Feering Newsletter

Inspire, Explore, Achieve

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents

Welcome to our final newsletter of the school year, such a lot has happened, and we have so much to celebrate! This year will be the first intake of our new Reception pupils where we have been asked to go over our Pupil Admission Number (PAN). This growth will support the sustainability of our school and is something we have been working towards. Further up the school we are seeing our pupil numbers steadily rising, which is so needed.

Our Upper Key Stage Two pupils put on a great show for our community, what a great way to end the term and a final hurrah from our Year 6 pupils who took on leading parts so well. Thank you to the staff for their support in enabling this to be such a success. We also held the leavers' celebration presentation and I want to thank staff for the hard work that went into being able to share the lovely montage film with parents and children. We hope that as our leavers move on, they have happy, healthy and productive lives for the rest of their education and beyond. Good luck children!

I would like to wish everyone within our community a very restful and joyful summer holiday and we all look forward to seeing you in September.

Kind Regards

Bridgette Gough

Pupil of the Week

	10th July	17th July
Puffling -	Alice H	Whole Class
Ring Tailed Lemur –	Whole Class	Whole Class
Blue Whale –	Ollie P	Hallie
Falcon –	Whole Class	Lily
Peacock –	Whole Class	Year 6

Birthdays in July

Bohdi B-B Emily

Bodhi M Edith

Alba, Filip, Monty

George Louie-James

Birthdays in August

Bohdo BB Teddy

Lola George CJ

Betty Ruben

Ollie G Stanley H

Sports Cup

Bear Aiden A

Going for Green

Edith W Joshua

Welcomes and Goodbyes

We have been glad to welcome Miss Grace Longstaff to the team, she is our new EYFS LSA and has been working with our Pufflings and will be supporting our Bear Cubs from September.

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Stacey Smith and wish her well in her new full-time role at Gosfield School. I want to take this opportunity to thank her for her contribution to our community, for her hard work supporting children and her ability to be a team player. Mrs Phillips will be a full time member of the Feering team from September.

Congratulations to Oliver

Well done to Oliver, one of our Year 6 pupils who has been selected to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Italy this October. He shared his success with our community on Thursday and we wish him well for the event! Please see the attached for flyer with further information.

Further Staffing Information for September

We are now in a position to share information regarding additional staff within classes, however, we do this tentatively as things can change over the summer break due to how notice works for support staff. Where support staff are allocated, they may be shared or working with the whole class, groups or individuals. We are, as a Trust, committed to using LSAs and HLTAs to support children in addition to the class teacher. This means interventions can be undertaken by familiar adults and our wonderful team help create a sense of belonging by largely being allocated to a class or individuals. In these tricky economic times more and more schools are not able to make this provision, however whilst this is possible, we will continue to operate in this way. We know the children benefit from the great work of our LSA's and HLTA's and how committed they are, alongside our teachers to make a difference for pupils.

Bear Cub Class – Miss Bateman, HLTA role, Miss Longstaff

Hummingbirds Class – Miss Tyler, Mrs Steele, Mr Adkins, Mrs Bass, Mrs Price

Capybaras Class – Mrs Adkins, Mrs Price, Mrs Bass

Otters Class- Mrs Jones, Mrs Philips, Mr Adkins, Mrs Bass, Mrs Steele, Mrs Price

Woodpeckers Class – Mrs Ship, Mr Taylor, Mrs Philips

Holding on to progress…

As the holidays approach we want to support our pupils holding on to the progress over the long summer break. As you are aware our pedagogy (teaching methods) focus on retention and because we know keeping learning accessible within the brain means it needs to be revisited fairly frequently and repeatedly. With this in mind, we recommend that the years Key Facts work shared for maths is dipped into for little and often sessions with your child. This might be quick recall tables practice or number bonds work or knowing your equivalent decimals for percentages and fractions. This

retained knowledge will support transition no end. We also want to remind you that Timetables Rockstars can be accessed over the long summer break. Regular reading or for our younger children phonic work will also help your child. We have already advertised the reading challenge offered by the library to encourage regular reading practice. If you want extra books for the holidays and are not members of the local library or can't get there please do ask as many of us are here for periods over the summer and would be glad to help.

Wrap Around Care Update

We are glad to inform you that we intend to maintain our wrap around care provision in the coming academic year. To keep this provision we have had to make some changes, overruns will now have to be put in place to cover extra staffing. Therefore if you have a late pick up there will be a set charge of £5. We have also had to raise the cost of wrap around care to cover recent staff cost increases and the ever growing food cost increases, we have kept these as modest as possibly can. ASC will now be £12 and Breakfast Club will be £5. These prices are still less than other local providers.

Just as a reminder, the school accepts Tax free childcare as payment. Parents just need to login to

https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account

Parents then select the school as their provider. HMRC will then send the funds to the school and they will be credited to the Parentmail account once received for parents to book sessions in the usual way. Sessions must be booked in advance.

Free School Meal changes - important reminder

Following our recent communications, this is a final reminder regarding Free School Meal changes from September 26.

Unless eligibility is checked, anyone currently in receipt of Free School Meals who is in Key Stage 2 will NOT receive them free of charge from September.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the following link - https://forms.cloud.microsoft/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=o_Vy33kb3UGSRRPKe46GoJ_wpINIEzZBjj24LVUDPUFURjA0SzM1M0xBRUE3Uk44N0laMFEyWTMwUC4u&route=shorturl

The school can confirm if you are eligible should you wish to contact us.

The government has expanded the scheme so that anyone in receipt of universal credit will likely qualify. If you are unsure, please do complete the link.

Changes to charges for School Lunches for September

From September our school meal charge will be £2.65. This is due to the rising costs of both staffing and food supplies. We believe this is still great value for money and competitive with other schools in our area.

We will also be increasing Birthday Lunch prices by 20 pence per meal for both KS1 & KS2.

Out and About – Summer Term Ideas

For this newsletter we are attaching flyers to support parents in finding things to do for the long summer break that help get children out and about. We are also circulating the latest Kids Around Newsletter, packed with useful information for parents and children. Inside, you will find updates on school events, important dates, learning highlights, and ways to support children's progress at home. It also celebrates pupils' achievements, shares class news, and offers simple ideas for keeping children engaged, confident, and ready to learn. We hope families enjoy reading it together and feel inspired by all the wonderful things happening in our community.

https://anyflip.com/btwyj/pvlg/

Puddle Magazine May Issue for Early Years and Primary Schools

The summer holiday issue of Puddle Magazine is now available, packed with free days out, local events, crafts, inspiration and family-friendly ideas for the weeks ahead, including special features from Essex Wildlife Trust and SNAP Charity.

Academic Calendars 2026-27 & 2027-28: Skeleton Dates

The skeleton dates for our 2026–27 academic calendar have been circulated previously, but in case they were not downloaded at that point, we are sharing them again for easy reference. Please do take a look and note the key term dates, inset days and holiday periods as you plan ahead.
We have also attached the academic calendar for 2027-28.
We are also pleased to confirm that PD days have been booked around the school holidays, with particular consideration given to the June half-term. This supports families in planning holidays during school breaks, helping children to remain in school during term time.

New Breakfast Club Launch

Following on from our recent parent interest survey, we are pleased to announce the launch of a new breakfast club. Staffed by members of our own team and operating onsite in the school hall, the club will run from 7:45am until 8:45am, Monday to Wednesday initially. At a competitive cost of £5 per session, children will enjoy a cereal or toast breakfast to start the day well. We aim for this provision to break even to build its sustainability and possibly be able to extend it to four days per week on review in the autumn term.

Collective Worship

This week our theme has been linked to our Learning for Life Behaviour – Try New Things. We looked at the idea that life is an adventure, this is a combination of small and great things. We talked about the things that help us when we embark on adventure, having people around us we know, having confidence in our abilities and having a sense that others believe we can be successful. Positive transitions lead to this sense of I can…

To support this exploration, we used a clip for Up, see the link below, it's a great prompt for discussion and the text Also an Octopus, which promoted the idea of writing your own adventure.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVY04LBXaCc

Year 6 led the final assembly of the week sharing their memories of their school adventure!



Year 6 Leaver's Lunch

On Thursday hosted a Leaver's Lunch, the Y6 children have chosen the menu and it will replace the scheduled lunch.

Their choice was…

Build your own Chicken Burger/Quorn Burger

With Fries and Salad Bar

Followed by

Iced Chocolate Doughnuts

With

Orange Juice



A Hint of Snow

Years 4 to 6 delighted audiences with their fantastic production of *A Hint of Snow White*, a brand-new panto-musical that brought plenty of laughter, music and sparkle to the stage.

Set in the colourful, quirky land of Duluxumbourg, the show followed the adventures of the evil Queen Malodorous, the talented and ambitious artist Prince-sy, the joyful Cleanie Jeanie and a cast of memorable characters old and new.

The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and songs, and their effort paid off in a brilliant performance full of energy and confidence. With catchy songs, a hilarious script and a truly feel-good finale, the production had the audience smiling from start to finish.







