

13th February 2026



- What a wonderful half term! The children have been busy showing all they have learnt during recent assessments. We look forward to sharing their progress with you at the upcoming Parents' Evenings.
- This week, tractors in schools visited — the children loved seeing them up close!
- Our **Valentine's Disco** was well attended, and the children enjoyed **Dress to Express** as part of **Mental Health Week**, alongside a special assembly.

When we return...

- **Monday:** Pancake races in the playground at **8:45am**.
- **Author visit:** Bali Rai, author of *The Girl and The Elephant*, will be joining us
- **Friday:** Casual clothes day in exchange for **chocolate donations** for the Easter raffle.

World Book Day—Advance Notice

Children may come dressed as their favourite book character **or** in casual clothes with their favourite book. Look out for some **Masked Readers** visiting KS1 and KS2

Safeguarding

- If you have any safeguarding concerns over the holidays, please email the **school office**, where messages will be checked periodically.
- For **urgent** safeguarding concerns, please contact **Customer First on 0808 800 4005**.

What a fantastic day we've had celebrating "Dress to Express"!

It was absolutely wonderful to see our children arriving yesterday morning bursting with colour, creativity, and confidence. Every outfit told a story, and together they created a vibrant reminder that our school is full of unique personalities who all express themselves in their own special ways.

"Dress to Express" isn't just about clothing—it's about encouraging our children to celebrate what makes them *them*. By embracing our differences and sharing how we feel, we help build a supportive community where everyone feels seen, valued, and understood.

We've found that days like today are a brilliant way for children to learn about mental health and emotional wellbeing. It gives them the chance to recognise that it's not only okay to be yourself—it's something to be proud of!

Thank you to everyone who joined in and made the day so uplifting. The joy and individuality on display were truly inspiring!

Cleaner—Mendlesham Primary School

We are looking for a professional, friendly and motivated individual to undertake a range of cleaning duties at **Mendlesham Primary School**.

If you are interested please see information on the Oxlip website, link below. I have also attached a copy of the advert to the newsletter email.

Click [HERE](#) to view the advert on line.

Diary Dates

Half Term—16th to 20th February 2026

23rd February — Pancake Day Races @ 08:45

26th February — Bali Rai (Author) to visit school

27th February—Non-Uniform Day (Chocolate donation please)

5th March — World Book Day

10th March—Parents Evening

11th March—Parents Evening

18th March — Kestrel Class to SUEZ Recycling Plant

24th March — Owl Class to Abbey Gardens & Theatre Royal

Easter Holidays

30th March to 10th April 2026

16th April — Year 3 & 4 to Suffolk Farm Fair @ Trinity Park

21st April—Finch to Museum of Zoological Life

Principal Awards

Robin - Maeve

Finch - Evaleigh, Darcie

Kestrel - Olive, Ruby

Owl - Hartley

Eagle - Joseph

Attendance This Week

*** Robin: 96.88% ***

Finch: 95.81%

Kestrel: 93.9%

Owl: 95.34%

Eagle: 94.63%

Dinner Menu

Week Commencing 23rd February

	23.02.26
Monday	Tomato & Basil Pasta Bake
Tuesday	Chicken Burger Quorn Burger
Wednesday	Roast Chicken Roast Quorn Fillet
Thursday	Pepperoni Pizza Margherita Pizza
Friday	Fish & Chips

Also Available Daily

School Packed Lunch:- Baguettes/Sandwiches/Wraps
with Cheese/Ham/Tuna Mayo

Jacket Potato:- Cheese/Beans/Tuna Mayo

Selection Changed Daily:- Pasta, Homemade Bread,
Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Fruit Kebabs, Fresh Fruit Salad,
Yoghurt, Jelly

Wendy's Special Desserts

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday