



EVERY CHILD CAN ACHIEVE

Luddenham News

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The final one...

As we almost reach the end of this academic year, I just want to say on behalf of the team here at Luddenham a huge thank you for your ongoing support.

It's been a fabulous year full of memories to look back on with fondness and that's exactly what our Year 6 did this week. Their performance was hilarious and jammed packed with all the cherished memories during their time here at Luddenham. Congratulations to them for putting on a fantastic show. We wish them well, as they start their new journeys in their secondary schools.

The team would also like to wish everyone a wonderful summer break. May it be filled with more happy memories with whatever you choose to do and I can tell you now, judging from Year 4's lock in, it could just be a simple game of hide and seek.

Below you see some reminders and some new information for the new year and key dates at the end.

Attendance

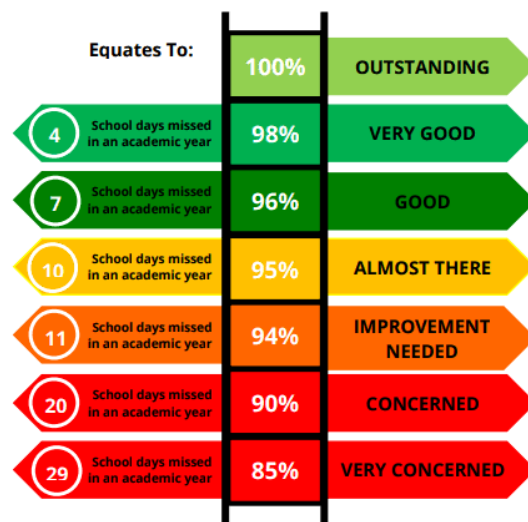
In the Autumn Term, we will be updating our attendance policy and practice. At Luddenham, we always aim for 100%. Our attendance as a school this year is just above 95%. This is 2 weeks of lost learning time or 50 lessons! Our attendance is declining and we really need to make as many improvements as possible. Absences due to illness need to be genuine and that your child really cannot access school. Quite often for children not feeling their best, we can monitor and support them at school and call you if needed.

One of the biggest factors this year has been holidays. Whilst I appreciate the cost of holidays in term time is lower, the impact on learning is significant. Learning is made up of building blocks. We build on learning each day, particularly in English and maths. Missing 5 or more days can really disrupt this learning making it harder for your child to be back on track.

The biggest thing I appreciate is honesty. After all it is one of our values and one we model and encourage for our children to be. If you make the decision to remove your child, please just be honest. Complete a leave of absence form **before** the date. If your child is not in school, we still have a duty of care that they are being safeguarded so knowing where they are helps with that.

We have been made aware recently by the local authority that if you do not tell us you are going on holiday or day(s) out and we are reliably informed that you are, then we are able to code your child's attendance record as an unauthorised absence and it is your responsibility to prove that you've not been on holiday. Telling us your child is sick and then they come back tanned, talking about it or something else will lead us to change the attendance code. Please remember that a total of 5 or more school days of term-time leave that is unauthorised could be subject to the issue of a penalty notice with the local authority. They do not have to be blocked together.

As I have been clear before, it is not what we want to do, but what schools are expected to do to ensure attendance is the best it can be. All I ask is that you work with us and understand what could happen in the event of unauthorised absences.



Whole School Fidget Approach

Please refer to the email and social story regarding the schools amended approach to fidgets from 1st September 2026. We would appreciate that you share this with your child ahead of September, as from that date, no fidgets should be brought into school unless specifically identified as a need by a specialist.

Toys / Keyrings in school

We seem to have a group of children that are still bringing toys into school including cards. Please can you check your child's bags. They're often coming out in car queue or playtimes. Our policy is to remove the items and they collect them at the end of the day, but for repeat offenders the items will be kept for longer.

Can I also ask that key rings on bags are limited to 1 as we've had some first aid incidents from knocking people? A large bunch is a hazard in a busy school and car queue! Thank you.



Great British Summer Scheme

The Secretary of State has notified schools of the following.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

Please use the link below to find out more about what is happening in our area. Some restaurants are also offering free children's meals.

[Find your family's summer offer — Summer Savings](#)

Uniform reminders [Luddenham School - Uniform Information](#) (more details here)

- Navy Sweatshirt / Cardigan / Fleece all with or without logo
- Navy Blue Polo Shirt with or without logo
- Grey Trousers or Skirts / Pinafore or Tartan Skits
- Grey Shorts or blue / White & Blue Summer Dress
- Black Shoes (no trainers or boots)
- Waterproof coat and wellies so they can access all areas at lunchtime especially in wet weather.

P.E. Kit (to be worn on PE days) (required items)

All children will need:

- House Team T-Shirt or white T-Shirt
- A pair of dark blue shorts / black leggings
- Trainers (or plimsolls)

Additional items for outdoor PE:

- **Plain** black/blue tracksuit or fleece (avoid hoodies as these can get caught on equipment and branded/logo items)
- Trainers (plimsolls are not suitable for outdoor PE)

PLEASE NOTE: Long hair **MUST** be tied back for PE and earrings removed for safety reasons.

Superstar Corner



Let us celebrate together your achievements outside of school this past week. Don't forget to send in your photos.



Well done on joining the
Squirrels Scout group.
It's great to try new things!

For being awarded a
trophy for being the
'Player of the Week' at
his Little Kickers football
class. You worked
incredibly hard.

Well done!



Congratulations on
receiving the top
award for Squirrel
Scouts - The Chief Acorn
Award 🐿️.

OPAL PLAY DONATIONS

WHAT WE NEED!

Over the summer, we at OPAL play would like to ask that if anyone has any wet weather gear (wellies and waterpoofs) that they have grown out to be donated.

Additionally, the children would appreciate some more water play items, as well as spare parts to update the mud kitchen.



Now we are entering our third year of OPAL, some of our dressing up is looking worn down, so if there's any dressing available to donate it would be much appreciated.



Donations

With the summer break almost upon us, you may be having a clear out of unused items. With this in mind, we were wondered if you had any of the following which we need in school for various children in learning and play. Thank you

- Playdough and tools
- Kitchen play sets
- Tea sets
- Kinetic sand
- Number dominoes (not dots but the actual digits)
- Plastic pegs
- Gardening stuff, compost, pots watering can, seeds, digging tools
- Bigger dressing up clothes e.g., Age 10 plus (we will take any size though as they love this in Opal)
- Vanity case play set

Calendar of Dates

Monday 20th July

YR Graduation

Tuesday 21st July

Y6 Leavers' Assembly – 13:30*

END OF TERM

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027 Term 1

Tuesday 1st September

INSET DAY - School closed for children

Wednesday 2nd September

INSET DAY – School closed for children

Thursday 3rd September

Start of Term 1

Year R 9.30am-12.00pm

Friday 4th September

Year R 9.30am – 1.30pm

Monday 7th September

Year R Full time 9.00-3.30pm

Wednesday 9th September

Year 2 Forest School begins

Thursday 10th September

Kent Test Day (Year 6)

Monday 14th September

Year 1 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Tuesday 15th September

Year 2 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Year 5 Gym sessions begin

Wednesday 16th September

Year 3 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Thursday 17th September

Year R Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Year 6 Swimming Sessions begin

Friday 18th September

Monday 21st September

Tuesday 22nd September

Monday 28th September

Thursday 1st October

Friday 2nd October

Monday 5th October

Tuesday 6th October

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October

Friday 16th October

Monday 19th October

Tuesday 20th October

Wednesday 21st October

Friday 23rd October

Year 5 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Year 6 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Year 4 Meet the Teacher 2.45pm

Speak out Stay Safe NSPCC Workshop for
Yr2, 5 and 6

Whole School Flu Vaccinations

Individual School Photos – Younger siblings
in hall from 8.30am

Year 5 digital leaders group – invitation
only

Year 6 Wembley Game (England vs
Czechia)

Year 1 & 2 Harvest performance to Year 1
parents 9.15am

Year 1 & 2 Harvest performance to Year 2
parents 9.15am

Kent Test results (Year 6)

Ranger's Day 1

Year R Share the Learning 2.45pm

Year 2 Share the Learning 2.45pm

Year 6 Share the Learning 2.45pm

End of Term



You should have received all your child's books today or they will come home on Monday. You should also have their waterproofs and wellies.

Please make sure we have all reading books from the library or phonics in school.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend



Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Helping Your Child Move to Secondary School

03/08/2026 09:30—11:00am

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to
term

Is your child moving to **secondary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this move**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for the move ahead.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/join/341931700362562?p=FtBZuaJB36K12A4vAh>

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools. If you require materials in another language or have any other access needs then please email: EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk

We look forward to meeting you



EMOTIONAL WELLBEING TEAM KENT
EMOTIONAL SUPPORT TEAM
MEDWAY

Please call for more information 0300 300 1955



Kent and Medway Mental Health NHS Trust

Parent Workshop

Starting Primary School

11/08/2026 10:30—12:30pm

*Workshop
timings
change from
term to
term

Is your child about to start **primary school**? Would you like to come and **meet with other parents and carers** and learn about ways to **support your child with this step in their lives**?

You are invited to a **workshop which thinks about how to prepare and support your child with this**. We will consider **challenges and concerns** and discuss **techniques that you can use at home** to help them feel ready for starting primary school.

If you would like to join, please **ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams**:

[https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/336151678548213?
p=dQB6rSq60ASZUnJiJW](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/336151678548213?p=dQB6rSq60ASZUnJiJW)

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Guidance from the NHS regarding support in the summer holidays

With the school holidays starting on Wednesday, 22 July, doctors are encouraging parents and carers to know where to go for health help.

If you have planned a trip away this summer, make sure you pick up any prescription medications that you need in advance and take these with you.

You can order repeat prescriptions on the [NHS App](#) and nominate a pharmacy, saving you time and putting you in control of your health needs.

Make sure your medicine cabinet is fully stocked with the basic essentials, such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, indigestion treatment and antihistamine.

If you or your children are not well, get advice from your pharmacist at the first sign of feeling ill – don't wait for it to get more serious.

You can get instant advice and prescription medication for seven common conditions without seeing a GP. Find more information about [Pharmacy First](#)

Visit an urgent treatment centre if you have a suspected broken bone or fracture, a sprain or a strain, minor cut, burn or scald. Live waiting times for urgent treatment centres can be found at the [Kent and Medway NHS website](#)

Parents can download our handy guide for five to 11-year-olds, which has useful information about health services, vaccinations, advice on common childhood health problems and items you should have at home.

Find information about NHS services for children and download the booklet at the [Stop Think Choose website](#)



STOP THINK CHOOSE

Stay calm, assess the situation

What advice or treatment do you need?

Choose where to get the right help quickly

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.

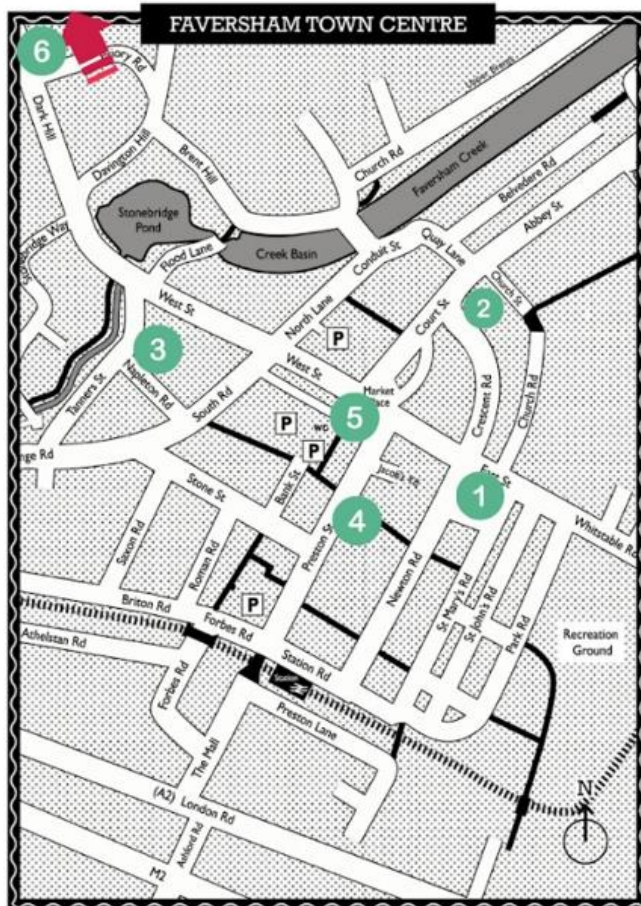
This map has been updated and distributed by Faversham Community Networking Group (FCNG) & Faversham Umbrella

MAP LISTINGS:

1. Faversham Baptist Church
2. Faversham Umbrella
3. Faversham Food Bank
4. Faversham Community Church
5. Leo's Lounge

West Faversham

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



Cool Spaces

There are community organisations providing cool spaces in Faversham - everyone is welcome to come have a drink and chat, n=meet new people and cool down

Salvation Army, Court Street
Mondays (10am - 12noon)
Tuesdays (1.30 pm - 3pm)

Creative Sense
The Alexander Centre, Preston St
Cool space for parents and kids at The Alex on Friday afternoons
July 25th and 31st
August 7th
September 2nd
1-3pm.

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

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

Faversham COMMUNITY NETWORKING GROUP
Original map designed by: @erinbyrne_printpaintpaper
More information here:

1. FAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Open every Friday free tea/ coffee and a chat
Friday 10:00- 11:30am

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

Mothers of Invention Community Food Store

Provides a variety of food from supermarket surplus for a small donation. All welcome.

A: South Road, between Lower Road & Tanners Street, open daily 2pm- 4pm
Contact via Facebook

2. FAVERSHAM UMBRELLA

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FREE KIDS LUNCH BOXES

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.

Tues- Fri 10am- 1:30pm.

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

3. FAVERSHAM FOOD BANK

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EMERGENCY FOOD PARCELS

Food parcels for people in crisis. Anyone who needs emergency food and further help and support.

Wed and Fri 1:30pm- 4pm.

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

Porchlight is currently working with Faversham Food Bank. We provide advice around housing, benefits, etc, to food bank users who might need them.

4. FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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MAKE LUNCH APRIL 2026

MAKE LUNCH SUMMER 2026 We will be opening our Make Lunch Kitchen during the Summer holiday. JULY Monday 27, Tuesday 28. AUGUST Monday 3, Tuesday 4, Monday 10, Tuesday 11 (12PM - 1.30PM). FREE lunch, craft activities and games for primary school aged children and their families. Booking essential.

A: Jubilee Room, The Alexander Centre, 15-17 Preston Street, Faversham, ME13 8NZ E: makelunch@favershamcommunitychurch.co.uk

5. LEO'S LOUNGE

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FREE KIDS BREAKFAST

Free cereal, fruit and juice from 9am-11am every Monday-Friday during the 6 weeks holiday

Monday - Friday 9am-11am

A: Leo's Lounge
13 Market Pl, Faversham ME13 7AF
T: 01795 293197

6. WEST FAVERSHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE

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COMMUNITY FOODSHARE

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.

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

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



Kent Community Pantry



FAVERSHAM

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KENT COMMUNITY PANTRY

'Making healthy food nutritious and affordable'

Weekly pantry service providing you with fresh
shopping for as little as **£18** per month!

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

A variety of fresh fruit and vegetables, Store cupboard items, frozen foods, meat, dairy and pastries.



WHEN?

Every Thursday
9am – 9.30am



WHERE?

Faversham Umbrella
Court St,
Faversham ME13 7AT



COST

As little as
£18.00
per month

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To find out more visit
www.kentcommunitypantry.org

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healthy and nutritious
food we aim to empower
you to make a difference
to your family's life.



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Five-different workshops, inspired by our museum collection
and led by a qualified teacher

TUESDAY MORNINGS 10 TO 11

28 JULY, 4 AUG, 11 AUG, 18 AUG, 25 AUG

Book as many sessions as you like, it's all FREE but must be pre-booked.

Accompanying adults optional

SAVE YOUR SPOT!

