



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

Feel Good Friday

Just a reminder that tomorrow is a staff INSET day so the school **is not open to children**. Please enjoy a feel-good Friday at home and we will see you all on Monday.

Phonics Meeting for Year R and Year 1 Parents

On Tuesday 14th October at 3:30pm, there will be a Phonics Meeting for Reception and Year One parents. Please come along to find out more information about how your child experiences Phonics at school and how you can help them at home. Phonics is integral to early reading and writing but is a subject parent's often ask for support with, so this is a great opportunity to learn a bit more about it and ask all your burning questions!

Mobile Phones

We are noticing a growing number of parents using their mobile phones when they are collecting their children. We appreciate that many may be making a work call or talking through an emergency situation which must be carried out. However, where possible please refrain from making a call when your child is being collected if the call can be avoided.



Payments to the LINK

For families that use the LINK, from October, parents will need to pay for their sessions through **Arbor** instead of by bank transfer. You will find the payment under wraparound care on your Arbor App.

Harvest - Thursday 2nd October

Our thanks to everyone that contributed items towards our harvest collection for Chelmsford Food Bank. Your generosity will be much appreciated and the food will be delivered over the next week. There is still time if you would like to contribute early next week.



If you were able to join us at the harvest assembly we hope that you enjoyed it. The children were fantastic and many of them showed great courage to stand up and perform with their classmates. We are very proud of them all.

As always, our thanks to our lovely PTA for selling teas and coffees before the event.

Royal Mail!



Last summer term, the current Y5 (Y4 at the time) wrote some letters as part of our English unit on persuasive writing. Paddy chose to write to the King, explaining why he (and probably many, many others) thought weekends should be 3 days long rather than just the measly 2 that we currently get! He used lots of emotive and powerful vocab and we have kept our fingers crossed that his letter was persuasive enough to make the King agree with us and action his request! To our delight, we received a response from Buckingham Palace, thanking Paddy for his letter. Watch this space for a permanent extended weekend for all!

Half Term Activities from Essex Explore

Explore Essex

Spooky Forest School

DANBURY COUNTRY PARK
Thursday 30 October
Am and pm sessions

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Secondary School Applications

The new secondary school admission round opened on **Friday 12th September 2025**, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2025.**

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All the information required is available on the website above. Parents must apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed, so please ensure you submit your application within the admission window.

Letters Sent Home

Monday 29 th September 2025	Year 6	Duxford Letter
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Dates for your Diary

Friday 3 rd October 2025	Non Pupil Day
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th , Thursday 6 th November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Individual Photos
Monday 10 th November 2025	Flu Immunisations
WB 10 th November 2025	One Planning Meetings
Thursday 20 th November, Friday 21 st November	1:30-2:45 – Open Afternoon for New 2026 Reception Intake
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	EYFS Nativity 09:15 – 09:30 Christmas Songs Evening 4:30 – 5:30
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Panto
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of Spring Term
Monday 26 th January 2026	Year 6 – Parents SATS Presentation – 3:30
Tuesday 10 th , Wednesday 11 th , Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parent Consultations
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
WB 16 th March 2026	One Planning Meetings
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
WB 27 th April 2026	Mock SATS
WB 11 th May 2026	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	May Half Term
WB 1 st – 14 th June 2026	Multiplication Tables Check Window
WB 8 th June 2026	Phonics Check Week
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	TELAT Sports
WB 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term

2025/2026 – Term & Holiday Dates

Friday 3 rd October 2025	Non Pupil Day
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday
Monday 13 th April 2026	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Non Pupil Day
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 th July 2026	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Break up For the Summer Holiday