Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 13/11/2026

Our school values are at the heart of everything we do, and this term has provided many opportunities to see them reflected in the way our children learn, grow and show respect for others. This was particularly evident in our Year 6 Remembrance Day assembly, where the children led a thoughtful and moving reflection on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others. They spoke with confidence, maturity and sensitivity, and I was very proud of the respect they showed throughout.

Our class assemblies this term have been another opportunity to celebrate the children's learning and achievements with families. They also play an important role in developing children's voice and oracy skills, helping them to grow in confidence, express their ideas clearly and speak to an audience. Alongside these celebrations, our Parents' Evenings gave us the opportunity to come together and reflect on the children's progress. I particularly enjoyed catching up with so many of you, celebrating successes and discussing the next steps in your child's learning. These conversations strengthen the partnership between home and school, which is so important in helping every child achieve their best.

This partnership continues through learning at home. Reading remains a key priority for us, and Learning with Parents is a valuable part of our home learning offer. It supports children in developing their reading skills, building confidence and, importantly, fostering a love of reading. Sharing books and talking about stories together makes a real difference, and we want every family to be part of this. Please remember to sign up if you haven't already.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the important role you play in your children's learning. E. Pape

Maths & English SATs Tuition YEAR 6

February half-term and Easter holidays

We will be offering additional learning in February half-term and in the Easter holidays next year to our Year 6 children to help them get ready for SATs. Our dedicated team of teachers want to ensure that all Featherby children leave us in the best possible position, equipped for learning at secondary school. This year Featherby children were in the top 15% of the country for Maths and English and we want to build on that success next year. So Year 6 families, we'll be sending more information out soon and sign-ups for dates to invite the children in for relaxed and fun learning, in those holidays when there's nothing to do and the weather's bleak (and the added bonus of you not hearing "I'm bored" whilst they're in school! Watch this space!

CHANGE TOUCAN

Class Assembly on 24th November @ 10.20am

There's a slight change to the timing of Toucan's class assembly on Tuesday 24th November. So instead of the assembly starting at 10.30am, we will start at 10.20am.

Thank you for your understanding Toucan parents, for the change of time.

This will enable us to schedule some exciting Anti-Bullying workshops for the children that day as well. Such are the challenges of a busy school, with lots going on all the time!

WHOLE SCHOOL

Parental Consent for Local Trips this year

Have you done your child's yet on MCAS? If not, or you need help, please contact the school office. Make it your weekend 'homework' to look on MCAS and see what parental consents need your decision.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Photographers

We are endeavouring to rebook a date for the photographers to come back in but this is likely to be in January. We will advise as soon as we have a date.

Monday 23rd November - Diabetes Awareness

WHOLE SCHOOL

In order to raise awareness of Diabetes, which many of our community manage every day including some of our children and staff as well as members of the wider Featherby Family, we will be wearing a little 'extra' blue on Monday 22nd November. So if your child would like to paint their nails blue, wear blue socks or extra blue headbands/ribbons in their hair - let's turn the school blue and raise awareness of this challenging condition that affects every part of a person's day-to-day life.

Tombola donations please

WHOLE SCHOOL

Let's make our Christmas fair the best ever!

We need donations sent in next week for our tombola please.



Can you send in:

- 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. Can we ask you to pick up a little extra item in your shopping and send it in to the school office next week - thank you so much!

Yoghurts/frubes at breaktime

WHOLE SCHOOL

Please can we ask that parents don't send in yoghurts/frubes in for breaktime snacks. We have several children with severe milk allergies and yoghurt on the playground is much more challenging to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support

Exciting Anti-Bullying Workshops in school

WHOLE SCHOOL

In order to support our work in school to celebrate our differences and to ensure all children understand bullying in an age-appropriate and fun way, we are hosting a series of workshops, over three days, for the children from a specialist organisation, OpenView Education. They use a 'training through theatre' approach to ensure children can explore these themes in an accessible way. We would encourage our families to take a look, so you can understand more about what's coming up and can support your child with conversations at home:
https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/anti-bullying-workshops-information-for-parents/

Discos are back!

REC TO YEAR 6

So how do you buy a ticket? Tickets are available on MCAS for £5 each - funds go to our PTA and include snacks/drinks. We've made it easy to find - if you look under 'Outstanding' you can see the charge there and add it to your basket.

What if your child doesn't want to go? No problem, ignore the charge (We'll remove it after the event)

All children need to be collected by an adult. If you arrange for another parent to collect your child that's fine but please let us know well in advance.

Where? All discos are in the INFANT hall (Allington Road building).

When?

Year 3 & 4: Thurs 19th November 3.30pm-4.30pm. Years 3 & 4 children should bring their party clothes in a bag that morning. They will have the opportunity to change in school before being escorted to the infant building for the disco by teachers. Pick up is at 4.30pm.

Year 5 & Year 6: Thurs 19th November 4.45pm-5.45pm. Children should be collected at usual home time and go home to change and be brought back to school for the disco for 4.45pm (and collected at 5.45pm - by an adult. No child will be allowed to walk home without an adult afterwards.

Reception: 3rd December 3.15pm-4pm. YrR Children should bring their party clothes in a bag that morning, teachers will help them change as they'll go down to the disco straight after school. Pick up is at 4pm.

Year 1 & Year 2: 3rd December 4.15pm-5.15pm. Children should be collected at usual home time and go home to change and be brought back to school for the disco for 4.15pm (and collected at 5.15pm)

Exercise Books

WHOLE SCHOOL

We know how special it is for families to look back on their children's learning and celebrate their progress.
Although we had previously discussed sending exercise books home, we have reconsidered this in line with our Trust's approach to safeguarding and photographic consent. As some books contain photographs of other children, we must respect each family's individual permissions and protect children's privacy.
We understand this may be disappointing and apologise for any disappointment caused. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

PRICES STARTING AT £28 PER DAY

BROMPTON ACADEMY

21st, 22nd & 29th December

DAYS	THEMES
Monday 21st December	Jingle Bell Races (Didi Cars), Santa Dash Relay Races, Santa Strikes (Football Shoot Out), Reindeer Obstacle Course, Snowball Target Throwing, Christmas Card Making, Gingerbread Garland (Arts & Crafts)
Tuesday 22nd December	Christmas Dress/Jumper, Candy Cane Challenge, Christmas Treasure Hunt, Build A Snowman (Arts & Crafts), Christmas Music & Dance Challenges, Snowball Showdown Christmas Party
Tuesday 29th December	Glow In The Dark Dodgeball, Laser Tag, Basketball Challenge, Bench Ball, Sports Obstacle Course, New Year Arts and Crafts, Strive's New Year Party With Dance Challenges

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CROSSROADS CARE KENT

NHS Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance

Could you volunteer to support cancer patients in Medway?

Could you help someone else through their journey?



We are looking for volunteers in Medway who have experienced cancer and would like to use their experience to support others.

As a volunteer, you will be matched with someone living with cancer, offering a listening ear, understanding and compassionate support based on your own experience. Roles are available face to face or virtual/over the telephone.

Full training and support will be provided.

Interested in becoming a volunteer?

Volunteer Line 03450 956 701 (Option 3)
Email volunteer@crossroadskent.org

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"Living with cancer can feel overwhelming, but you don't have to face it alone. Our volunteers offer a listening ear, understanding and compassionate support, sharing their own experiences to help you feel heard, supported and less alone."

If you are living with cancer and would like support from one of our volunteers, please contact us.

Contact us

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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

Mon 16th November		Wear Odd Socks Day (to celebrate start of Anti-Bullying Week)
Tues 17th November		Year 2 - Immersive Day
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)
Thurs 19th November	NEW	Toucan Class Trip
Thurs 19th Nov 3.30pm-4.30pm	NEW	Year 3 & Year 4 Disco
Thurs 19th Nov 4.45pm-5.45pm	NEW	Year 5 & Year 6 Disco
Fri 20th November	NEW	Macaw & Parrot Class Trip
Mon 23rd November	NEW	Wear 'extra' blue for Diabetes month (see page 3)
Tues 24th November @ 10.20am	NEW TIME	Toucan Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 24th November	NEW	Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (KS2)
Weds 25th Nov 9am-10.30am		Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Thurs 26th November	NEW	Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (KS2)
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
Mon 30th November	NEW	Anti-Bullying Workshops in school (EYFS/KS1)
Tues 1st December @10.30am		Macaw Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 3rd Dec 3.15pm-4pm	NEW	Reception Disco
Thurs 3rd Dec 4.15pm-5.15pm	NEW	Year 1 & Year 2 Disco
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		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)

SAVE THE DATE

WHOLE SCHOOL

School Events (Continued)

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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	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

Oliver T	Jay	For his responsibility and aspiration in his learning, always pushing himself to be the best he can be - keep it up Ollie!
Inaaya Y	Skylark	For settling into school life like an absolute superstar! You are a smiley firework of joy!
Lenny B	Dove	For his resilient and focused attitude towards his learning this week. You have produced excellent results through your hard work.
Kaziah W	Parrot	For producing detailed instructions on how to make a chickpea curry, including time adverbials and conjunctions. Well done Kaziah, keep it up!
George M	Toucan	For showing excellent focus and determination, consistently staying on task and completing all work expected of him. Keep up the fantastic effort, George!
Majidah S	Macaw	For excellent times-table skills this week! It is wonderful to see how hard you have worked to learn all of your times-tables. Keep it up!
Leonie	Ostrich	For showing trust and responsibility in the classroom and playground. Leonie has consistently been on task and respectful in school. Well done Leonie. Keep up the great work!
Louie P	Flamingo	for consistently SOAR-ING in every aspect of his school life. You have been fantastic in all areas of your learning so far this year and we are all immensely proud of you. Keep it up Louie!
David A	Emu	For showing incredible resilience in recent weeks. David has also demonstrated unbelievable focus in learning and has made monumental progress with his presentation. Well done, David!
Neve W	Hawk	For opening our Remembrance Day assembly so beautifully and with such pride. You spoke so clearly and confidently, and I am incredibly proud of you!
Adeeb Q	Falcon	For the enormous effort he has put into Reading Plus - he should be very proud of the progress he has made. Well done - keep it up!
Aaliyah R	Eagle	For her consistent hard work and determination so far this year and for being an all round superstar! Well done Aaliyah- keep it up!

Esme	Kingfisher	For your fantastic writing, hardwork and positive attitude - always SOARIng
Aaron	Barn Owl	For all the progress you have made in your phonics and mark making. So proud of you!
Renatta	Finch	For really coming out of her shell this term. Renatta is always coming into school with a big smile ready to learn.
Cody	Tawny Owl	For working hard on his handwriting to form his letters correctly and to sit them on the line.
Ollie	Puffin	For always working hard in all his learning and especially this week in English. Well done!
Keelan	Wren	For being so kind and helpful to friends and adults, showing fantastic listening skills, and always being curious and inquisitive. Keep up the wonderful work, Keelan!
Henry	Snowy Owl	For his positive attitude towards his learning and always SOARing. Well done Henry!
Henry H	Woodpecker	For always trying his best, in all areas of his learning. We are very proud of you Henry!
Lexi	The Nest	For joining in with our circle time songs every morning!
Chibunna	Robin	For working so hard this week in all areas of his learning but especially with maths. I am so impressed with how much effort you have put into this week. Well done, Chibunna!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly Winners

Juniors
Tawny Owl = 98.52%

Infants
Skylark = 98.79%



Individual 100% - Winners of the assembly weekly draw

Year 1 = Nora K
Year 2 = Archie D
Year 3 = Skylar M
Year 4 = Cole B
Year 5 = Keeley B
Year 6 = Ivy D