Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 20/11/2026

It's been another busy week at Featherby, with lots happening both in and out of the classroom! Our school discos have brought plenty of music, dancing and smiles! A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA for all their hard work organising these events. We know how much time and effort goes into making them happen, and we're incredibly grateful. With more discos still to come, there's plenty for the children to look forward to!

This week, our Year 4 children have been exploring the history of Rochester, making the most of the wonderful opportunities right on our doorstep. Visits like these are an important part of our curriculum, helping children connect their classroom learning with the world around them and deepen their understanding through first-hand experiences.

At Featherby, we want our children to be curious, ask questions and develop a genuine love of learning. Whether they're exploring local history, investigating Science or discovering new authors, our curriculum is designed to build knowledge, spark curiosity and inspire children to find out more.

With December just around the corner, we're looking forward to all the festive fun ahead. Christmas performances, celebrations and plenty of seasonal magic are on the way!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

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On-line reading and audiobooks for KS2 children

YEARS 3 - 6

At Featherby we celebrate reading and the love of a good book in all forms. To that end, we've enrolled the school into Sora and would encourage all parents of KS2 children to join Sora which is a free app to be able to download and enjoy e-books and audiobooks at home. Here's the guide on how to get started with Sora:



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." — Dr. Seuss

Tombola donations please

WHOLE SCHOOL

Let's make our Christmas fair the best ever!

We need donations sent in next week for our tombola please.

Can you send in:

- Chocolates and sweets
- Bottles for our bottle tombola
- Toys, games and gifts (new or in excellent condition)
- Christmas decorations
- Raffle prizes and gift vouchers
- Cakes, biscuits and other festive treats
- Any unwanted gifts that could be used as prizes



Every donation, big or small, will help make our Christmas fair a wonderful success! If you're able to pop an extra item into your shopping basket this weekend, we'd be so grateful. Please send any donations to the school office next week. Thank you so much for your generosity and support!

Year 1 - junk-modelling materials

YEAR 1

During the week commencing 7th December, Year 1 will be making shelters in Science and they would really appreciate any donations of materials such as cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, tubs, etc to help them with their construction. So please can we ask for (clean) recycling items to be sent to the office for Year 1. Thank you for your support.







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





Does this look like safe parking?

WHOLE SCHOOL

Please can we again remind all our families that it's really important to not park like this at any time, even for a minute. It puts families at risk as they try to cross the road, struggling to see around the cars that are parked like this. Additionally it causes other drivers to have little visibility of what's coming up the road or who is trying to cross. So let's adhere to the Highway Code and park with consideration for the safety of all Featherby families, please.



WHOLE SCHOOL

School Events

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

Mon 23rd November		Wear 'extra' blue for Diabetes month (see page 3)
Tues 24th November @ 10.20am		Toucan Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 24th November		Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (KS2)
Weds 25th Nov 9am-10.30am		Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Thurs 26th November		Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (KS2)
Friday 27th Nov @ 2.55pm		Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 27th Nov (after school)		PTA Xmas Fair
Mon 30th November		Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (EYFS/KS1)
Tues 1st December @10.30am		Macaw Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 3rd Dec 3.15pm-4pm		Reception Disco
Thurs 3rd Dec 4.15pm-5.15pm		Year 1 & Year 2 Disco
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)
Friday 11th December @ 9.30am		Year 6 Big Outcome (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
Weds 16th December		Xmas dinner in school
Friday 18th December		Last Day of Term 2 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
Monday 4th January 2027		First Day of Term 3
Friday 8th January @ 3pm		Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Weds 13th January	New	Photographers in school (taking pupil individual photos)
Friday 29th January @ 2.55pm		Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 5th February @ 3pm		Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Friday 12th February		Last Day of Term 3 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 22nd February		First Day of Term 4
Friday 26th February @ 2.55pm		Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 5th March @ 3pm		Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Weds 10th March (evening)		Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 1)
Thurs 11th March (evening)		Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 2)
Friday 19th March		Year 4 Big Outcome (time to be confirmed)
Friday 19th March @ 2.55pm		Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)

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Thursday 25th March	Last Day of Term 4 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
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)
Friday 7th May @ 3pm	Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Mon 10th - Thurs 13th May	National Year 6 SATs Tests
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 @ 2.55pm	Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
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
Friday 11th June @ 3pm	Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
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)
Friday 25th June @ 2.55pm	Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
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

WHOLE SCHOOL

Poppy W	Jay	For showing increased optimism in her learning this week, especially in making her own Stone Age Spear at lunchtime - Great work Poppy!
Jett T	Skylark	For always being positive in your learning, being more focussed in the classroom and being happy and thoughtful to others in the class. And always making me laugh!
Megan T	Dove	For consistently being on task during lessons and pushing herself in her work.
Jenson S	Parrot	For showing confidence in our class assembly to stand up and talk in front of everyone and for also developing confidence in the class and consistently contributing towards lessons.
Harley M	Toucan	For your wonderful sense of humour, infectious smile and bubbly personality. You bring so much joy and laughter to our classroom and always brighten everyone's day!
Kara-Mae B	Macaw	For always being on task in class. She completes her work to a high standard and consistently demonstrates exemplary behaviour. She is a delight to teach. Keep it up!
Zara M	Ostrich	For consistently demonstrating our SOAR values by making safe choices, staying focused, taking responsibility for her actions and treating all with respect and kindness. She is fantastic!
Harriet-Rose A	Flamingo	For being ON TASK in all of her lessons this week and making a concerted effort to improve her own learning. Well done Harriet!
Sabiana T	Emu	For consistently being a thoughtful and conscientious member of Emu Class. You are always following SOAR. We are incredibly proud to have you in Emu class. Keep it up, Sabiana!
Ramiz C	Hawk	For always being an amazing role model, consistently demonstrating our Featherby values and making fantastic progress in your interventions.
Fraser J	Falcon	For showing the Featherby Values and being a good role model both in the class and around the school. Keep it up - well done Fraser!
Christian C	Eagle	For his helpfulness, much-improved focus in class and the hard work and determination he has shown during assessments this week. Well done!

Andrew	Tawny Owl	For working really hard at his independence skills when getting dressed for PE. Well done Andrew.
Binky	Barn Owl	For always working so hard in DAP and for your amazing writing this week. So proud of you!
Joshua C	Puffin	For continuously working hard and this week contributing to more on the carpet. Keep it up!
Libby	Snowy Owl	For having a positive attitude towards her learning and SOARing this week! Well done Libby!
Oscar	Kingfisher	For confidently explaining his mathematical reasoning and being an all around superstar! Well done Oscar!
Kit	Finch	For always coming to school ready to learn and consistently using SOAR in everything you do. You are always safe, on task, accountable and respectful every single day. Keep up the fantastic effort Kit.
Delilah	Wren	For always being kind and helpful to her friends, showing excellent effort in all areas of learning, and consistently following our SOAR expectations. Well done, Delilah!
Shivaan	Robin	For being such an enthusiastic learner this week. Shivaan you have been polite, considerate and contributed so well to our class discussions! Well done!
Zuriel	Woodpecker	For her positive attitude towards her learning and always SOARing. Well done Zuriel!
Macey	The Nest	For showing amazing independence and following instructions this week. All the adults in the Nest are so proud of you!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly Winners

Juniors

Hawk = 100%

Infants

Woodpecker = 96.4%



Individual 100% - Winners of the assembly weekly draw

Year 1 = Elliot M

Year 2 = Joshua C

Year 3 = Harlow H

Year 4 = Teddy A

Year 5 = Harriett-Rose A

Yar 6 = Lily-Mai S