9th October 2026

Mendlesham Primary School

This week

The instructors from **Bikeability** commented on the impeccable behaviour of all of the children who completed this training.

Our **CEO and Trustees** visited on Thursday - they were incredibly impressed by the positive attitudes, excellent behaviour for learning and purposeful atmosphere throughout the schools. Well done to all our children and staff!

Next week

We look forward to welcoming you all to **Parents' Evening**

Children will be taking part in the **Save the Children Christmas** song on Wednesday – children can come dressed in **brightly coloured clothes** (no football tops please) a **Christmas jumper**

FOMSA disco is on Friday – payable on Arbor

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: 18th November - 3:15. Children may attend afters chool 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.

New House Shields

Below is a copy of our new House Shield designs. The children have voted for their favourite designs and mottos, and we are sure you will agree that they have made some fantastic choices!

We have been incredibly impressed by the creativity, thought, and enthusiasm shown throughout the process. The final designs and mottos are a wonderful reflection of our school values and the pride the children have in their houses.

A huge well done to everyone who contributed their ideas and took part in the voting. We are very proud of the children's efforts and the excellent choices they have made.



Dinner Menu
Week Commencing 12th October

	12.10.26
Monday	Burger & Wedges (W)
Tuesday	Brunch Lunch Munch (W, E, Mi) Vegetarian Option
Wednesday	Beef Roast with the most (W, E, Mi) Vegetarian Option
Thursday	BBQ Chicken Pizza Margherita Pizza (W, Mi)
Friday	Fish Cake & Chips (W, F,Mi, Mu)

JACKET POTATO

Cheese (Mi)
Beans
Butter (Vegan)

HELP YOURSELF TO

Pasta (W),
Bread (W)(Mi),
Cheese (Mi),
Crackers (W),
Tortilla Crisps (W),
Wedges,
New Potatoes,
Garlic Bread (W) (Mi),
Salad, Coleslaw,
Mango Salsa,
Veg Sticks,
Seasonal Vegetables

SELECTION CHANGES DAILY

SCHOOL PACKED LUNCH

Bagels/Sandwiches/ Wraps(W)

FILLINGS
Cheese (Mi), Ham

SERVED WITH

Tortilla Crisps (W) or Lentil Rings with unlimited Sides, Salads & Fruit &

Dessert

DESSERTS

Fresh Fruit Platter, Yoghurt, Jelly Daily where available

Homemade Dessert of the Day Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

Friday—Real Fruit Lollies, Ice Cream Tubs

ALLERGENS GLUTEN

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

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

Diary Dates

13th October - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00 pm
14th October - Parents Evening 3:30-6:00 pm
16th October - School Disco
20th October - Art Show @ 2:00-3:00pm
22nd October - EYFS Open Evening
22nd to 23rd October - Year 3 & 4 Residential to Thorpe Woodlands
25th October - Indoor Car Boot Sale

26th to 30th October
Half Term

Attendance This Week

Willow: 97.72%
Elm: 95.88%
Oak: 96.56%
Chestnut: 97.39%
Holly: 95.37%
Cherry: 94.65%

Super Learners

Willow - Isla
Elm - Griff, Maddy
Oak - Logan, Emily, Raffy
Chestnut - Jess, Max
Holly - Denny, Alfie
Cherry - Amelia, John