

Featherby Friday Flyer

FRIDAY 25/09/2026

It has been lovely to see how well the children have settled into their school routines. As I visit classrooms, I am always impressed by their enthusiasm for learning and the pride they take in their work. There has been so much exciting learning taking place across the school, from investigating the properties of different materials in Science and exploring the colourful artwork of James Rizzi to learning about the Windrush generation and its important contribution to British history. It has also been wonderful to see our outdoor spaces being used to support and enrich learning, giving the children opportunities to explore, investigate and develop their understanding beyond the classroom.

One of my favourite parts of being Headteacher is welcoming visitors and showing them around our school. I always feel incredibly proud as we visit classrooms and the children confidently share their learning. What I particularly love is seeing how proud they are of their own achievements. They are always so keen to explain what they have been doing, share their ideas and show visitors their work. It is a pleasure to see their confidence and enthusiasm, and our visitors often comment on how welcoming the children are.

It is these moments that remind me what a special school community we have. Our children are wonderful ambassadors for our school, and I feel very fortunate to see their achievements and progress each day.

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Next year's Term Dates in this Flyer – see page 4

WHOLE SCHOOL

FUN LUNCH
THURS 1ST OCTOBER

CHILDREN'S CHOICE DAY

Main 1

Chicken Burger in a Bun

Main 2

Ultimate Veg Burger (v)

Sides

Homemade Wedges & Sweetcorn
Tomato Sauce

Desserts:

Homemade Cookies



Ducklings Parents
Come and join us!

NURSERY

On Friday 16th October our nursery children will be hosting a special harvest-themed stay and play session for their grown ups. We would love to see you there.

If your child attends morning only sessions, then we would ask you to come along for 10.45am to join us.

If your child attends afternoon only sessions or attends all day then we would ask you to join us for 2.30pm

We can't wait to see you!



NURSERY

Ducklings Dress Day - Fri 9th October
Come in dressed as a firefighter, nurse,
doctor etc

WHOLE SCHOOL



Wear Red Day - Friday 16th October

This year on Friday 16th October we will be joining with other schools around the country to 'Show Racism the Red Card' - as we say loudly and clearly that racism has no place in our society. So we will:

Wear RED as a sign of solidarity.

Wear RED as a sign of resistance.

Wear RED as a sign of allyship.

Children can dress entirely in red clothes or just a splash of red if they prefer, on that day.

WHOLE SCHOOL

Additional MCAS Account

We know that many of our families have one parent who has an MCAS Account running but we wanted to remind parents/carers that we are able to issue an account to the other parent if they want it. So whether both parents live together or not, if the other parent would like access to MCAS please do contact us in the school office and we can help, via: admin@fpsmat.org

my **child** at **school**.com

WHOLE SCHOOL

Spare Uniform?

If you've been going through the cupboards and your child has grown out of school uniform, please can we ask you to take it to our local charity shop (in Twydall Shops). That way other parents can grab a bargain and a fantastic charity can benefit too. From time to time we may ask for donations for spare clothes, in case of accidents, but for now we have plenty so please take it to the charity shop and they'll be able to make good use of it.



YEAR 6

Secondary Open Evenings at local secondary schools



CG CHATHAM GRAMMAR
Driven by Ambition

OPEN EVENTS 2026

Visit us to meet our staff and students, tour our facilities, and discover how we are a school that is Driven by Ambition.

Saturday 10th October
9am-11am

Thursday 15th October
6pm-8pm

Morning tours held from
Monday 5th - Friday 9th October
9am and 10am

Scan the QR code to
book a morning tour
and view our
admissions and open
events information.





Rainham Road, Chatham, Kent, ME5 7EH
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www.chathamgrammar.org.uk  

WHOLE SCHOOL

Local Trips - Parental Consents

Each year we often arrange local walking trips, to venues such as our local library or church, as part of our Learning.

Although we would always advise parents in advance about such trips, we ask parents to consider granting local trip consent in advance. Therefore please could we ask all parents to go to their MyChildAtSchool app and review all their parental consents as soon as possible and in particular the consent for "2026/27 Local Trip Consent". Thank you for your support

WHOLE SCHOOL

Featherby schools are excited to invite you to our Macmillan coffee morning!

This invite is open to our Featherby family and friends as well as our wider community, please spread the word and invite your family, friends and neighbours. We would love to see as many faces as possible, old and new.

We will have tea, coffee, cake and treats available for a donation of your choice. We will have pots for change on the day as well as a link and a QR code for donations.

We will look forward to seeing you there!

Natalie King (Featherby's Family Liaison Officer) and Vicky Paterson
(Featherby's Community Ambassador)

Date: Tuesday 13th October 2026

Time: 9am-10:30AM

**Venue: Featherby Infants and Nursery School main hall,
Allington Road, ME8 6PD**



**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Featherby Schools Term Dates 2027 - 2028

Term 1	Term begins for children	Tuesday 31st August 2027
	Term ends for children	Friday 15th October 2027
Autumn Half Term:	Monday 18th October - Friday 29th October 2027	
Term 2	Term begins for children	Monday 1st November 2027
	Term ends for children	Friday 17th December 2027
Christmas and New Year Break	Monday 20th December 2027 - Monday 3rd January 2028	
Term 3	Term begins for children	Tuesday 4th January 2028
	Term ends for children	Friday 11th February 2028
February Half Term	Monday 14 th February - Friday 18 th February 2028	
Term 4	Term begins for children	Monday 21st February 2028
	Term ends for children	Friday 31st March 2028
Easter Holiday:	Monday 3rd April - Monday 17th April 2028	
Term 5	Term begins for children	Tuesday 18th April 2028
	Term ends for children	Friday 26th May 2028
	Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May 2028
	Late May Bank Holiday	Monday 29th May 2028
May Half Term	Monday 29th May (bank holiday) 2027 - Friday 2nd June 2028	
Term 6	Term begins for children	Monday 5th June 2028
	Term ends for children	Friday 21st July 2028



YEAR 6

Year 6 - DT Activity Parental Consent

Early next term, Year 6 will be undertaking a DT activity as part of their learning, as they experience new tastes and textures in Jamaican cuisine. To ensure your child can take part please complete this consent form: [Year 6 DT](#)

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 29th Sept @10.30am		Hawk Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 1st October @10.30am		Kingfisher Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Tues 6th October @ 10.30am		Eagle Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 8th October @ 10.30am		Woodpecker Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Fri 9th October		School nursing team coming to do flu vaccinations for parents who have opted in for their child
Fri 9th October	New	Nursery Emergency Services Dress Up Day * see page 1
Tues 13th October @ 10.30am		Emu Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Thurs 15th October @ 10.30am		Puffin Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Friday 16th October	New	Nursery Harvest Stay & Play (parents invited to join us) * See page 1
Friday 16th October	New	Last Day of Term 1 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 2nd November	New	First Day of Term 2
Tues 3rd 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)
Tues 10th November @ 10.30am		Ostrich Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
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)
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)
Tues 15th December @10.30am		Jay Class Assembly (parents invited to join us)
Friday 18th December	New	Last Day of Term 2 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
Monday 4th January 2027	New	First Day of Term 3
Friday 12th February	New	Last Day of Term 3 (pupils finish @ usual time)
Monday 22nd February	New	First Day of Term 4
Thursday 25th March	New	Last Day of Term 4 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)
Weds 10th March (evening)		Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 1)

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Thurs 11th March (evening)

Mon 10th - Thurs 13th May

Monday 12th April

Friday 30th April

Monday 3rd May

Tuesday 18th May

(Thursday 20th May)

Friday 28th May

Monday 7th June

Mon 7th - Fri 18th June

Mon 14th - Fri 18th June

Tuesday 15th June - pm

(Weds 16th June - pm)

Tues 6th July (pm)

Tues 13th July (pm until 6pm)

Thurs 22nd July (am)

Friday 23rd July

Parent & Teacher Spring Consultation Meetings (day 2)

National Year 6 SATs Tests

New First Day of Term 5

New Staff Development Day (school closed to pupils)

New Bank Holiday (school closed)

Sports Day (Years 1 - 6)

(back up Sports Day for Years 1-6, if weather poor on 18th)

New Last Day of Term 5 (pupils finish @ usual time)

New First Day of Term 6

National Multiplication checks for Year 4s

National Phonics tests for Year 1s (and some Year 2s)

EYFS (Reception & Nursery) Sports Day

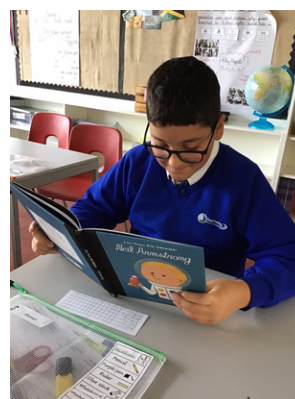
(back up Sports Day for EYFS, if weather poor on 18th)

End of Term Celebration of Learning (all classes) Parents to join us

Year 6 Leavers Festival

New Revised Year 6 Leavers Assembly (parents invited to join us)

New Last Day of Term 6 (pupils finish @ 1.30pm)



Special Mentions

Elsie A	Jay	For her ambition and responsibility in all of her learning - she sets an amazing example for her peers, well done!
Charlotte G	Skylark	For showing such love to her friends and looking after people when they have needed a friend.
Ayad H	Dove	For his determination and resilience during Maths this week. I have enjoyed seeing you grow in confidence and engagement across the board this week.
Lola D	Parrot	For always showing great determination and resilience even when you find things tricky. Well done Lola!
Naomi C	Toucan	For showing fantastic confidence when presenting her persuasive speech to the whole class – a confident and convincing salesperson in the making!
Ryan V	Macaw	For showing fantastic enthusiasm and confidence during public speaking in our English lesson this week. Keep it up!
Athena D	Ostrich	For always listening carefully to new ideas, taking an active role in your learning and applying what you have learnt to your work. It is wonderful to see your confidence grow each day!
Myles F	Flamingo	For improving every aspect of his learning so far this year and determination towards all of his studies. Keep up the great work Myles you have been a superstar!
Esmee F	Emu	For personifying the Featherby Values. Your collaboration and support towards your peers is extraordinary. Keep it up, Esmee!
Zlata Y	Hawk	For always showing all of our Featherby Values and being a brilliant role model in the class! Well done Zlata!
Rosie H	Falcon	For being such a fabulous, enthusiastic member of the class, and for her thoughtful prediction in science this week. What a role model!
Penny J	Eagle	For being the most fabulous role model and being the epitome of a hard worker! She is extremely helpful to her peers and is a wonderful friend. Well done Penny, keep it up!

Chloe	Tawny Owl	For always giving her best effort at all of her learning and for being a great friend and helper.
Lexi	Woodpecker	For having a fantastic attitude to your learning and SOARING this week!
Shamir	Puffin	For always being on task and working beautifully independently and collaboratively.
Freya	Barn Owl	For trying really hard with her writing at school and home! You are improving everyday. So proud of you!
Evie	Finch	For showing incredible bravery and resilience! Evie has overcome her worries about coming to school and has settled in so beautifully. We are so proud of how far she has come!
Toby	Wren	for being an excellent role model to his peers, consistently following routines and expectations, and demonstrating great effort and commitment to his learning.
Arlo L	Robin	For having a fantastic attitude towards his learning! Arlo has been a focused learner and an excellent friend throughout this week.
Ivy	Kingfisher	For always trying her best. Ivy is a fantastic role model, demonstrating all of our Featherby values. Well done Ivy, keep on SOARING!
Leon	Snowy Owl	For always having a positive attitude towards his learning and for his fantastic writing this week. Well done Leon!
Haile-Grace	The Nest	For being a wonderful friend to a younger member of the Nest! Well done!

Attendance Winners

Class Weekly winners

Juniors
Parrot = 100%

Infants
Barn Owl = 99.26%



Individual 100% - winners of the assembly weekly draw

Year 1 Carl Junior G

Year 2 - Elliott F

Year 3 - Novah H

Year 4 - Henley B

Year 5 - Joseph H G

Year 6 - Bella F