

Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 11/09/2026



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school after the summer holiday. School always feels alive when the children are back, and this week there has been a real buzz of learning, laughter and excitement throughout the school.

It has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school life. They have quickly become familiar with their new classes and routines and have approached the start of the year with such positivity and enthusiasm.

A particularly warm welcome goes to all of our new children and families. Starting at a new school is an important milestone, and we hope that you are already beginning to feel part of our school community. Our home visits have been a really valuable part of the start of the year. Having the opportunity to spend time with children and their families, to listen and to begin getting to know each child as an individual helps us to build those important relationships from the very beginning.

Building strong relationships between home and school is at the heart of what we do. Children thrive when they know that the adults around them are working together, and a strong partnership with families helps us to understand, support and celebrate every child. We want our families to feel that they know us, can talk to us and are very much part of school life.

There is so much to look forward to in the year ahead, and we are excited to see what our children will learn, experience and achieve.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the important part you play in our school community. Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend.

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Maritime Skills Academy - Is your child interested in this fabulous offer?

Maritime Skills Academy is back from Saturday 19 September taking place at Featherby!

These free sessions give children the chance to have fun, try new things and develop their skills through a variety of activities, including Sports, Art, Drama and Robotics

If your child would like to take part, please complete the Expression of Interest linked below:

<https://forms.gle/Kj92pEze5W6rkD4eA>

Or by scanning the QR code.

What a great opportunity!

MARITIME SKILLS ACADEMY

For Year 3 - 6 pupils from
Barnsole Primary School and Featherby School

DRAMA **COOKING** **SPORTS** **ROBOTICS** **ART**

SATURDAYS
10AM - 1PM
FEATHERBY SCHOOL
5 SESSIONS PER TERM
MSAMEDWAY@MATOFFICE.ORG

SCAN TO REGISTER!

DIARY DATES - COMING SOON!

WHOLE SCHOOL

Let's introduce our new Family Liaison Officer!



Hello, my name is Natalie King, and I am the Family Liaison Officer for the families and children in our Featherby Schools community.

My role in school is to provide support, advice, and information to families facing challenges or difficulties, no matter how small.

If I do not have the answers you need then I will do my best to point you in the right direction of other services that will work with you to achieve positive changes and better wellbeing for you and your family. You can also access information regarding various services through the school website, following the links 'Support for families - Medway team' and then 'Medway Family support hub' button, especially if you need help or advice out of hours.

I look forward to seeing you all around the school 😊

PE Days

We would stress that children should have their PE kits in school every day to ensure they do not miss out on any extra or adhoc activities.

However KS1 and KS2 have set their core PE days as detailed below:

Reception will start their PE sessions after the October half-term and we will share the days for Reception in due course

Monday	Eagle	Kingfisher		
Tuesday	Emu	Skylark	Tawny Owl	
Wednesday	Ostrich	Jay	Puffin	Barn Owl
Thursday	Flamingo	Toucan	Parrot	Woodpecker
Friday	Falcon	Macaw	Snowy Owl	Hawk

KMFM Tonnes of Tins and our Featherby Food Bank

For those who aren't aware, Featherby operate our in-school foodbank to support our families at point of need.

We are grateful to KMFM for their kind generosity, as they donated a huge haul of items which will boost our stores and help us to help so many more Featherby Families



WHOLE SCHOOL Wearing our uniform with pride

The expectation that all children will be smartly dressed, wearing their uniform with pride is something we feel strongly about at Featherby. That pride of being part of our community shows respect, one of our key values: respect for themselves, the school, their peers and their learning, as well as recognition that each child belongs to something important and valued. So when we ask that children are appropriately dressed every day it is to reinforce the sense that we are belong and are part of the same (Featherby) family.

Full details of what children should wear and where you can purchase the uniform can be found on the school website: [Uniform](#)

and our school uniform policy can also be found on the school website: [School Policy](#).

Thank you for your support



YEARS 3-6

Healthy Snacks for breaktime

Reminder that all children should bring in a small healthy snack to have at breaktime. Suggestions would be fruit, veggie sticks, cereal bars, breadsticks etc.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Disabled Spaces - let's keep them for those who need them

Reminder to please not park in disabled spaces around the schools - we all know that we need to leave them for the members of our community who really need them. Thank you

Look at our fabulous new Nursery Outside Learning Environment!

Thank you to Maritime Academy Trust for their support in helping to make our plans a reality. Our Nursery children are loving exploring all the exciting features of the area in their learning..



Although the children have only just started in Year 6, it's already time to start to consider what school you would like for your child next September! We will share news of open evenings as we hear from our local secondaries.

Application dates:
Tue, 1 Sept
2026 to Sat, 31
Oct 2026

Admission to secondary
school **September 2027**

apply

Online admissions for Medway residents

Was your child born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016?

The quickest, easiest and safest way to apply for your secondary school place.

Last year 99 per cent of applications were made online.

If you give us your email address when applying you will:

- receive confirmation your application has been received;
- receive details of the school offered on the offer day by email without having to wait for an offer letter.



Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



Admission to secondary school **September 2027**

- You must apply to your home local authority (ie if you pay your council tax to Medway Council you must apply to Medway). If you pay your council tax to one of the district councils of Kent (for example, Swale or Maidstone) then you must apply to Kent County Council.
- You can name schools in any area but you must apply to your home local authority.
- Medway residents can apply from **Tuesday, 1 September 2026**
- Please make sure that you have submitted your application by **Saturday, 31 October 2026**.
- If you do not want to apply online and would prefer to complete a paper application form, please contact the School Services Admissions Team. **Please note:** Medway Council do not acknowledge receipt of paper applications in writing or over the phone.
- Please read the secondary admissions 2027 information available at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions** to find out more about the process and Medway's secondary schools.
- If you would like to request details of your nearest qualifying school(s) for the purposes of home to school transport please complete and submit the request form, which can be found at **Medway.gov.uk/SecondaryAdmissions**. Any request for information must be received by **Thursday, 1 October 2026**.

If you would like any further advice you can speak to School Services Admissions, who will be happy to assist you.

Medway Council School Services Admissions

Phone: **01634 331110**

Email: admissions@medway.gov.uk

Medway.gov.uk/OnlineAdmissions



R RAINHAM SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

OPEN EVENTS 2026

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WHO ARE STARTING YEAR 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2027

Open Morning

Date: Saturday 12th September
Time: 10am - 12pm
Headteacher Talk at 10am

Open Evening

Date: Thursday 15th October
Time: 5pm - 7pm Headteacher Talk at 5pm

What to expect?

- Guided tours of the school
- Meet our teachers and students
- Classroom demonstrations
- Student performances and displays
- Refreshments available

We look forward to seeing you there.



Aspire and Achieve together

Come and discover what makes Holcombe so special.

As a proud co-educational school, we provide an inclusive environment where boys and girls aspire and achieve together.

Meet our amazing students and staff, tour our site and find out why we should be your school of choice.

Year 6 Open Morning

Saturday 10th October 9am - 1pm
(No booking required to attend, last entrance 12:15pm)

Year 6 Open Morning Tours

Monday 5th - Friday 9th October 2026
Monday 12th - Friday 16th October 2026
at 9am - 10am

(Booking for Open Morning Tours opens in September.)



For more information and book a tour, visit our website
holcombegrammar.org.uk

WHOLE SCHOOL

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



THANK YOU
for keeping our school safe!

No Nuts please - safety first!

Please support us in ensuring every child is safe in school but not sending items with nuts of any sort in your child's lunch box or morning snack. That also includes items containing nutella (or other chocolate nut spreads). Thank you for your support



Are you interesting in a training course to become a Teaching Assistant?

WHOLE SCHOOL

Again this year we are looking to partner with Medway Council to support our parents and community to learn how to become a TA. If you're interested in finding out more about this, please come to our information coffee morning on Friday 18th September and sign up to let us know you're coming along: Adult Ed Coffee Morning



WHOLE SCHOOL

Brownies
3rd Rainham North



Do you know a girl aged 7-10 who wants to have fun, learning and adventures? If so, 3rd Rainham North Brownies has space for them!

3rd Rainham North Brownies have space for girls to start now. We meet on a Thursday evening at Rainham Mark Grammar School.

Come and join us and help celebrate our 60th year!

For more information, contact us at 3rdrainhamnorthbrownies@gmail.com or message us on our Facebook page.

3rd Rainham North Brownies

More information about brownies can be found at www.girlguiding.org.uk/what-we-do/brownies



ICE ONE, SIS! **SPORT** **Ice owners skates for revamp**

PLANET ICE 30 YEARS

Prize visit

Celebrate our 30th Birthday with us as we roll back the prices like it's 1996!

£5 Ice Skating
17th-20th September

Book Now

City ice rink to be reopened

PLANET ICE TURNS 30!

To celebrate they are offering a £5 BIRTHDAY SKATE between 17th - 20th September on sessions titled '£5 Birthday Skate'

To book your £5 Birthday Skate go to <https://go.planet-ice.co.uk/5-birthday-skate>

Special Mentions

August C	Jay	For his resilient attitude when completing his work this week.
Charlie B	Skylark	For settling into the school with fantastic enthusiasm and energy. Well done Charlie!
Reagan H	Dove	For demonstrating impeccable respect for her peers, her work and her presentation.
Aidan-James D	Macaw	For always offering to help tidy the classroom. He has been so polite and considerate. Keep up the amazing attitude!
Jayden M	Toucan	For always demonstrating exemplary behaviour and being a pinnacle of excellence. You are a true asset to our class and an outstanding role model to others.
George M	Parrot	For always demonstrating the Featherby values and behaviour expectations. Great start to year 4 George, well done!
Reggie M	Ostrich	For being friendly to all children in the class and respectful to adults. In class, he has been organised and has always approached his learning with a positive attitude. He has settled into the class really well and is already showing he is a fantastic member of Ostrich class.
Isaac K	Flamingo	For a wonderful start to the academic year. Having a positive mindset and attitude towards their learning and encouraging others with their learning too. Keep up the great work!
Jessica G	Emu	For showing an incredible attitude to learning. You have settled into Year 5 wonderfully. What a start, Jessica - keep it up!
Edie F	Hawk	For her amazing input during our Windrush lesson and her confident speaking when presenting her research. Keep it up Edie - Well done!
Kaden C	Falcon	For a fantastic start to year 6; he is fully engaged in his learning, has a wonderful attitude and is a pleasure to teach.
Emmanuella O	Eagle	For an extremely positive start to the year. Emmanuella has thrown herself into every lesson with enthusiasm and has confidently shared her ideas with the class. She has shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning. Well done, Emmanuella! Keep it up!

Shine	Tawny Owl	For showing a really positive attitude to learning, showing greater confidence in answering questions with her peers and adults. What an amazing start Shine!!
Mason	Woodpecker	For an excellent and enthusiastic start to year 2, he has been such a great role model!
Nora K	Barn Owl	For showing a positive attitude towards learning and choosing to challenge herself in her writing. Great job Nora!
Theodore J	Puffin	Theodore has shown so much respect to the adults and peers in his first week, he has a really positive attitude to learning and completed every task to the best of his ability! well done Theodore!
Rae	The Nest	Rae has been an excellent member of the Nest this week. She has shown brilliant choices in her learning and has been a lovely friend to her classmates! Well done, Rae.
Noah G	Kingfisher	For a really positive start to year 2, engaging in all areas of his learning, we are very proud of him! Well done Noah!
Wren Class	Wren	For settling in so beautifully to reception class this week! Learning all of the routines and expectations. You have all been amazing! Well done Wrens!
Artem	Finch	What a fantastic first week in Reception, Artem You have settled in so well, learning new routines, getting to know our expectations. Well done!
Jameel	Snowy Owl	For showing a really positive attitude to his learning and
Robin Class	Robin	For setting in so fantastically this week. Robin class have been curious explorers and have made some wonderful new friendships. Keep it up, Robin class!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors

Ostrich, Eagle and Toucan = all 100%

Infants

Wren & Barn Owl = both 100%

Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Lyla W, Yr1

Delilah M, Yr2

Prim-Rose W, Yr3

Elijah S, Yr4

Maisie-Mai G, Yr5

Maddison W, Yr6