

Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 09/10/2026



What a lovely week it has been in school, with so many opportunities to celebrate our children, their learning and the wonderful community we are part of.

One of the highlights has been our Year 1 Harvest Assembly. It was an absolute joy to see just how confident the children have become. They spoke and sang with such enthusiasm, and it was wonderful to see their personalities shining through. We are incredibly proud of them all! A huge thank you to the Year 1 team for all their hard work in making the assembly such a special occasion.

Harvest is also a lovely reminder of the importance of thinking about others, and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families who have so generously donated food for our food bank. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to families who need a little extra support. It is wonderful to see our school community coming together to help others.

This sense of kindness, respect and looking after one another is also at the heart of another important event taking place today. Our school is awash with red as we proudly support Show Racism the Red Card. This is such important work, helping our children to understand why we must challenge racism, celebrate diversity and ensure that everyone feels valued, respected and included. These are conversations and messages that matter not just today, but every day, and are central to the values we want our children to carry with them as they grow.

It has also been lovely to see all the wonderful reading being shared on Learning with Parents. I have really enjoyed finding out about the books the children have been reading and, perhaps even more so, discovering all the cosy little places they choose to curl up with a good book! It is a real pleasure to see families sharing stories and helping to develop a lifelong love of reading. Thank you to everyone who has been sharing their reading adventures – please keep them coming!

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your patience and understanding during the difficulties with our school telephone system. It has been a hugely frustrating time, and I completely appreciate how inconvenient it has been for families trying to contact us. We are very sorry for the disruption and are grateful for your continued understanding as we work to resolve the issues.

As always, thank you for your continued support. Whether it is sharing a story at home, donating to our food bank, attending an assembly or supporting the important values we teach in school, it is these things that make our school community so special.

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COME READ WITH ME SESSIONS ARE BACK!

SEE THE DATES PAGE

REC TO YR6

Our ever-popular Discos are back next term

- thanks to our PTA

How do you buy a ticket?

**DISCO
ANYONE?**

During the half-term we will set up the disco tickets to be able to purchase via MCAS @ £5 per ticket. We will let you know when they're on the app and we will add a ticket to everyone's app (so you'll see it under outstanding to make it easier for those parents wanting to purchase a ticket to find it. However if your child doesn't want to go that's fine - ignore the charge and we'll remove it for you after the event. Tickets are £5 per child and include drinks and snacks and all funds raised benefit the school via our PTA. We will send you information over the half-term - watch this space!

WHOLE SCHOOL

Parents' Evening Bookings

On Wednesday 28th October @ 7pm we will open the booking system for parents to book their chosen parents' evening appointments with your child's class teacher. We'll remind you nearer the time but for now we would encourage every parent to ensure their MyChildAtSchool Account is working correctly and, if they need help setting up their MCAS account they contact the school office for help now via: admin@fpsmat.org

If you're new to school or can't remember how the system works, you'll find a quick guide on how to book on our website: <https://www.featherby-jun.medway.sch.uk/Parents/OnlinePlatform/>

Year 4 - Cookery next term

YEAR 4

Next term, Year 4 will be taking part in an exciting term of cookery lessons as part of their Design and Technology (DT) curriculum. As well as developing essential cooking skills and growing in confidence and independence, the children will have opportunities to apply their learning across other subjects, including maths, science, reading and writing.

We would love every child to take part in these practical and enjoyable lessons. Please ensure you complete the ingredient consent form so that your child can fully participate. [Year 4 Cookery Consent Form](#)



YEAR 4

School Trip 19th & 20th November

As you will have seen from the letter that came home this week, Year 4 will be going on their school trip in November. We would remind all our parents to return the form as soon as possible and by paying for their child's place via MyChildAtSchool.

If you need help please email the school office.

Bikeability - watch this space!

YEAR 6

We've been able to secure some funded places on Bikeability for 36 children so, after the half-term (we'll give you plenty of notice), we will deploy an expression of interest form and more details. Watch this space!

YEAR 6

Remembrance Day Assembly

As in previous years we look to our oldest children in Year 6 to understand the importance and solemnity of Remembrance Day, as we show our gratitude for fallen servicemen and women. Therefore we invite our Year 6 parents to our Remembrance service, which will be led by the Year 6 children, on 11th November at 2.30pm. Please join us to mark this event.

Big Outcome - Save the Date!

YEAR 6

Year 6 parents are invited to come and join us @ 9.30am on Friday 11th December for our Big Outcome, when the children share their learning! Not to be missed - see you there!

YEAR 6

Deadline to apply for secondary school is 31st October

We understand from Medway that this year there will be no grace period and, if Year 6 parents haven't submitted their secondary choices by 31st October their child will be allocated a place in a secondary school once all other choices have been allocated. Obviously this isn't what we want for any of our Year 6s. Therefore, here's a link and a reminder of how to apply:

Applications are online BY 31st OCTOBER via Medway Council:

https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200137/schools_and_learning/1061/applying_for_a_secondary_school_place/3

We know that many of you will take the time over the half-term to reflect on your options with your child and will submit it during the holidays.

However we also want to offer to help, if you need it. Therefore, if you need help accessing the Medway system, Mrs Barraclough is offering a drop-in support day on Monday 26th October between 9am and 3pm in the junior building. So if you find your internet's down, your device suddenly doesn't work or you just need help navigating the Medway application system, drop by and she'll have a device ready for you to help!

Come Read with Me sessions are back!

REC TO YR6

An opportunity for you (or granny/grandad/auntie/uncle) to come in to enjoy a story with your child at the end of a Friday afternoon. So on the dates you'll see on the dates page you'll see the dates set for your child's year group and on each of those days the gates will open earlier and you'll be able to go into class to enjoy a book with your child! We'll remind you each time.

Whatsapp groups

WHOLE SCHOOL

We know that parent WhatsApp groups can be a wonderful way to share information, support one another and build a sense of community.

We would, however, like to remind everyone of the importance of keeping conversations kind, respectful and considerate, particularly when discussing other parents, children or members of staff. We have recently become aware of some conversations that have not reflected these values, and we ask everyone to be mindful of what is shared and how we speak about others.

Our Parent Code of Conduct reflects these expectations, and if you have any concerns, we would always encourage you to speak directly with us so that we can listen and help.

We are incredibly proud of our school community, and by continuing to look out for one another and treat others with consideration, we can ensure Featherby remains a welcoming and supportive place for everyone.

Macaw Class reward - Mon 2nd November

MACAW CLASS

As Macaw class have worked together and have already accumulated enough class tokens for their chosen reward, they can come into school on Monday wearing their pyjamas or onesies. Enjoy your reward, Macaw - you've earned it.

Parking - Let's remember our neighbours

WHOLE SCHOOL

We would like to remind all families of the importance of parking safely and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please be mindful of our neighbours and ensure that driveways and access to properties are kept clear at all times. Blocking someone's driveway, even for a short time, can cause considerable inconvenience and prevent residents from going about their day.

We all have a part to play in keeping our school community safe and maintaining positive relationships with those who live nearby.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

WHOLE SCHOOL



Hatchlings Stay & Play

JOIN US!

Stay, play and learn sessions for under 4's every other Wednesday

Join us for a relaxed stay-and-play session led by our Family Liaison Officer (Registered Children's Nurse) and our Community Ambassador (Experienced Maternity Support Worker)

Suitable for Parents, Carers, Grandparents and guardians giving you the chance to build friendships and share experiences!

Time: 9am-10:30am

Location: Featherby Infants and Nursery School - Allington Road, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 6PD

Dates:

16 th Sept	30 th Sept
14 th Oct	11 th Nov
25 th Nov	
16 th Dec -	

Christmas Party

No Booking required - Just turn up and play! Free of charge

- Babies and Children can explore, play and learn through a range of activities
- Meet new faces of the community!
- Parent support and guidance
- Wellbeing Support
- Inclusive and Child-led environment



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



HOLY TRINITY
TWYDALL

CRAFTY CREATORS

Crafts, painting, and lots of fun

On: Tuesday 27th October
10.00AM-12.00PM
Free Admission

@ Holy Trinity Church
Hall/Grounds ME8 6JU



HOLY TRINITY
TWYDALL

presents

TRINITY TOTS

Stay and Play Come Join in the Fun!

Games Music Crafts

Free Admission | Age 0 to 4 years

Every Monday Starting on Monday 12th October
10:00pm to 12.00pm
@Holy Trinity Church Hall ME8 6JU

Please contact Jeni for registration
details on Jeni@htt.org.uk



PRICES STARTING AT £28 PER DAY

8:30AM-4PM
EARLY DROP OFF AVAILABLE - 8AM

BROMPTON ACADEMY

20th - 30th October 2026

BOOK ONLINE TODAY VIA OUR WEBSITE

TEACHER LED
DBS CHECKED
SEND SPECIALISTS

ACTIVITIES

SPORTS DAY
DODGEBALL FEST
LASER TAG
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK DODGEBALL
PHANTOM LASER TAG HUNT
CREEPY CUPCAKE DECORATING
WITCHES POTION LAB
HALLOWEEN DRESS-UP (OPTIONAL)
BOUNCY CASTLE

BOOK HERE

CONTACT US!
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PRICES STARTING AT £28 PER DAY

BROMPTON ACADEMY

20th - 30th OCTOBER 2026

DAYS	THEMES
TUESDAY 20 TH OCTOBER	Sports Day - Running, Throwing & Jumping
WEDNESDAY 21 ST OCTOBER	Dodgeball Festival
THURSDAY 22 ND OCTOBER	Laser Tag
MONDAY 26 TH OCTOBER	Glow-In-The-Dark Dodgeball
TUESDAY 27 TH OCTOBER	Phantom Laser Tag Hunt
WEDNESDAY 28 TH OCTOBER	Creepy Cupcake Decorating
THURSDAY 29 TH OCTOBER	Witches Potion Lab - Chromatography Mad Scientist's Lab - Explosions
FRIDAY 30 TH OCTOBER	Halloween Dress-Up (optional), Bouncy Castle, Halloween Treats & Halloween Keepsake

CONTACT US!
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@strivepeandsport

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

Monday 26th October 9am-3pm	New	Year 6 parents - drop-in help session on applying for secondary (if they need help) - see page 3
Saturday 31st October	New	Deadline for Year 6 parents to apply for secondary school
Monday 2nd November		First Day of Term 2
Monday 2nd November (am)		RockSteady Workshops - KS1
Tues 3rd November (am)		Photographer in school - children's individual photographs taken
Weds 4th November @ 10.30am		Flamingo Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 5th November @ 10.30am		Tawny Owl Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Friday 6th November @ 3pm	New	Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Tues 10th November @ 10.30am		Ostrich Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 10th November (evening)	New	Fledglings Parents Evening
Weds 11th Nov 9am-10.30am		Hatchlings (baby & toddler group) Stay & Play - Infant Hall
Weds 11th Nov 2.30pm	New	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)
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	New	Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 27th Nov (after school)	New	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	New	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
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	New	Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)
Friday 29th January @ 2.55pm	New	Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 5th February @ 3pm	New	Year 3-Year 6 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 3pm)

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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	New	Rec to Year 2 "Come Read with me" session (gates open @ 2.55pm)
Friday 5th March @ 3pm	New	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 @ 2.55pm	New	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	New	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	New	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	New	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	New	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

Rowen	Tawny Owl	For being an excellent role model in the class, trying her best at all of her learning and being a great friend.
Maddie	Barn Owl	For showing such bravery and resilience when coming into school in the morning, and for working so hard to arrive happily with a smile and beginning to volunteer to join in with group activities. So proud of you!
Zain	Finch	For being a fantastic superstar this week! Zain has been listening so carefully and doing an amazing job of keeping everything tidy. He has also had such a good attitude to learning too.
Louis	Puffin	For always being on task and respectful to everyone around him. He always tries his best in all his learning and has been a superstar this term! Well done!
Gia	Woodpecker	For being an excellent role model in the class and having such a positive attitude towards her learning. Well done superstar!
Millie	Wren	Millie has shown wonderful enthusiasm for phonics and writing. She is always a kind and caring friend and a helpful member of our class. Well done, Millie!
Raya-May	Snowy Owl	For always being on task and bringing a cheerful and enthusiastic presence to the classroom. Well done Raya-May
Ronnie	Robin	For having a fantastic attitude towards his learning this term! Ronnie is a kind and considerate friend to have. Well done, Ronnie!
Oliver	Kingfisher	for having a phenomenal attitude towards learning and having high aspirations. You are SOARing!

Layla W	Jay	For her outstanding attitude to learning and unwavering enthusiasm - she is a role model to all and should be proud of herself this term!
Caleb A	Skylark	For never failing to SOAR. Caleb holds high aspirations for himself in everything he does at school.
Meila M	Dove	For always upholding the Featherby values and SOAR behaviours. She is an excellent role model to her peers!
Kaya W	Parrot	For being an absolute delight to teach. Kaya, you always uphold the Featherby values and SOAR behaviour expectations, you are a true role model. You should be proud of yourself.
Idalia R	Toucan	For consistently demonstrating kindness, respect and responsibility and setting a wonderful example to others. Idalia is the epitome of exemplary behaviour. She is a true credit to our class!
Billy G	Macaw	For consistently showing excellent behaviour, outstanding resilience, and being a fantastic role model! He is an absolute pleasure to teach!
Sofia F	Ostrich	For demonstrating aspiration through her enthusiasm for learning and kindness towards others. Sofia embraces challenges, responds positively to feedback and consistently strives to achieve her very best across all subjects.
Roxanne R-W	Flamingo	for being an excellent ambassador for Flamingo class. You embody the values of our school and show exemplary examples of our SOAR behaviour expectations. We are ALL very proud of you!
Kira-Mae B	Emu	For her exceptional efforts in class, her keen attitude to always do the right thing and for being an excellent SOAR role model. Well done, Kira!
Lillie R	Hawk	For consistently showing dedication to her learning, always trying her very best and being such a kind and supportive friend to others. Lillie, you have been amazing all term!
Mylee M	Falcon	For the amazing effort she has been putting in this term. She has impressed me so much with her determination and resilience. What an absolute star!
Ivy D	Eagle	For being a ray of sunshine. Ivy has the most infectious smile and her positivity lights up every room she walks into. She tries her best in all she does and is just an absolute delight to have in the classroom. Well done Ivy, I'm proud of you!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors
Falcon = 98.57%

Infants
Barn Owl = 98.21%



Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Haile-Grace The Nest
Amarliya P - Woodpecker
Year 3 - Fatima I
Year 4 - Tallulah
Year 5 - Zara M
Year 6 - Avnesh R



Reading Nominations

Class	Name	Why they have been nominated
Robin	Rosalie	Rosalie has shown us such a love for reading! Rosalie reads at school and at home, and is already applying her phonics to her reading. It is a joy to see! Well done, Rosalie!
Finch	Evie	For her amazing reading on learning with parents Evie has really wowed our class with her level of engagement and not only that also her reading in our group guided reading sessions.
Wren	Alfie	Alfie has shown a real enthusiasm for exploring a variety of stories and enjoys sharing his comprehension skills! Well done Alfie!
Barn Owl	Tommy	For showing great commitment to his reading at home as well as school. Great job.
Tawny Owl	Nancy	showing great confidence in her phonics and application to reading.
Snowy Owl	Ava-Rose	For her growing confidence in reading at school as well as at home. Well done Ava!
Kingfisher	Willow	Growing confidence when reading out loud
Woodpecker	Frankie	For growing in confidence when reading aloud and showing such enthusiasm for reading.
Puffin	Logan	For the effort he puts in with reading at school and at home.
Jay	Maisie M	For her enthusiasm for reading and improvement in her reading skills this term - well done
Dove	Matthew M	For his efforts to improve his reading skills during lessons this term.
Skylark	Mukhtar A	For his commitment to reading plus this term.
Parrot	Imogen B	For her love of reading and jumping up 2 levels on Reading Plus.
Toucan	Elija S	Excellent reading at home with good use of 'Learning with Parents.'
Macaw	Aleeza H	For her commitment to reading at home and at school.
Emu	JJ	For his continuous efforts in reading lessons and for improving his focus on Reading Plus! Keep it up, JJ!
Ostrich	Khizar	Khizar reads beautifully to the class, and during our discussions about retrieval and inference, he demonstrates fantastic inference skills. His thoughtful ideas help inspire class discussions and encourage others to share their thoughts. Well done, Khizar! Keep up the fantastic work!
Flamingo	Ivy-Rose L-N	For an amazing attitude towards her reading this term and for constantly having her nose in a book. She is like our very own Matilda! Your participation in group discussions has been invaluable also! Well done Ivy-Rose!
Falcon	Hadley	To recognise the fantastic effort he is putting into Reading Plus - he is making amazing progress!
Eagle	Jimmy P	For his fantastic enthusiasm and continued dedication to Reading Plus.
Hawk	Lillie-Anna B	For her brilliant attitude and ongoing commitment to Reading Plus!