Featherby Friday Flyer

TERM 6 | WEEK 2 | FRIDAY 12/06/2026

At our school, we are proud of the rich diversity within our community. Every child brings their own unique experiences, talents, interests, cultures, beliefs, and perspectives, helping to create an environment where everyone can learn from one another.

Recognising and valuing differences is an important part of helping children develop empathy, respect, and understanding. When children learn that people may look different, think differently, communicate in different ways, or have different experiences, they begin to appreciate that these differences are strengths rather than barriers.

Central to our school values is the belief that every child matters and that every child belongs. We strive to create a culture where children feel seen, heard, valued, and respected for who they are. When children know that they matter and experience a genuine sense of belonging, they are more confident, engaged, and able to flourish both academically and personally.

We encourage our pupils to celebrate what makes them unique while also recognising the many things we share. Through our curriculum, assemblies, discussions, and everyday interactions, we help children understand the importance of treating others with kindness, fairness, and respect. By fostering a strong sense of belonging, we help our children develop positive relationships and become compassionate members of their communities.

This week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception parents into school. The meeting provided an opportunity for families to meet the Early Years team, learn more about our school community, and begin building the strong home-school partnership that is so important for children's success. We look forward to getting to know our new families and supporting every child as they begin their journey with us.

Our Year 1 pupils are currently taking part in the Phonics Screening Check, and we are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and determination they have shown. We would also like to congratulate our Year 4 pupils, who have now completed their Multiplication Tables Check. They approached the assessment with maturity and confidence, demonstrating the hard work and commitment they have shown throughout the year.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us nurture a school culture where every child matters, every child belongs, and differences are recognised, celebrated, and respected.

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INFANTS

Father's Day Gift Sale - Friday 19th June

For those who don't know, our wonderful PTA team plan and buy gifts for events like Mothers Day and Fathers so each child, if they wish, can come to school and 'shop' for a gift for their special someone. Today it was the children in KS2's turn to buy and gift and next Friday it'll be the turn of our younger children, Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2. So if your child would like to buy their special someone a gift, send them in with £3 in an envelope with their name on it and we'll help them do their 'shopping' but we can't promise they'll manage to keep it a secret!

KINGFISHER

Class Reward for Kingfisher

Kingfisher have worked very hard and have accumulated enough class reward points for their chosen reward, that of a Teddy Day. So next Monday, 15th June children in Kingfisher can bring a teddy to class for some 'Teddy Bear fun'. Well done, Kingfisher!

YEAR 6

Year 6 - Changes to PE

From next week Eagle will change their PE day and it will now be a Thursday. Falcon will also change their PE and they will now have their PE on Mondays.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Home Visits in September
It's time to tell us what works best for you

As you know, Maritime Academy Trust (and us at Featherby) value strong partnerships between home and school and we want our teachers to be able to pop round and get to know you and you them, ahead of the September. Those home visits will be held on 2nd - 4th September and we will need to find out the best days that suits our parents which is why we'll be asking every parent whose child is starting in Nursery to Year 6 to complete this digital form as soon as possible, so if you've not yet completed it, please do so via:

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What happens next?
We will then email late July with the date/time confirmation of your child's home visit with their teacher. Please bear with us: it's quite a feat to orchestrate 650 visits, looking at parental preferences, plotting routes to maximise each day for the teachers so we can make the most of our visit.

Don't forget however that we're not coming round to judge so please don't worry about tidying up - we all have piles of ironing or washing up in the sink!

We want to see you and your child and build those relationships early!

WRAPAROUND

Wrap-around Prices from September 2026

We wanted to let our families know as soon as possible that we will be increasing the costs of the breakfast club and after-school club options slightly from September. As we know prices have stayed the same for two years but we know you will understand the cost of staffing as well as resources inevitably increases. We have aimed to keep any increased to parents to a minimum. Therefore the following changes in pricing will take effect from September (and new digital contracts will be sent out to parents using the provisions accordingly):

7.30am Breakfast club will go from £5.00 per session to £5.50
7.45am Breakfast club will go from £4.50 to £5.00
8.00am Breakfast club will go from £4.00 to £.4.50

4.30pm After-School club goes from £4.50 per session to £5.00
5.30pm After-School club goes from £9.00 to £10.00 per session

NURSERY RECEPTION

Tuesday 16th June @ 1.45pm. EYFS Sports day

Parents of Reception children and Nursery children are invited to join us for our Sports Day afternoon next Tuesday. We would ask you to arrive at the Allington Road main infant gates for 1.40pm, to enable you to come to the field to watch the sports and cheer your child on. Please keep all your fingers (and toes) crossed for good weather!

The activities will go on until just before 3pm, when the children will go back into their classrooms to collect their belongings before being dismissed as usual at the classroom doors to their adults. If your child is a morning nursery child, then it would be lovely for him/her to return to school for 1.40pm to also join in the events. Please ensure all children taking part have a PE kit/practical clothing to take part.

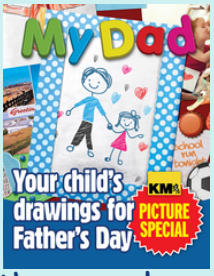
WHOLE SCHOOL

Food Bank - can you help?

As you know we have our own Featherby Foodbank, supporting our families if they need it. Each half-term we provide dozens of care packages to Featherby families and will be doing so again in the Summer. In order to be able to do that, we need your help. Of course only if you can but if any of our families could pick up an extra box of cereal, an extra pack of pasta, rice, biscuits or noodles in their weekly shop and donate it (dropping it to either office) we'd be so very grateful as we're running low on dried goods in the bank and we really want to support our families over the Summer holidays. Thank you

RECEPTION YEAR 1 & 2

Medway My Dad Supplement



Our younger children have taken part in the annual Kent Messenger / Kent Online 'My Dad' and their beautiful pictures will be in their supplement to celebrate Father's Day 2026. So if you would like a copy of the supplement in the newspaper of 18th June, to keep as a memento you can get it from your local newsagent, or supermarket. Alternatively you can also get a digital copy of the supplement and all pictures inside, plus My Mum and My Dad supplements from previous years and get a 50% discount by using the offer code MYDAD at www.kentonline.co.uk/subscribe/

WHOLE SCHOOL

Summer Uniform

Just to remind families that we use summer uniform guidance in the Summer months and KS2 children can wear white polo shirts and gingham dresses - to help keep children cool in the warmer weather. However, children are still expected to wear school shoes and not trainers to school - please support us in this to ensure the children all wear their Featherby uniform with pride. Thank you

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIALS

Year 6 Parents & Children going on the Residential next month -
Information Meeting on
Monday 22nd June @ 5pm

Could we invite all our Year 6 children who are going to the Residential in July this year and their parent(s) come along on Monday 22nd June @ 5pm in the junior hall for an information meeting. At this meeting we will share the final arrangements for the trip, kit lists and all the finer details that make our residential a successful experience for all. We hope to see you there (notes will also be shared to all families afterwards).

WHOLE SCHOOL

Football Club for Reception

We are delighted to share that Mrs Terry's Football Club is now up and running, and it has already been a fantastic success with our Reception children. The children have shown great enthusiasm and enjoyment during each session as they learn and practise a range of new football skills, including dribbling, passing, ball control and teamwork. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they take on new challenges and celebrate their achievements together.

Football Club provides an excellent opportunity for children to stay active, develop their coordination and build important social skills in a fun and supportive environment. The children have demonstrated excellent listening, determination and sportsmanship, and we are incredibly proud of the effort they are putting into every session. We look forward to watching their skills continue to develop throughout the term and sharing more of their successes with you

THE NEST

Sports Day Event - Thursday 9th July

Our Nest children will have their own mini-sports day event to which their parents are invited. We will ask Nest parents to arrive to school for 10.55am, where we'll enjoy a carousel of games/sports (free flow between indoor and outdoor areas, when parents can take part with their children, followed by a mini-picnic in the lunch area. The event will finish at 12.30pm. We very much hope our Nest parents can join us for this special morning. Save the Date!

WIDER COMMUNITY

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38°C or more)? YES Keep them off school until it goes away. NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in	Should go in (let the school know)	Seek treatment before returning to school	Keep them off (at first)
A cough, cold or sore throat Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.	**Cold sores** Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.	**Impetigo** They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.	**Ear infection** If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.
Threadworms Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.	**Conjunctivitis** Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.	**Ringworm** See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.	**Measles** They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.
	Head lice & nits You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.	**Scarlet fever** They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.	**Vomiting & diarrhoea** Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).
	Hand, foot & mouth disease If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.	**Chickenpox** Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.	
	Slapped cheek syndrome Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.		

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'

WHOLE SCHOOL

Exciting News

We will be hosting a Summer Camp here in Featherby during the Summer Holidays, partnering with Strive to support families with childcare and fun activities programmes. Watch this space! More info to follow next week!

Little lungs @ the gate

Please remember that if you smoke/vape near the school entrances then small children have to walk through your smoke. Let's remember to be considerate of others!

CAN YOU HELP US?

WE NEED YOUR VIEWS

We want to know what matters to our local community members to help us shape our outreach.

Take our local community survey and as a thank you, you will be entered into a prize draw for a £50 Amazon voucher

CLOSING DATE, MONDAY 6TH JULY

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

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)
Mon 22nd June @ 5pm	NEW	Residential July 2026 - Parent Info meeting (final arrangements)
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		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)		The Nest Sports/Games Day (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 9th July		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)		Nursery Parent & Child party and picnic
Tues 21st July 2026		Last day of Term 6 1.30pm finish
1.30pm on 21st July onwards	NEW	Summer Holidays for children starts
Tues 1st September	NEW	Staff Development Day
Weds 2nd - Fri 4th September	NEW	Home visits
Monday 7th September	NEW	First Day back to school for pupils

Sad Goodbyes

Two of our staff team will be leaving us next week, and they leave with our thanks and best wishes, as they focus on new ventures going forward. Mrs Wynne, our Family Liaison Officer (who historically also worked with our younger children in the nursery) and Mrs Allen, a valued member of our admin team; have both supported families and children alike during their time at Featherby and we wish them the very best for their new adventures.

Special Mentions

Ellie M	Skylark	For her perseverance in her handwriting and for showing resilience, even when she finds tasks challenging. Well done Ellie!
Billy G	Jay	For making a fantastic start to his time at Featherby, always showing our school values and becoming a valued member of our class!
Kaziah W	Dove	For her increased focus on presentation and handwriting. Kaziah is making a clear effort to improve her writing skills. Keep it up!
Louie P	Toucan	For his positive attitude towards learning and his enthusiasm for our History topic.
Joshua K	Parrot	For making fantastic choices this week when others were causing distractions. Joshua has produced excellent work and we are so proud of the improvements in his attitude to learning and behaviour! Keep it up!
Conor R	Macaw	For achieving a new level of reading plus. Conor has shown excellent dedication to his reading. Keep it up!
Zlata Y	Flamingo	For always being so enthusiastic to learn every day and trying her best with everything. Zlata is an amazing student and a great role model in Flamingo class.
Willow T	Ostrich	For working hard, producing outstanding work, showing dedication to reading, and making fantastic progress across all subjects.
Edie F	Emu	for becoming more focused this week and showing resilience even when learning is a little tricky, especially in maths. Well done Edie!
Desmond M	Falcon	For his fabulous attitude and great enthusiasm when practicing the production songs - he is a star in the making!
April B	Hawk	For her ever-increasing confidence. You have blossomed into an excellent source of discussion in the classroom and you aren't afraid to ask for help when you need it. Well done, April! Keep it up!
Dixie M	Eagle	For her fantastic writing this week and being an overall superstar. Dixie is a kind, hardworking and fabulous member of our class and we are lucky to have her. Well done Dixie, keep this up!

Oliver	Puffin	For his super multiplication and division in Maths. Oliver has great recall of his 2s,5s and 10s which helped him be a superstar this week. Well done!
Rosie	Robin	For trying hard with letter formation, keeping her letters consistent in size, with ascenders and descenders.
Harper	Finch	For listening a little carefully to the adults all week. You have been super and have made a really good effort to follow instructions and make positive choices throughout this week. Keep it up Harper
Elliot M	Wren	For consistently following expectations and making excellent progress with letter formation. Your effort, and positive attitude towards learning are wonderful to see. Keep up the fantastic work!
Elliott	Barn Owl	For having a fantastic attitude to learning and demonstrating all our Featherby values.
Arthur	Tawny Owl	For always being a superstar learner. Arthur has a brilliant attitude and a friendly attitude. Well done, Arthur!
Mukhtar	Woodpecker	For an amazing effort in English this week. Mukhtar has written beautiful expanded noun phrases.
Nancy	Ducklings	For always being creative in our workshop area. This week she made the most epic bus.
Finley	Snowy Owl	For showing good resilience during his learning in the classroom.
Reagan	Kingfisher	For showing dedication with her reading at home and at school, which has shown great progress

Attendance Winners

Infants

Puffin = 97.14%

Juniors

Jay = 98.54%

Times Tables Rock Stars

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

Overall Winner: Parrot class