

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!
- **Willow** parents/carers enjoyed learning about **Lunar New Year**

When we return...

- **Friday:** Break a rule 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**.

Pancake Day Races

What a fantastic morning we had with our Pancake Races! The children threw themselves into the fun with great enthusiasm, and the excitement was felt all around the playground.

A huge well done to all the children who took part—you made the event such a joy to watch.

Thank you for helping to make the morning such a memorable one!

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

It was absolutely wonderful to see our children arriving this 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](#) for details.

Diary Dates

Half Term—16th to 20th February 2026

27th February — Break a Rule Day

3rd March—Parents Evening

4th March—Parents Evening

5th March — World Book Day

19th March — Oak Class to SUEZ recycling plant

20th March — Dental Epidemiology in School @ 1:30pm

Easter Holidays

30th March to 10th April 2026

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

21st April—Elm & Holly to Museum of Zoological Life

23rd April — Bags to School Day

Golden Certificates

Willow—Delilah

Elm— Isla

Oak— Violet

Chestnut— Danielle

Holly—Denny

Cherry— Harry

Super Stars

Willow— Mabel

Elm— Erin, Toby

Oak— Oliver, Logan

Chestnut—Isabella

Holly— Harper

Cherry— Reya

Attendance This Week

Willow - 97.54%

Elm - 96.32%

Oak - 97.3%

Chestnut – 96.33%

Holly - 93.87%

*** Cherry - 95.74% ***

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

Sam's Special Desserts

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday