Featherby Friday Flyer

TERM 5 | WEEK 3 | FRIDAY 08/05/2026

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children and families for our first "Ready for Reception" Roadshow. It was wonderful to see so many families joining us and to watch the children exploring, smiling and beginning to build excitement about starting school. Children are always at the heart of our work and events like these are such an important part of helping them feel safe, happy and confident as they begin their journey with us. Thank you to everyone who attended and, for those who were unable to join us this time, there will be many more opportunities to meet the team and support your child's transition over the coming weeks.

As we look ahead to next week, I would also like to take a moment to recognise our Year 6 children. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout this year and particularly in the lead up to their SATs tests. They have approached every challenge with maturity, positivity and a commitment to doing their very best.

At this stage, the most important thing is that the children feel proud of themselves and all they have achieved. SATs are only one small part of their journey, but the character, perseverance and attitude they have shown along the way are things that truly matter and will stay with them far beyond next week.

Across the school, it continues to be a pleasure to see our children growing in confidence and succeeding in their learning every day. Whether taking their very first steps into school life, tackling new challenges in the classroom or preparing for important milestones, our children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness and determination to succeed. We are incredibly proud of all that they achieve and grateful for the continued support of our families in helping every child flourish.

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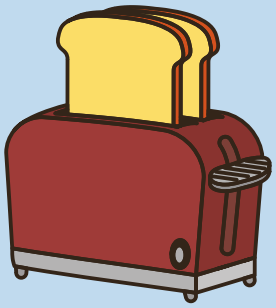
Free SATs Breakfast for Year 6s

YEAR 6

Next Monday - Thursday
8.10am onwards.

We'll put the toast on.
See you there!



It's time to order your child's Leavers' Hoodie (if you want one)

YEAR 6

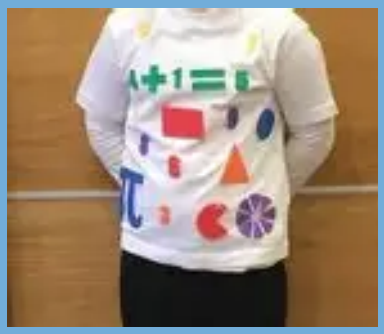
You have until 22nd May to order your child's hoodie via Made with love and labels:

https://share.google/DHe7t6QfVGCmWANXp

Numeracy Day - Friday May 22nd
Come dressed as a number or shape!

WHOLE SCHOOL

To celebrate our love for Maths, we're encouraging the children on the last day of term to come dressed as a number, shape, mathematical symbol or even a formula. So usual uniform trousers/skirts/shorts but instead of our school shirts, perhaps a T-shirt with a number on it, symbols or even shapes.



Don't buy something special if you don't want to: just write on an old T-shirt like this example, or even pin something to a T-shirt or perhaps your child has a football top with their favourite number on it to wear? Perhaps they have a top with circles or squares on it? Either way we'll be having lots of Maths-related fun across all year groups on the last week of term to enjoy together.

Friday May 15th - Coeliac Awareness Day
Wear a splash of green!

WHOLE SCHOOL

We have a number of children and adults who suffer from coeliac disease, which affects their daily life as they navigate food containing gluten.

In order to show our support and raise awareness, we're encouraging everyone to wear a little green with their uniform next Friday. So although we should wear school uniform as usual, that splash of green could be, for example, a green scarf, green ribbon or headband in our hair or perhaps some green socks. That little gesture will mean so much to those with this auto-immune condition. More information about coeliac disease can be found via the NHS.

11+ Familiarisation Sessions

YEAR 5

Mr Brenton will again this year offer 11+ familiarisation sessions to those children who are planning on taking the 11+ in September.

If you wish to take up this offer, please complete this form: 11+ Sessions

Please don't forget to come to the meeting on Tuesday 2nd June @ 5pm to find out more about the 11+ test.

Signposting support for our families

WHOLE SCHOOL

Our Family Liaison Officer, Mrs Wynne, works within a group of similar dedicated support staff in the Medway Hub of Maritime schools. In order to support Featherby families (and others in the Medway schools) we are now able to share a support page for parents to be able to access support from outside agencies, at any time, day or night. You can find that webpage via our school website on:

Medway Family Support Hub

Local Trip consents

YEARS REC - 6

As part of our learning, we often like to go out to the library or to other local outings. Although we will always let you know each time we plan to go on a walk to a local venue, we want to simplify this for families. Therefore going forward, instead of endless slips to complete, we would ask you instead to give your consent for such trips via the MCAS App. So how do you do that?

Go to your MCAS App and then to "Parental Consents"

In there you will see a consent called

"25-26 Local School Trips - Consent"

You can read the explanation and we ask you to give your consent for local trips to ensure your child can enjoy such opportunities as library visits, to widen their experiences.

If you need help, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

ACT NOW

Joining Reception in September?

As part of our plan to support our families whose child is joining Reception in September (whether they are 'new to Featherby' or are already in our Nursery) we have a dedicated webpage and wealth of support and guidance just for you. Take a look: https://www.featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk/Admissions/Reception-2026/

This webpage will be updated regularly as we move through the Summer towards September.

What's next for Transition?
Story Times over the next two weeks

So over the next two weeks we have 12 offered story time sessions in the afternoons, where your child will come in and join the team for a short visit, themed play session and story. How will it work?

- **If your child is new to Featherby (or attends Featherby Nursery in the mornings only) we will ask you to tell us your preferred slots via a booking form and we will be in touch to confirm your child's three sessions via:**

  https://forms.gle/YZ1NdVcPgX3zEsD89

- **If your child attends our nursery in the afternoons, you don't need to book your child in for three sessions. Instead what will happen is the nursery team will take your child along to sessions so they can meet other children. Of course we'll let you know when they happen so you can talk about all the fun they had when you collect them at the end of the day.**

WIDER COMMUNITY

WHOLE SCHOOL

Reagan, Gymnastic Superstar!

!Last week Reagan competed in the Kent Gymnastics Championships. She competed against 15 other children, many older than she is. However she showed such determination and resilience and placed an amazing 2nd out of 15. As that wasn't enough, she also got two special judges awards, in recognition of her skills.

Reagan, you amaze us.
Well done!

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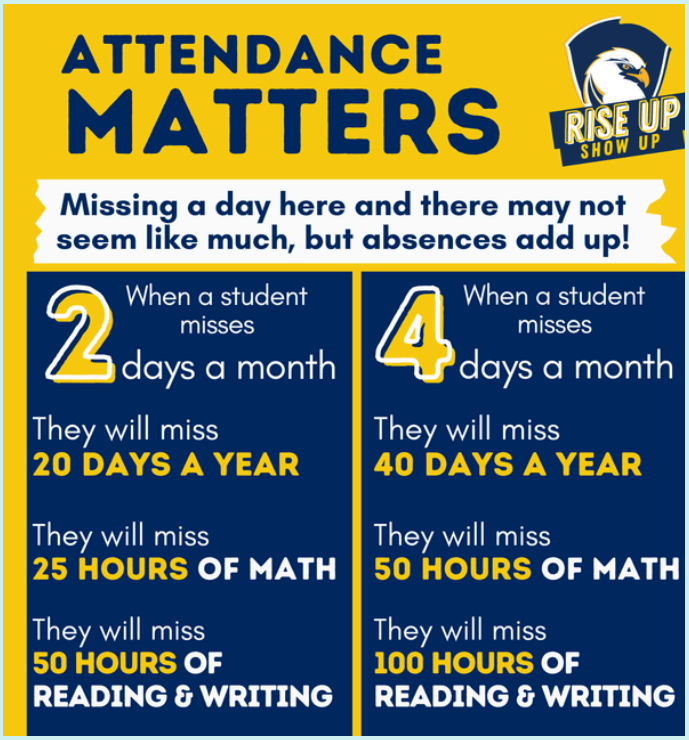

School Events

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

Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May	Year 6 National SATs Tests
Mon 11th to Thurs 14th May	Year 6 SATs Breakfast (free) - 8.10am onwards
Fri 15th May	NEW Coeliac Awareness Day - Wear a splash of Green (see page 2)
Mon 18th to Fri 22nd May	Maths Week - themed events to celebrate Numeracy in school
Weds 20th May @ 9am	Hatchlings Stay & Play Sessions
Tues 19th May	Sports Day (Year 1 to Year 6)
Thurs 21st May	Back up Sports day (Year 1 to Year 6)
Fri 22nd May @ 2.55pm	Year R to Year 2 - Reading with parents session
Fri 22nd May 2026	NEW Numeracy Day (dress up day ...see page 1)
Friday 22nd May 2026	Last day of Term 5
Monday 1st June 2026	1st day of Term 6
1st - 19th June	National Phonics Screening (Year 1 and Year 2)
Tues 2nd June @ 5pm	Year 5 Parent Info meeting for 11+ Tests (Infant Hall)
Weds 3rd June	Year 2 Trip
Weds 3rd June @ 9am	Hatchlings Stay & Play Sessions
Thurs 4th June @ 10.30am	Barn Owl Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 4th June @ 10.30am	Dove Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 5th June 2026	Class group photos taken in school
Fri 5th June @ 3pm	Year 3 to Year 6 - Reading with parents session
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	NEW Wren Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 25th June @ 10.30am	NEW 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 @ 3pm	Year 3 to Year 6 - Reading with parents session
Thurs 9th July @ 10.30am	NEW Kingfisher Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 9th July @ 10.30am	NEW Emu Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
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	NEW Tawny Owl Class assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 16th July @ 10.30am	NEW 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
Tues 21st July 2026	Last day of Term 6 1.30pm finish

Special Mentions

Harley M	Skylark	For his improved attitude to learning this week in writing and showing resilience and his brilliant Maths skills in adding and subtracting fractions. He is always willing to help friends and teachers.
Lola-Rose M	Jay	For her resilience in her learning, speaking in assembly and your positivity in everything you do - you have been a star this week, well done!
Harry R	Dove	For his focused and determined attitude towards his learning this week - he has held high aspirations in his work - particularly during writing. Keep up the hard work!
Owen T	Toucan	For an amazing effort when completing a copy of his story for presentation. Owen worked with great focus and attention, setting a great example to his class. Well done, Owen - keep it up!
Kira-Mae B	Parrot	For always being so positive, helpful and reliable in class. She is a ray of light who always brightens up Parrot class! Well done!
Oscar L	Macaw	For working well with his partner during science. Oscar showed excellent team work and communication skills to complete the task. Well done!
Penny J	Ostrich	For consistently working hard, producing excellent work, and making outstanding progress across all areas of learning.
Rebeca D	Flamingo	For always being conscientious and responsible with her learning - Rebeca is a pleasure to teach and always kind and caring in class. Well done!
Ayo O	Emu	For taking responsibility over your narrative this week in English. You have demonstrated much improved handwriting and produced a high quality piece of writing. Well done Ayo! Keep it up.
Kodie D-D	Falcon	For the great focus he has been showing in class this week. He has been working hard and this is especially evident with the progress he has made on Reading Plus this week.
Warren M	Hawk	For showing amazing determination to keep going even when he finds the learning really tricky. He has made so much progress in Maths and has worked incredibly hard to improve his PedTech skills. Well done and keep it up, Warren - we are very proud of you!
Avnita R	Eagle	For her amazing hard work throughout the whole year. Avnita shows the Featherby values in all she does and always gives 100%. Keep it up Avnita!

Emilia	Puffin	For always being super hardworking and coming into school with a big smile on her face. Emilia is always so enthusiastic about her learning and a brilliant friend to others.
Arthur	Robin	For putting in an excellent amount of effort in all of his learning, particularly his writing and communication.
Louie	Woodpecker	For always contributing so thoughtfully to class discussions and showing great enthusiasm for learning.
Sheikh	Finch	For showing amazing effort and determination. You have worked so hard, kept trying even when things were difficult. Your positive attitude and perseverance have made us all so proud.
Riley	Wren	For using fantastic communication with adults and engaging so positively in activities with your peers. You are growing in confidence every day! Well done Riley!
Archie	Tawny Owl	For working super hard this week to make positive choices. Archie has had a great attitude towards his learning and we are very proud!
Sophie	Barn Owl	For fantastic reading at home and in phonics this week.
Ella	Snowy Owl	For fantastic writing this week about 'The special visitor'.
Skylar	Kingfisher	For fantastic improvement with her reading this week. Well done!

Attendance Winners

Infants

Tawny Owl = 97.12%

Juniors

Ostrich = 98.75%

Times Tables Rock Stars

This week's results are

Yr3 - Jay

Yr4 - Macaw

Yr5 - Flamingo

Yr6 - Eagle

We have a new overall winner this week

Eagle Well done!