23rd October 2026

- We were delighted to welcome local artist Hannah Farthing who was blown away by the talent and enthusiasm shown by the children. Thank you to everyone who attended the art exhibition
- We were thrilled by the turnout at our Open Evening and received some wonderful feedback from prospective parents.
- Photographs were due to take place on Monday. Unfortunately, they were unable to attend - we are awaiting information regarding a rearranged date.
- Years 3 and 4 thoroughly enjoyed their residential visit to Thorpe Woodlands, embracing every challenge that came their way.
- Meanwhile, children in Finch and Kingfishers (who didn't attend) took part in outdoor learning and even a fire to cook popcorn! Thank you to Mrs Daniels for making this happen.
- We will be welcoming a Steel Pan Workshop after half term and Friends will be running a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop.

We wish all our families a wonderful half-term break. Please remember to stay safe over the Halloween and firework period and take extra care when out and about. We look forward to welcoming everyone back after the break.

Important Reminder for Year 6 Parents

The closing date for applications for High School places is **31st October 2026**. Please ensure your application is submitted before this date.

Parent & Carer Focus Group

We would like to invite parents and carers to join our **School Focus Group**. This is an opportunity to:

· Learn about our key priorities and improvement plans for the year ahead.

· Find out more about developments across the school.

· Ask questions and gain a deeper understanding of school life.

· Share your views, suggestions and ideas.

· Work alongside school leaders to help shape the future direction of the school.

Date: 16th November - 3:15. Children may attend after school club free of charge during this session.

We value the perspectives of our families and believe that by working together with parents, carers and governors (a selection of whom will be in attendance), we can continue to strengthen our school and provide the very best opportunities for our children.

We hope to see many of you there!

Reporting Your Child's Absence

Thank you for letting us know when your child is unable to attend school. When reporting an absence, we kindly ask that you provide a specific reason for the absence wherever possible. Unfortunately, terms such as *"ill"* or *"unwell"* do not give us enough information for our attendance records.

Having a clearer understanding of the type of illness affecting our pupils helps us identify if there is an increase in similar illnesses across the school. This enables us to take any necessary steps to protect the health and wellbeing of our school community, including enhanced cleaning or, where appropriate, a deep clean of the school.

Thank you for your support, cooperation, and understanding in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

Dinner Menu
Week Commencing 2nd November

	02.11.26
Monday	Margherita Pizza (W, Mi) Potato Bites
Tuesday	Sausage & Mash Quorn Sausage & Mash
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Breast Cheese & Potato Pie (Mi) Yorkshire Pudding (W, E, Mi)
Thursday	Spaghetti Bolognese (W) Quorn Bolognese (E, B) Garlic Bread (W, Mi)
Friday	Fish & Chips (F, W, E)

JACKET POTATO

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Tuna (F)

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Sandwiches (W)

FILLINGS

Tuna (F), BBQ Sausage (W)
Cheese (Mi), Ham

SERVED WITH

Crisps (W), Salad & Pasta

ALLERGENS

P-Peanuts
TN-Tree Nuts
E-Eggs
SE-Sesame
S-Soya
Mi-Milk
CE-Celery
MU-Mustard
F-Fish
Mo-Molluscs
CR-Crustacea
L-Lupin

ALLERGENS GLUTEN

W-Wheat
O-Oats
B-Barley
R-Rye
SP-Spelt
GF-Gluten Free

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Jelly, Cream Crackers
Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day
Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday

Diary Dates

26th to 30th October
Half Term

6th November - Steel Pan Workshop
6th November - Christmas Jumper Swap Shop for a Donation
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10th November - Robin Class Owl Day @ Mendlesham Primary
11th November - Remembrance Service
13th November - Pudsey Pentathlon for Children in Need
16th November - Parent Focus Group
27th November - PD Day

Attendance This Week

Robin: 98%
Finch: 97.78%
Kingfisher: 98.85%
Owl: 97.6%
Eagle: 98.57%

Super Learners

Robin: Dean, Ashlee
Finch: Teddy, Elsie W
Kingfisher: Arthur, Charlotte
Owl: Dorothy, Willow
Eagle: Mason, Hartley, Sophia