Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 06/11/2026

Welcome back to another busy term! I hope everyone enjoyed the half-term break and that the children are feeling refreshed and ready for the weeks ahead.
This week, we were pleased to welcome Ofsted to the Junior School and valued the opportunity to showcase all that we do. I would like to thank all our parents and carers for their kind words, encouragement and support throughout the inspection process. It has been very much appreciated.
Of course, the real stars of the show were our wonderful children! They spoke with confidence, enthusiasm and pride about their learning and what makes our school such a special place. It was lovely to hear them talk so naturally about their experiences, the things they enjoy and the opportunities they have. Their positive attitudes, thoughtful responses and genuine enthusiasm shone through, and they represented our school brilliantly. We could not be prouder of them!
The experience has also reminded me just how proud I am to be Headteacher of Featherby. I am fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated and hardworking team of staff, and to be part of a community where parents and carers are so involved and supportive. The strong relationships we have built and the way everyone works together make a real difference to our children every day.
Today, we also held our 'Come Read With Me' session in the Junior Building. Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to join us. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying books together and sharing a love of reading. These opportunities to welcome families into school are always a highlight.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

E. Pape

Have you booked Parents' Evening slot yet?





Reminder - Healthy Snacks in school please

Tempting though it is to have such treats, children should bring in healthy snacks rather than sweets or crisps for break times please. These might in clude: Fruit, veggie sticks, breadsticks, rice-cakes, cereal bars and other nutritious snacks. Thank you for your support in this

Year 2 - Immersive Dress-Up Day - Tuesday 17th November

YEAR 2

Year 2 will be having an immersive learning day in Week 3 to launch our new English topic. We are asking the children to come to school on Tuesday 17th November dressed as what they would like to be when they grow up. However, please don't go and buy an outfit, instead you can make a costume for pennies. For example, if your child aspires to be a builder, they could wear old trousers, checked shirt, hi-vis vest and a toy tool belt. If your child wants to be a vet when they grow up, what about an oversized shirt as a coat, toy animal and homemade name badge. If they aspire to be a police officer then black trousers, white top, black shoes and a homemade police badge would do just fine. If they want to be a firefighter, then it would be dark trousers, a red or yellow top and a homemade badge. If they want to be an astronaut, then all white clothes and a cardboard helmet would be the thing. If you're stuck for ideas just a plain t-shirt with a picture of their dream job pinned to the front of the t-shirt will be just fine. It's just to inspire us all to write all about the careers that excite us. Thank you for your support as always.

YEAR 6

Year 6 Booster Groups

Last year's booster sessions were a huge success, helping our Year 6 children achieve results in the top 15% nationally. We want to build on that success and would love as many children as possible to take advantage of the additional support available. All Year 6 children are welcome to sign up for one (or more) of the following offered sessions to sign up. All sessions are a relaxed and fun way to learn in small groups with the teachers and we want as many children as possible to take up these sessions.

So the Maths sessions are available on:

Monday mornings (8am) - With Miss Boyle
Tuesday mornings (8am) - With Miss Lloyd
Tuesday afternoons (until 4.30pm) - With Miss Boyle
Wednesdays mornings (8am) - With Miss Boyle
Thursday mornings (8am) - With Miss Boyle
Thursday afternoons (until 4.30pm) - With Miss Lloyd



and Reading sessions are available on:

Monday mornings (8am) - With Mrs Astirbadi
Tuesday mornings (8am) - With Mrs Astirbadi
Wednesdays mornings (8am) - With Mrs Astirbadi
Thursday mornings (8am) - With Mrs Astirbadi
Friday mornings (8am) - With Mrs Astirbadi

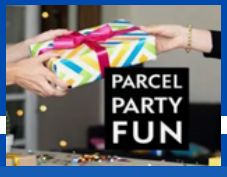
For safeguarding, it's essential we know who we are expecting to attend so, if your child would like to join one or more of these sessions please email Mrs Barraclough in the office on: barrj495.887@fpsmat.org and let her know what session(s) your child would be interested in and we'll send you the consent forms.

We want to see every child be able to take up the option of additional support to ensure they are 'secondary ready'!

TOUCAN

Toucan Class
Class Behaviour Reward

Toucan class have been working together to earn enough class points for their chosen behaviour reward. So next Thursday, 12th November they will enjoy some party games during the day. No need to send anything special in (and we'll still be in uniform) but we'll be enjoying some classic party games together. What a way to celebrate making the right choices and doing the right thing! Enjoy, Toucan!



WHOLE SCHOOL

Local Trips Consent

If you've not already done so, please can you go to the MCAS App and look under Parental Consents for the 2026 School Trips Consent. If you need help, please do contact the school office.

Christmas Dinner Day menu
Wednesday 16th December

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dare we start to mention the 'C' word?!
On Wednesday 16th December the staff will be serving the children Christmas Dinner. The menu will be:



Meat option: Roast Turkey & Mini Pigs in Blanket
Veggie Option: Winter Veg & Veggie Sausage Pastry Wreath
Both served with:

- Skin on roast potatoes,
- Christmas Vegetable Medley – Carrots, Brussels Sprouts & Peas
- Gravy

Dessert – Snowball Cookie (shortbread cookie iced and coated with coconut)

Message from our PTA about the Christmas Fair

WHOLE SCHOOL

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of the School

Help make our Christmas Fair magical!

It's that wonderful time of year again, and we are busy preparing for our school's Christmas Fair on Friday 27th November!

Our Christmas Fair is always a fantastic opportunity to bring our school community together, enjoy some festive fun and raise valuable funds to support our children and school.

To help make this year's fair a success, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations you may be able to offer.

We are looking for donations of:

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
No donation is too small, and every contribution will be greatly appreciated.

If you are a local business and would be interested in donating a prize, voucher or gift, we would love to hear from you too.
All donations will help us make the fair extra special for the children while raising much-needed funds for our school.
Thank you so much for your continued kindness, generosity and support. We couldn't do it without you!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!
The PTA Team

Reception Parents - Medway Messenger First Class Picture

RECEPTION

This is a reminder that Medway Messenger will be printing all of the First Class photos in their newspaper next week on Thursday, November 12, 2026. Copies of the paper that will feature the children and that you'll want to treasure will be available from local newsagents, or supermarkets.

You can also get a digital copy of the Medway Messenger, and to celebrate the First Class 2026 picture special, with an exclusive offer. You can get a full year's worth of access to the KentOnline premium website, the KM app, and all their digital newspapers and supplements for £20 by using the offer code FIRSTCLASS at www.kentonline.co.uk/subscribe

Jay Class Behaviour Reward - Friday 13th November

JAY CLASS

Jay Class have earned enough class points for their chosen behaviour reward and they've chosen something a little different! The children voted for a 'Teddy Past Picnic' - what does that mean? So the children should bring in a teddy to school next Friday and they will make a costume for their teddy in school that day, so it represents a figure from history. They will then host their 'historical teddies' at a special picnic in class. Mr Colbran is so proud of how they have worked towards their goal and cannot wait to see the creative options they will come up with next week!



WHOLE SCHOOL

Children in Need Day - Fri 13th Nov

Children can wear spots and dots, yellow (or any bright colours) to celebrate and raise awareness for Children in Need and those children who are less fortunate than ourselves.
There is no obligation to donate, but we'll have collection buckets on the playground for anyone who would like to contribute. We'll let you know how much we've raised for this wonderful charity!

Odd Socks Day - Monday 16th November

WHOLE SCHOOL

To start our Anti-bullying Week and to raise awareness of how we're all different and those differences are wonderful, we'll be wearing odd socks on 16th November. The brighter and more mis-matched odd socks the better. Let's wear them with pride!





UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT

WORLD DIABETES DAY 2026

UNDERSTANDING DIABETES

Healthy Choices for a Healthy Future

DATE
Saturday 21 November 2026

TIME
10:00 – 12:00

VENUE
Chatham Community Hub & Library

WHAT TO EXPECT

- Learn about type 1 and type 2 diabetes
- **Sugar Shock: Higher or Lower?** game
- **Label Detective** food label challenge
- Healthy snack swaps and ideas
- **Move More** corner
- Test yourself with our diabetes quiz
- Community discussion and Q&A
- Free educational resources to take home

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Everyone is welcome! Children, young people aged 11–18, parents, families and community members.

WHY ATTEND?

- Increase your knowledge of diabetes
- Learn practical healthy lifestyle skills
- Make informed food choices
- Support a healthier future

FREE ADMISSION

SMALL CHANGES TODAY CAN LEAD TO A HEALTHIER TOMORROW

Hosted by the University of Greenwich and Chatham Community Hub & Library
Contact: zahra.khan@greenwich.ac.uk

SCAN TO REGISTER

Clare's ZUMBA FITNESS AND WELLBEING PRESENTS

FEATHERBY ZUMBA

FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (OVER 12)

Dance for feel-good fun

Great family bonding session

SESSIONS START
Tuesday 3rd November until Tuesday 8th December

COST
£5 per adult | £6 for an adult and child

LOCATION
Featherby Infant School
Allington Road, Twydall
ME8 6PD

TIME
5:15 till 6:00 p.m.

CONTACT ME FOR MORE INFORMATION
07799 268 291

PENTAGON FOOD & CRAFT MARKET

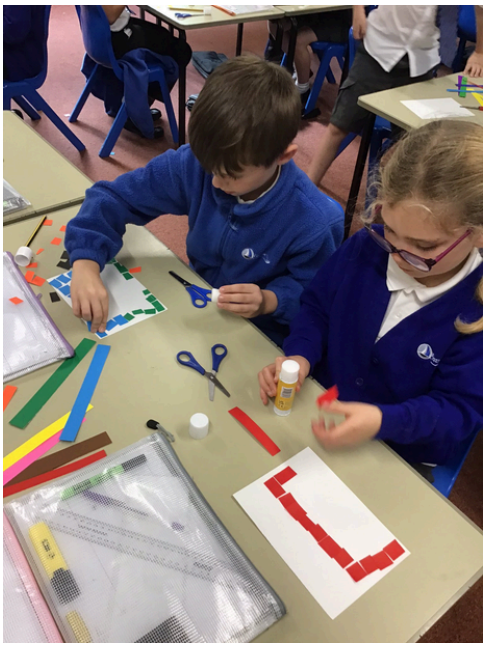
Next MARKET DATE
SATURDAY 07 NOV 2026

10AM to 5PM

CHATHAM PENTAGON CENTRE
FORMER WILKO UNIT
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SHOP LOCAL • SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESS • STRONGER COMMUNITIES



JOIN THE MEDWAY DISABILITY REGISTER

Helping improve services for children and young people with disabilities (0-25 years)

EVERY CHILD COUNTS
By joining the register, you help Medway understand local needs and improve SEND services. Registration is voluntary, free and confidential.

Who Can Join?

Children and young people aged 0-25 living in Medway with a disability, diagnosed or undiagnosed, including learning disabilities, autism, sensory impairments, physical disabilities, mobility difficulties and long-term health conditions.

Benefits of Registering

- Information about local services, support and activities
- SEND newsletters and disability service updates
- Information about charities, organisations, training and events
- Opportunities to influence future services and share your views

Why Is the Register Important?

The register helps Medway understand local need, plan services, target support effectively and improve outcomes for children, young people and families.

REGISTER NOW

Scan the QR code or visit:
www.medway.gov.uk/xfp/form/709

Your Information Is Safe

Information is protected under the Data Protection Act 2018. Information used for planning is anonymised, personal information is not shared with other organisations, and you may request removal from the register at any time.

Need More Information?

Email: disability.register@medway.gov.uk

Together we can ensure the voices of children and young people with disabilities help shape better services across Medway.

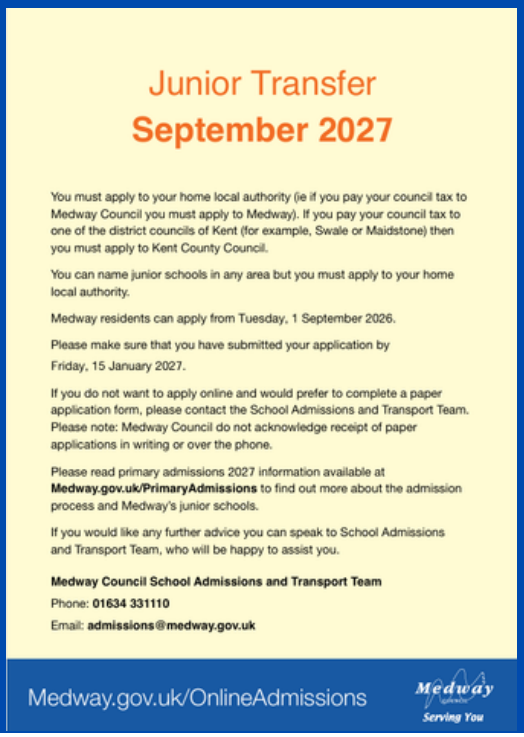
Calling all parents - have your say with Medway

Medway Council are inviting schools, parents, carers, and childcare providers across Medway to take part in their childcare surveys.
Parental feedback is extremely important in helping them understand the current childcare landscape, identify any gaps in provision, and ensure that childcare services meet the needs of local families. So whether you currently use childcare, provide childcare, or are looking to access childcare in the future, your views matter. Parents and carers can help by completing the survey which can be accessed via:
https://surveys.medway.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=179207382519
or via the QR Code:

Year 2 parents - it's time to apply for Junior School

We know we frequently say we're 'one school' but there is one formality our Year 2 parents MUST do if they want their child to continue with Featherby in Year 3. That is to apply for and Junior Transfer via Medway.
Here's the information but we'll be around to support you every step of the way so don't worry.
If you need help please contact the school office.





RockSteady Fun in school!

WHOLE SCHOOL





NURSERY

It's time to apply for a Reception Place for 2027

Parents of children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023 will need to apply for a Reception place for September 2027. This includes children who currently attend our nursery and wish to continue at Featherby.
We'll be able to support you every step of the way but wanted to share these Medway resources with you.
We would encourage you to come along to one of our tours with Mrs Pape, to learn what learning in Reception looks like at Featherby:

Tour_booking





The Health Visiting Team in Medway provides support and advice for parents and carers on children's health and preparing them for starting school.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Health Visiting Team, please phone the duty line on 0300 123 3444, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm.

The window for primary school places applications opens in September and closes in January. Find out more here Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions

Is your child starting school in September?

Make sure you complete the Medway School Readiness Questionnaire.



The survey is quick and easy, taking around 10 minutes to complete.

Medway.gov.uk/SchoolReady

For more support on your child's development visit
Medway.gov.uk/ChildDevelopment

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

Tues 10th November @ 10.30am		Ostrich Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 10th November (evening)		Fledglings Parents Evening
Weds 11th Nov 9am-10.30am		Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Weds 11th Nov 2.30pm		Year 6 lead Remembrance Assembly - (parents invited to join us) Junior 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)
Thurs 12th November	New	Toucan Class Reward (party games - see page 2)
Fri 13th November	New	Children in Need Day (wear spots, yellow or just bright clothing
Fri 13th November	New	Jay Class Reward (teddy past picnic - see page 4)
Mon 16th November	New	Wear Odd Socks Day (to celebrate start of Anti-Bullying Week)
Tues 17th November	New	Year 2 - Immersive Day (see page 1)
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
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
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)
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	New	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)
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)

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School Events (Continued)

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Events in Blue = Events happening in school for the children, that doesn't involve parents coming in

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	New	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)
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

Elijah	Wren	For working exceptionally hard across all areas of learning, showing great enthusiasm for reading, and being recognised by many adults for his kindness and helpfulness towards others. Well done, Elijah!
Arthur	Puffin	For working hard in all areas of learning and showing great improvement especially with handwriting. Well done and keep it up!
Chester	Barn Owl	For being a good role model and always showing respect in everything you do. So proud of you, keep it up.
Finley	Tawny Owl	For showing an excellent understanding of the calculations linked with the whole and part model.
Mateo	Finch	For consistently showing an excellent love for learning. Mateo is constantly challenging himself and taking accountability for his own learning. Well done Mateo
Ella	Kingfisher	For showing great enthusiasm in all areas of her learning, especially during our history lesson this week! Well done Ella!
Evie-Lee	Robin	For having such a fantastic attitude towards her learning this week, especially with her handwriting. Evie-Lee is a hard worker and a great friend! Keep it up, superstar!
Archie B	Snowy Owl	For working hard in all areas of his learning this week, especially in Maths. Well done Archie!
Elsie-Rae	Woodpecker	For showing such bravery and resilience when coming into school in the morning, and for working so hard to arrive happily with a smile.
Victor	The Nest	For joining in with all of our group activities and songs in the Nest. Well done, Victor!

Delilah H	Jay	For her resilience and responsibility when discussing her learning this week with our visitors - well done Delilah!
Harlee C	Skylark	For spreading sunshine wherever she goes upholding resilience in every task and being an allround Featherby star!
Aadam S	Parrot	For taking responsibility over your learning this week in class and during extra interventions. Well done Aadam, keep it up!
Ida F	Toucan	For always staying focused, working to the best of your ability and showing an excellent attitude towards your learning. Well done! Keep it up.
Bradley J	Macaw	For having a settled first week back and being on task in class. Keep it up!
Kacper P	Ostrich	For being a kind, friendly and enthusiastic member of Ostrich Class who always brings a positive attitude to the classroom. He is a pleasure to have in the class and consistently shows kindness towards others.
Ronnie W	Flamingo	For an extremely solid learning ethic in class this week. You may find things tricky outside of the classroom, but you have truly been ON TASK and ACCOUNTABLE for your learning in the classroom. Well done Ronnie!
JJ A	Emu	For having a consistent and infectiously positive attitude to school. He is a kind and thoughtful member of Emu Class who always tries his very best in every lesson. Keep it up, JJ!
Charlie H	Hawk	For working incredibly hard all week and making me so proud! You have represented Featherby amazingly by showing all of our Featherby Values and truly SOARING!
Layla B	Falcon	for the amazing work she has put into her long division this week. She has been a mathematical superstar!
Penny J	Eagle	For her consistently brilliant attitude and hard work. Penny was chosen to speak to some visitors this week and conducted herself in such a mature and confident manner. They were incredibly impressed with her, as was I! Well done, Penny!

Attendance Winners

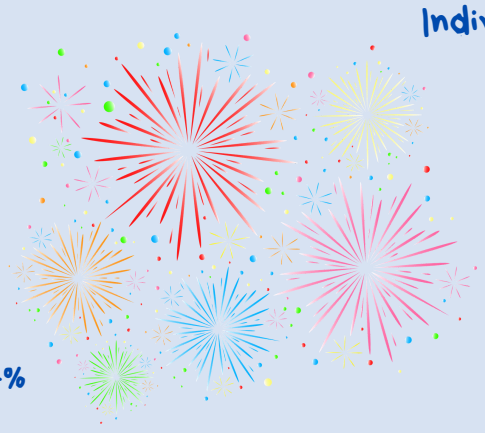
Class Weekly Winners

Juniors

Falcon = 97.9%

Infants

Woodpecker = 98.4%



Individual 100% - Winners of the assembly weekly draw

Bobby D - Year 6
Dhulikram - Year 5
Aadam - Year 4
Tommy G - Year 3
Adachi - Year 2
Emeline - Year 1