING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2027

What to expect?

- Guided tours of the school
- Meet our teachers and students
- Classroom demonstrations
- Student performances and displays
- Find out more about our **Stellar Grammar Steam**
- Refreshments available



We look forward to seeing you there.



Rated as a 'Strong' school by Ofsted 2026



Featherby Junior School | KS2

GAMEBUILDING Afterschool Club

At Jam Coding, our goal is to help improve children's digital skills. This game building workshop will teach children how to code and build their very own 3D computer game. Children will have fun creating interactive animations and games using visual coding. Working in teams, they will learn how to think logically and solve problems. At the end of the course, all children will receive a certificate and one team will receive a trophy!

DATES: 4th Nov, 11th Nov, 18th Nov, 25th Nov, 2nd Dec, 9th Dec

TIME: Running on Wednesdays at 3:20pm to 4:20pm

PRICE: 6 WEEKS OF FUN FOR JUST £8.00 A SESSION!



BOOK HERE: [GAME BUILDING AT FEATHERBY JUNIOR SCHOOL](#)

Click the link above to view course details OR visit our website and head to the booking tab. Enter your postcode in the locations field and click search to view courses. Then select the school or venue you require. N.B. You can only attend courses held at the school that your child attends. You can also search by the school postcode.

For more information, contact your Area Manager on:

medway.ad@jamcoding.co.uk

WIN A FREE PLACE!
Follow us on social media for the chance to win a free place.



www.jamcoding.co.uk

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 12th October	New	School Nursing Team in to do the Year 6 and Year R Height & Weight checks
Tues 13th October (pm)	New	RockSteady Workshops - KS2
Tues 13th October 9am-10.30am		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		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		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		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
Monday 2nd November (am)	New	RockSteady Workshops - KS1
Tues 3rd November (am)	New	Photographer in school - children's individual photographs taken
Weds 4th November @ 10.30am	New DATE	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		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		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)
Weds 16th Dec 9am-10.30am		Hatchlings Christmas Party (baby & toddler group) Infant Hall
Friday 18th December		Last Day of Term 2 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)

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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

New 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

Teddy R	Jay	For showing our SOAR values in everything he does - he is always on task, respectful to everyone and a pleasure to teach - well done!
Grace G	Skylark	For showing fantastic persuasive writing in English this week. Mr Hunter is very proud of you!
Neeve A	Dove	For demonstrating an increased resilience this week and pushing herself to hold higher aspirations in her work, leading to great results - keep it up superstar!
Mia-Rose K	Parrot	For always trying your best and being resilient even when you sometimes find it tricky, especially in Maths this week. Well done Mia!
Eivor R	Toucan	For making excellent contributions during English lessons, particularly when suggesting high-level vocabulary that enhances our shared writing.
Ilyana K	Macaw	For being an excellent role model in Macaw class. She consistently produces work to a very high standard and brings a positive, enthusiastic attitude to every lesson. She is a pleasure to teach!
Darcie B	Ostrich	For consistently being on task, producing beautifully presented work and always being a pleasant and respectful member of our class.
Jenna A	Flamingo	For an amazing set of writing this week, writing beautiful descriptive pieces throughout the week. Keep this up Jenna - you have started so well.
Thea S	Emu	For being impeccably well-mannered. She embodies our Featherby Values and is particularly respectful to all at Featherby. Keep it up, Thea!
Sienna K-M	Hawk	For showing respect and resilience and always remaining on task. Sienna, you are a joy to teach — keep being you!
Ollie W-C	Falcon	for his mature approach to his first term in year 6. He has been working hard in lessons, and shown resilience and determination - he is a pleasure to have in the classroom.
Jessica J	Eagle	For being an outstanding role model and absolute pleasure to teach. Jessica is helpful, polite and considerably hardworking. Well done Jessica!

Felicity	Woodpecker	Your growing confidence really shone through during our class assembly. You spoke so confidently and did a fantastic job. Well done superstar!
Eva	Puffin	For always having a positive attitude to all her learning even when she might find something tricky! Well done Eva!
Roman	Barn Owl	For having a good attitude towards learning and being a good role model in class. Well done Roman and keep up the hard work.
Rocky	Tawny Owl	For giving 100% to his behaviour and learning and showing great improvements. You superstar!!
Belle	Finch	For being an amazing role model this week, showing kindness, helpfulness and a fantastic attitude to her learning. She consistently sets a wonderful example for her friends
Alfie-Lee	Wren	For always trying your best, making fantastic progress in phonics and being such a kind and helpful member of our class. We are so proud of your hard work and positive attitude. Keep shining!
Merryn	Robin	For being a kind, polite, superb member of Robin class. You are a superstar role model and a fantastic friend to have. Keep up the amazing work!
Noah M	Kingfisher	For always trying his best, in all areas of his learning. We are very proud of you Noah!
Louie	Snowy Owl	For his enthusiasm towards his learning and his participation in Phonics this week. Well done Louie.
Raleigh	The Nest	for making fantastic choices in his behaviour this week. Well done, Raleigh!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors
Parrot = 100%

Infants
Kingfisher = 99.2%



Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Year 1 = Ragnarok
Year 2 = Hira
Year 3 = Meila
Year 4 = Akifa
Year 5 = Charlie
Year 6 = Mia-Rose