



EVERY CHILD CAN ACHIEVE

# Luddenham News

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## Merry Christmas



As our Autumn Term comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Whether it be with your child's learning or supporting the events in school. We are thoroughly grateful.

It's been another fabulous term with lots of things to celebrate.

Year R, Robins, put on the most fabulous nativity for their parents on Tuesday. It was absolutely wonderful and a congratulations to the children for having the courage to speak and sing in front of so many people. They really have settled into Life at Luddenham well. Thank you to the Year R team for making such an event happen.

Year 5 had a fabulous trip to the Houses of Parliament on Monday. They were showered with praise from so many people on how they conducted themselves. A real credit to the school and we are very proud of them. They got to meet our local MP and ask her lots of questions. Thank you to the Year 5 team and Mrs Williams for making this such a memorable event.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have also welcomed lots of you in for Share the Learning events. Thank you for supporting these, your children really do love a chance to show you what they have been learning.

## Studybugs

From January, we plan for absences to be reported using the Studybugs App or link via our website. This will reduce the need to call school and help code our registers quickly.

It is really important that you are clear about why your child is off. If you only provide details, such as unwell or sick then we will have to call you back to get further information and I am sure with a sick child you would rather prioritise your time with them. We want to make this as quick as easy as possible so please ensure the right details are provided.

Please refer to the details sent out via email earlier this week.

 Studybugs



## Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



# Reminder - School meal bookings from January 2025

Starting from the beginning of January we are changing the way you order school meals for your child(ren).

**Everyone, including children on free school meals or universal free school meals will be required to order your child's meal via parentpay.** We are no longer having registers in the classroom; you will be able to book & pay via parentpay.

The deadline to book a meal is by **midnight the night before**, you will not be able to book a meal for your child after this time. We have sent out login details to parents who have not already received them in book bags today.

If your child is free school meals or universal free school meals (YR, Y1 & Y2) you will be able to book their lunch without paying. Below is guidance on how to book a meal. Please contact the office if you have any questions.

[https://parenthelp.parentpaygroup.com/csp?id=kb\\_article\\_view&sysparm\\_article=KB0010412](https://parenthelp.parentpaygroup.com/csp?id=kb_article_view&sysparm_article=KB0010412)

## Staff Panto

Word may have gotten out that the staff put on a surprise Panto for the children. Thanks to Miss Case for writing and directing it and for all the staff who got involved. As you can see Cinderella at Luddenham was a blast!



## Year 2

This week, Class 2 have enjoyed a range of festive activities! They have created beautiful decorative pomanders by pressing cloves into oranges, while learning about traditional crafts. The class also took part in a lively festive board game tournament, where they had many opportunities to practice turn-taking, teamwork and good sportsmanship, all while having lots of fun together!



## Getting ready for Term 3

We've noticed a few things creeping into school that should not be. These have included skincare/beauty items as well as toys from home. All your child needs to bring into school is their reading book and contact book.



No child should have lip gloss or any form of beauty product. In bringing them in and sharing them with others we increase the risk of others having a potential allergic reaction.

With things like Pokémon cards or other toys, children share and exchange them and this can lead to arguments and misunderstandings of who owns them and takes up valuable learning time to resolve.



Please can we keep what comes into school focused on learning unless it's a special occasion and the class teacher/ school have requested it.

As you have seen from our recent communications about lost property, it's difficult enough to keep track of uniform items for over 200 children, we don't need any more please.

So, over the festive period, please empty book bags. There should not be several items in there please and anything that is brought in is the responsibility of the child to look after. If it is brought in and should not be, it will be removed and given back to the child at the end of the day.

## Kent Education Awards

Parents are able to nominate any school/educator/support member so I am sharing the link with you.

[Kent Education Awards - Social Enterprise Kent](#)

# Faversham Family Food Map

## FAVERSHAM FAMILY FOOD MAP

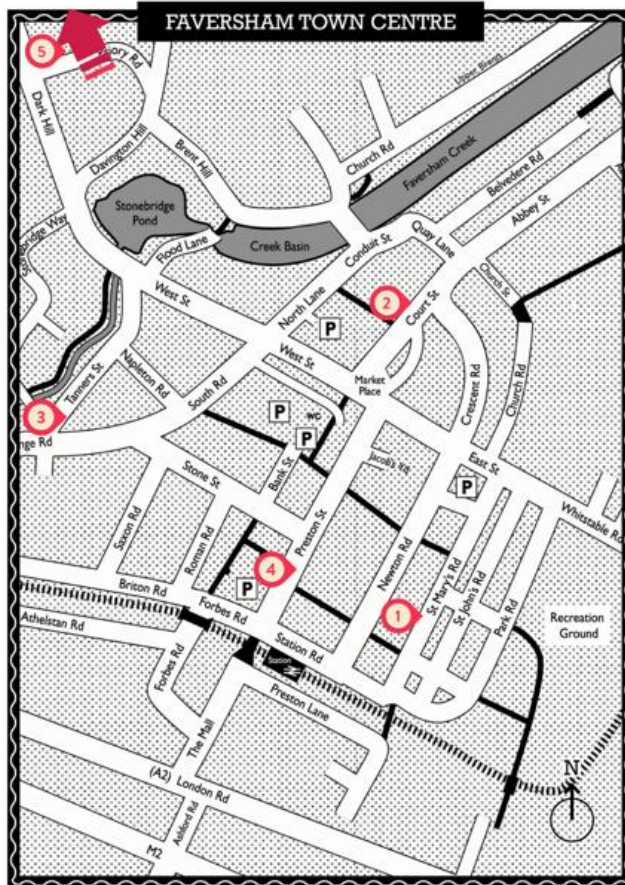
Please see below details of the community and faith organisations providing free food to children and families in Faversham during the school holidays.

This map has been updated and distributed by Faversham Community Networking Group (FCNG) & Faversham Umbrella

### MAP LISTINGS:

1. Faversham Baptist Church
2. Faversham Umbrella
3. Faversham Food Bank
4. Faversham Community Church
5. West Faversham Community Centre

For more information see full listings. All information was correct at time of printing, please check before you travel.



## Warm Spaces

There are community organisations providing warm spaces in Faversham - offering people struggling with bills and loneliness, places to meet, have a warm drink and a chat.

Faversham Umbrella, Court Street  
Tuesday - Friday (10am-3pm)

West Faversham Community Centre,  
Bysing Wood Road  
Warm space for older and vulnerable people. Free bowl of soup.  
Monday-Friday. Warm space always available.

Age UK, The Old Fire Station  
Mondays (10am-12noon)

Salvation Army, Court Street  
Mondays (10am-12noon)  
Tuesdays (12noon-3pm)

Faversham Library, Newton Road  
Open Monday-Friday (10am-5pm)

The Alexander Centre, Preston St  
Mondays (10am-11.30am) term time only.  
Little Angels Baby & Toddler Group. Free.  
E: [hello@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:hello@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk)  
Fridays (1pm-3pm) New parents and under 3s can meet for a free hot drink, chat and play.  
E: [workwithmeaning@outlook.com](mailto:workwithmeaning@outlook.com)

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More information here:

### 1. FAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

#### COMMUNITY FOODSHARE 1

Surplus food from local businesses available for pick up including vegetables, bread, pasta (varies each day). Maximum one bag per family per day. No booking required. FREE. Arrive at 10am. Fridays ONLY

A: The Meeting Place, St Mary's Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 8EH  
T: 01795 531669  
E: [office@favershambaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@favershambaptistchurch.org.uk)

### 2. FAVERSHAM UMBRELLA

#### FREE KIDS LUNCH BOXES 2

FREE packed lunch boxes during school holidays. Pick up from the café. No booking required. School holidays only. Pay it Forward scheme open to everyone all year round.

Free soup every Tuesday

Tues- Fri 10am- 2pm.  
Christmas Open Hours:  
Close 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Open 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January  
Back to usual hours from 6<sup>th</sup> January

A: Faversham Umbrella,  
Court Street, Faversham, ME13 7AT  
E: [info@favershamumbrella.org](mailto:info@favershamumbrella.org)  
T: 01795 229143 between  
10am -3pm, Tues to Fri.

#### FOOD FRIENDS

A meal sharing initiative. Connecting volunteers who would love to deliver a portion of some cooked food, as and when they can, to a neighbour. Free.  
T: 01227 250410  
E: [hello@food-friends.co.uk](mailto:hello@food-friends.co.uk)

### 3. FAVERSHAM FOOD BANK

#### EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS 3

Emergency food parcels for those in crisis. Please get a voucher first from local schools or referral agencies before your visit, these are listed on our website. FREE.

Wed and Fri 1:30pm- 4pm.

A: Gospel Mission Church  
Tanners Street, Faversham, ME13 7JL  
T: 07938720604 E: [info@faversham.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@faversham.foodbank.org.uk)

### 4. FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

#### MAKE LUNCH FEBRUARY 2026 4

We will be opening our Make Lunch Kitchen during the February half-term holiday. Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February (12noon - 1.30pm). FREE lunch, craft activities and games for primary school aged children and their families. Booking essential.

A: Gatefield Hall, The Alexander Centre, 15-17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ E: [info@makelunch@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk](mailto:info@makelunch@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk)

### 5. WEST FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### COMMUNITY FOODSHARE 5

Surplus produce from local businesses available for pick up including vegetables, sandwiches, bread, pasta (varies each day). Maximum one bag per family per day. Emergency food boxes can be provided (ask for Louise or Courtney). No booking required. FREE. Every day.

#### YOUTH CLUB

Youth club including games, activities, music and socialising for teenagers, including a cooked meal and snacks. No booking required. FREE.  
Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 5pm-6pm.  
Wednesday 5pm-8pm.  
Friday 6.30pm-10pm.

#### COOKING WITH KIDS

Free cooking classes to cook with your little ones using fresh, affordable ingredients, to be eaten afterwards. Booking required. FREE.

Wed 11.30am.  
Tue 4pm - aimed at school aged kids (term time).

A: Bysing Wood Road, Faversham, Kent ME13 7RH  
T: 01795 537321  
E: [INFO@WESTFAVERSHAMCA.ORG](mailto:INFO@WESTFAVERSHAMCA.ORG)



## *Make a Difference to you Child's Education and Join our Governing Board!*

**Are you passionate about ensuring every child at Luddenham School receives the best possible education and opportunities? Do you want to use your skills to help shape the strategic direction of our school?**

We're looking for a parent / carer for the role of Parent Trustee on our school's Board of Trustees. This is a fantastic opportunity to play a vital role in shaping the future of our school and ensuring every child thrives.

### **What is a Parent Trustee?**

A Parent Trustee is a member of the governing board who brings a parent's perspective to strategic decisions. You'll work alongside other trustees to:

- ◇ Set the school's vision and long-term goals
- ◇ Monitor academic performance and pupil wellbeing
- ◇ Oversee financial planning and resource allocation
- ◇ Ensure the school meets its statutory responsibilities



You don't need to be an expert in education – just passionate about helping the school succeed. Full training and support will be provided.

### **What is the commitment?**

The role is voluntary, but highly rewarding. You will need to dedicate time for:

- ◇ Approximately 5 hours per term for meetings (usually held in the evenings), plus preparation time
- ◇ Undertaking training (mostly online)
- ◇ Making termly school visits

Your employer may give you reasonable time off for public duties like this.

### **Why Join?**



- ✓ Make a meaningful impact on your child's education
- ✓ Gain valuable leadership and governance experience
- ✓ Be part of a supportive and forward-thinking team

### **Interested?**

Please contact either the Chair of Trustees, Nick Perry, at [nick.perry@luddenham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:nick.perry@luddenham.kent.sch.uk) or the Clerk to Trustees at [clerk@luddenham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@luddenham.kent.sch.uk) to express your interest or ask any questions. The election will be held next term. We'd love to hear from you!

*Let's build a stronger school community—together*

# LSFA News

The LSFA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 🎅 ✨ Thank you so much for your continued support this year, whether you've donated, bought raffle tickets, volunteered your time, paid for events or simply supported us from the sidelines. Every little bit truly makes a difference.

We are delighted to share that our LSFA Christmas Raffle raised an amazing £829.47 🎉

This money will be hugely appreciated by the school and will go directly towards creating a Regulation Room for our FLO and SENCO team. A calm, supportive space where children can regulate, reset, and feel ready to return to learning.

🎁 Congratulations to all our raffle winners — we hope you enjoy your prizes!

A huge thank you as well to everyone who donated prizes and supported the raffle.

🎵 Disco Party Bingo!

If you're looking for something fun to kick off the New Year, there's still time to grab your tickets for our Disco Party Bingo Night - a brilliant adults-only evening filled with music, nostalgia and fantastic prizes, all while raising funds for our school.

📍 The Alexander Centre, Faversham

📅 Friday 23rd January 2026

🕒 Doors open: 7:00pm | First game: 8:00pm

🎫 Tickets: £15.00 + booking fee

👉 Book your tickets here:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/discopartybingo/t-vvlrxmp>

🔒 Password: HURRICANE

Instead of numbers, you'll be marking off songs, singing along, reminiscing, and enjoying those "I haven't heard this in years!" moments 🎵 🎉

You don't have to dance (unless you want to!) — it's simply a feel-good night out with friends, music, and plenty of chances to win CASH prizes!

💚 Where your money goes:

All proceeds will go towards continuing to support our OPAL Play Scheme, helping us keep the playground full of exciting resources, replace well-loved items, and fund new outdoor play projects 🌿

If you'd like to see what Disco Party Bingo is all about, you can check out their Facebook page here:

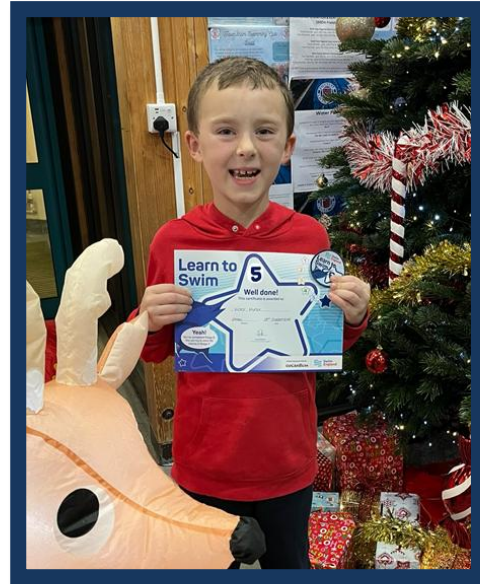
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# Superstar Corner

Let us celebrate together your achievements outside of school this past week.



Congratulations for being player for match. Your team won 2-1 and it was recognised that you pressed from the front, got the ball and made good decisions with passing it.



Congratulations on passing your Stage 5 in swimming. Keep up the good work. Well done!

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

START OF TERM – Welcome back

Young Voices Concert

Y5 School Trip – Starlight Express Group 1

Non-uniform – Donations towards Y6 Hoodies & LSFA Disco Bingo Event

Y5 School Trip – Starlight Express Group 2

Y6 School Trip – Harry Potter Studios Group 1

Rangers Day

Y6 Share the Learning 2:45 pm

YR Share the Learning 2:45 pm

Y6 School Trip – Harry Potter Studios Group 2 & Safer Internet Day &

Y2 Share the Learning 2:45pm

END OF TERM

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas break. May it be filled with lots of time to rest and recuperate, ready for 2026.

Enjoy making happy memories with friends and loved ones.

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in

Primary school



### Understanding your Child's Behaviour

19/01/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Your Child's Behaviour | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



### Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

02/02/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



### Autism and Sleep

09/03/2026 12:30 – 13:30pm

[Autism and Sleep | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)



### Understanding Neurodiversity

24/03/2026 10:30 -12:30pm

[Understanding Neurodiversity | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

