



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Parents/Carers,



Just to remind parents that next week we are on our half term break. If you are taking part in halloween activities with family and friends, have a wonderfully spooky time and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Monday 3rd November** at the usual time.

Secondary School 2025 Applications - Deadline approaching!!!

If you, or someone you know has a child due to start at secondary school next September the deadline to apply for a place is **Friday 31st October**. You must apply to have the best chance of a place at one of your preferred schools, so don't delay. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Halloween Online Safety

Online Safety and Harmful Content Online

Over half term, and across the Halloween period, young people may be more likely to see frightening content and encounter peer pressure to undertake harmful online challenges – safeguarding partners are encouraging parents and carers to talk to their children about what they are playing and looking at online. At Meadgate we always encourage conversations around online content, but if you haven't had a chat with your child for a while about what they are looking at online, now would be a great time to check in.



Pumpkin Parade



morning after 11:00.

We were very impressed with the number of pumpkins that arrived into school this morning. Once again, the creativity and imagination that has gone into some of the carvings was impressive, making it very tricky for Ms Meager to judge. Well done to everyone who took part, we hope you had a great time creating your entries and we're sure they will look fabulous on doorsteps over the next week. Don't forget to collect your pumpkin. Mrs Hart will be disposing of any left behind tomorrow

It was a really difficult decision but the winners are:



Parent winner



Congratulations to Enzo (Y1), Nicola (Year 1), Nina (Y2), Sophie (Y3), Jakub (Y4) and Georgia and Christian's parents!

Lost Property

Our wonderful Year 5 monitors, who look after the lost property, have asked that over half term families check the labels in their clothing to make sure:

- All items that come into school are named
- Any labels in clothing are secure
- If names are handwritten, that they are still legible for everyone to read easily.

They do a great job at returning items and it is a much easier and quicker job if they are named. We do not have time to track down owners of unnamed items.

Please note that all unnamed and unclaimed items in the lost property are removed at the end of the afternoon each Friday.

Parent Consultations

If you haven't already booked your appointment for our consultation evenings after half term please ensure you do so. The teachers love sharing children's progress with families and it is important that everyone is aware of the targets for the forthcoming weeks.

Online Family Courses



ACLESSEX Online Courses

Learning

Community & Family Learning Courses

COURSE TITLE	START DATE	END DATE	START TIME	END TIME
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN</i>	03/11/2025	08/12/2025	12:30	14:30
<i>FL SUPPORTING FAMILY MATHS</i>	04/11/2025	11/11/2025	09:30	11:30
<i>FL POSITIVE PARENTING</i>	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	09:30	11:30
<i>FL FAMILY WELLBEING</i>	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	13:00	15:00
<i>FL SUPPORT YOUR CHILD ATTEND/ENJOY SCHOOL</i>	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	18:00	20:00
<i>UNDERSTANDING ADHD AND ASD IN CHILDREN</i>	04/11/2025	09/12/2025	19:00	21:00

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website aclessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

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Letters Sent Home

Wednesday 22 nd October 2025	All Year Groups	Individual School Photos Registration Link Emailed
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Dates for your Diary

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

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