Featherby Friday Flyer

TERM 6 | WEEK 2 | FRIDAY 05/06/2026

I hope everyone had a lovely half-term break and managed to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine before the weather took a turn this week!
As we begin the second half of the summer term, there has been a real sense of curiosity, discovery and looking ahead across the school. Our youngest children enjoyed an exciting visit from ZooLab, getting up close to a variety of insects and creatures and learning more about the world around them. Meanwhile, our oldest pupils have begun their secondary transition activities, taking their first steps towards the next stage of their educational journey with confidence and enthusiasm.
These experiences reflect a theme that runs through much of our learning at the moment: helping children understand both the wider world and their place within it. Across the school, pupils have been exploring our local community and thinking about the places that bring them joy. Through conversations, visits, artwork and shared experiences, children have been reflecting on what makes our community special and the connections that help us feel a sense of belonging. We are looking forward to sharing this learning through our whole-school exhibition, which will celebrate the people, places and spaces that matter most to our children.
It was also a pleasure this week to welcome our new Reception children and their families who will be joining us in September. Watching some children take their very first steps into our school community, while others begin preparing for life beyond primary school, is a wonderful reminder that learning is a journey. We are proud to support our children at every stage, helping them to grow in confidence, curiosity and understanding of the world around them.

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What a week!

Year 6 had a fabulous day at Chessington on Thursday. The children loved sharing the experience with their friends and class teachers and their behaviour was exceptional! We suspect they slept well on Thursday (the staff who took them certainly did!).

Year 2 loved their day at the seaside on Wednesday. The weather could have been kinder to us but it didn't spoil the fun of getting on a train and going to the seaside, topped off with an ice-cream!

These trips, along with the others this year, couldn't go ahead without you as parents giving up your time to come along and support the staff in ensuring the children get the most out of these learning opportunities. So, on behalf of the children (and staff), I thank all those who have given up their time this year to help.

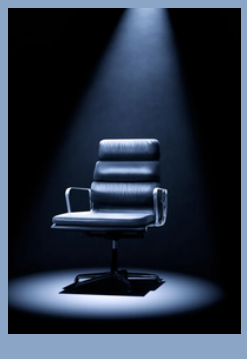
RECEPTION

Hearing & vision checks on 7th July

Next month the school nursing team will visit the school to undertake the National hearing and vision checks for our Year Rs. The nurses will of course contact parents if they have any concerns.

YEAR 3 & 6

Mastermind is back, something we've been doing in KS2 for many years, when children volunteer to be put on the spot on their chosen subject (book) as well as general knowledge questions. It's a highlight and on 1st July children will be in the 'Black Chair' answering questions. We'll share news next month on our winners.



WHOLE SCHOOL

Medway Young Games - Football Team

Congratulations to our football team for their fantastic performance at the Mini Youth Games Football Tournament on Tuesday 2nd June 2026. The children worked superbly as a team throughout the competition, scoring an impressive 14 goals while conceding only 4. After drawing their first two matches, the team went on an incredible run of 6 consecutive wins, finishing 2nd overall on goal difference. A brilliant achievement - well done to all involved!

NURSERY

Two dates for your diary!

Friday 3rd July- animal dress up day. We will be channelling our favourite animals as we dress up together. What will your child be? We can't wait to see the costumes.

Tuesday 21st July is Duckling's end-of-year party 11:30-130. This is an opportunity for our parents to come in for the last day and stay and enjoy a picnic and play games with us all. We can't wait!

WHOLE SCHOOL

Maths Week Times Tables Rock Stars Tournament

The children all battled well in their TTRS Tournament last week, with the top three classes as:

Falcon	5,043	Ostrich 25/26	3,186	Macaw 25 - 26	3,089

With Jay class in Year 3 being the top scorer amongst our Year 3 children. Well done to all!

It's time to start thinking about Secondary!

YEAR 5

This week Mr Brenton hosted an information meeting to support our Year 5 parents to navigate the secondary application process. You can find the notes from that meeting here:

https://www.featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk/docs/Friday_Flyers/25-26/FINAL_SADS_Parents_Presentation_September_2027_entry.pdf

Additionally you'll see below the information provided by Medway Council with the dates to be aware of.

Secondary school 2027 admissions

For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

Admissions digital information guide: medway.gov.uk/admissions

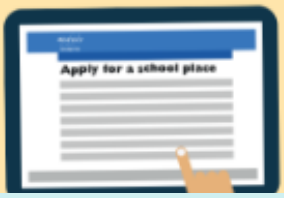
Our online guide will help you through the process including information on:

- The Medway Test and how to register your child.
- How to apply for secondary school places and how offers are made.
- Key dates you need to know.
- Medway secondary schools and academies.

If you require a paper version of the information guide, you can collect a copy from one of the Medway Council community hubs after 13 May 2026.

Apply online: medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions

For 2026 admissions 99% of families applied online and received their school offer by email on offer day



Key dates for September 2027 admissions

Remember these key dates in the transfer to secondary school admission process for September 2027 entry.

Wed, 13 May 2026	Digital information guide published, visit: **medway.gov.uk/admissions**
Mon, 18 May 2026	Registration for the Medway Test opens, visit: **medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions**
Fri, 12 June 2026	Registration for the Medway Test closes
Mon, 22 June 2026	Deadline for schools to request Medway Test special arrangements
Tues, 1 Sept 2026	Secondary school applications open, visit: **medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions**
Mon, 14 - Sun, 20 Sept 2026	Medway Test week Visit our website for more information about test dates
Wed, 14 Oct 2026	Medway Test results day
Sat, 31 Oct 2026	Secondary school applications close
Mon, 1 March 2027	National offer day

For further information please read the digital information guide available at: **medway.gov.uk/admissions**
Alternatively email: **admissions@medway.gov.uk**

Medway Serving You

Breakfast Club

We've been lucky enough to be given lots of wonderful resources by Medway Council for our children in wraparound, as part of their support scheme. The children are loving their new building toys, using collaboration and co-operation and planning and we couldn't be more thrilled with the impact of these resources.

WIDER COMMUNITY

School Events

WHOLE SCHOOL

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

8th - 12th June		Year 4 National Multiplication Tests
Thurs 11th June 2026 @ 10.30am		Woodpecker Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 11th June 2026 @ 10.30am		Ostrich Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 12th June		Father's Day Gift Sale to children (Juniors)
15th - 26th June		Assessment Weeks in school (all pupils)
Tues 16th June 2026 (pm)		EYFS Sports Day
Weds 17th June @ 9am		Hatchlings Stay & Play Sessions
Thurs 18th June 2026 @ 10.30am		Robin Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 18th June 2026 @ 10.30am		Flamingo Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 18th June 2026 (pm)		Back up EYFS Sports Day
Fri 19th June 2026		Father's Day Gift Sale to children (Infants)
Thurs 25th June @ 10.30am		Wren Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 25th June @ 10.30am		Parrot Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 26th June @ 2.55pm		Year R to Year 2 - Reading With parents session
Weds 1st July @ 9am		Hatchlings Stay & Play Sessions
Thurs 2nd July @ 10.30am		Finch Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 2nd July @ 10.30am		Toucan Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 3rd July	NEW	Nursery Dress up Day (as an animal)
Fri 3rd July @ 3pm		Year 3 to Year 6 - Reading With parents session
Thurs 9th July @ 10.30am		Kingfisher Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 9th July @ 10.30am		Emu Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 9th July (morning)	NEW	The Nest Sports/Games Day (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 9th July	NEW	Photo Exhibition @ 3.30pm in school
Mon 13th July		Transition Day (Day 1)
Mon 13th July - evening - tbc		Year 6 Leavers' Production @ The Howard for parents
Tuesday 14th July		Transition Day (Day 2)
Weds 15th July @ 9am		Hatchlings Stay & Play Sessions
Weds 15th - Fri 17th July		Year 6 Residential Trip
Thurs 16th July @ 10.30am		Tawny Owl Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 16th July @ 10.30am		Skylark Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 17th July @ 2.55pm		Year R to Year 2 - Reading With parents session
Mon 20th July (afternoon)		Year 6 Leavers' Festival
Tuesday 21st July (am)		Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 21st July (11.30-1.30pM)	NEW	Nursery Parent & Child party and picnic
Tues 21st July 2026		Last day of Term 6 1.30pm finish

The Nest - Save the Date!

Tuesday 9th July will be our own mini-sports day and parent picnic (late morning to early afternoon). More information will come out in the coming weeks but for now, save the date!

Special Mentions

Shine	Robin	For showing increased confidence in group book talk sessions, offering her ideas and sharing these with the class. Well done Shine
Harley C	Puffin	For his brilliant behaviour on our school trip to Whitstable, Harley contributed positively and showed great enthusiasm towards all of the activities. I am very proud of him. Well done, Harley!
Elsie-Victoria	Woodpecker	For fantastic behaviour on our school trip and for showing great resilience in her work this week too. Well done, Elsie-Victoria! We are very proud of your positive attitude, determination, and excellent behaviour!
Logan	Snowy Owl	For excellent effort in his learning this week, and showed fantastic resilience when correcting his writing of his 'Dinosaur Diary'. He said he was very proud of his work!! I certainly was!!
Caleb	Kingfisher	For excellent recall of key information and sharing his knowledge about beach safety on our school trip to Whitstable.
Thomas	Finch	For coming back this term demonstrating more confidence engaging with peers and even trying to answer questions.
Noah	Wren	for his excellent knowledge of the seaside and sea animals and for showing great enthusiasm in all areas of learning. Well done!
Frankie	Tawny Owl	For working so hard and making such excellent progress with his language and communication skills. Frankie, we are very proud of you, and you should be too!
Oakley F	Barn Owl	For having a fantastic attitude to learning and demonstrating all our Featherby values.

Edward G-H	Skylark	For sharing his brilliant ideas in English, taking greater care with his handwriting and showing great resilience to build a structure for a greenhouse using spaghetti and marshmallows!
Aadam S	Jay	For showing resilience and responsibility in his interventions and in class to improve his learning. Well done Aadam!
Teddy A	Dove	For working incredibly hard this week on his persuasive writing, reading, handwriting and Maths! Teddy has shone in all his subjects and I am so proud of him! Keep up the great work, Superstar!
Sabiana T	Toucan	For being such a great addition to Toucan class. You are a real role model and it is a delight to teach you!
Harry A	Parrot	For demonstrating great focus on his learning- trying his hardest to avoid distractions and making good choices within the class. It is a pleasure watching you grow, showing levels of maturity and good progress!
Noah A	Macaw	For persevering with maths. Noah didn't give up and tried his hardest even when he found it challenging. Keep it up!
Blake C	Ostrich	For always having a positive outlook,cheeky sense of humour, and a willingness to learn no matter the challenge.
Mia-Rose C	Flamingo	For always coming in enthusiastic to learn, eager to listen and act on feedback to develop her learning further, and a great role model in Flamingo class. Well done Mia-Rose!
Alexander L	Emu	For becoming more focused in English this week and showing great resilience when writing your free verse poem. Well done Alexander, keep it up!
Liam B-S	Falcon	For representing the school and its values at all times at Chessington. It was an absolute delight to have him in our group.
Erin D	Hawk	For her absolutely incredible bravery on show whilst at Chessington. Her resilience and positive attitude was infectious to the rest of the group. Well done, Erin!
Jacob C	Eagle	For his excellent hard work and positive attitude in class. He also conducted himself amazingly on the school trip yesterday to Chessington. Well done Jacob, keep it up!

Attendance Winners

Infants

Barn Owl = 99.23%

Juniors

Hawk Class = 97.59%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This weeks results are:

Year 3 - Jay
Year 4 - Parrot
Year 5 - Ostrich
Year 6 - Falcon

Well done to Parrot class who are this week's winners.