



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

REMINDER – Next week teachers will be involved in One Planning meetings, so teacher-led clubs will not be taking place. These clubs return during week beginning 17th November. Please note Football/Multiskills will continue as normal.

Feel Good Friday



This week we have been exploring jazz. Jazz music is a uniquely American art form that emerged in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, rooted in the rich cultural melting pot of New Orleans, Louisiana. It grew out of a blend of African rhythms and musical traditions, European harmonic structures, and blues and ragtime influences. These are genres we have already learnt about so it's been interesting to see how the music has evolved. We hope you enjoyed the rather chilled start to the morning. Did anyone recognise the jazz cover of an 80s tune?

Firework Safety

This weekend will be a popular weekend for firework displays. An organised display is always a safer way to view fireworks but we know how much fun a home firework party can be too. Please make sure you enjoy your fireworks safely and follow the firework code.



Mrs Ash says “The nature club and I would like to remind you that if you are lighting bonfires over the weekend, please check carefully for wildlife, especially hedgehogs that might have hidden inside somewhere in your garden. You can find out about checking your bonfire for wildlife [by clicking here](#).

SPACE

SPACE (Support for Parents and Carers in Essex) is an Essex service previously named ‘Autism Central’. It is a group which provides support for parents and carers in Essex and is run by ‘peer educators’ who are all parents and carers with lived experience of supporting children and young people with SEND. The support of

SPACE is delivered by their peer educators and their offer is focused around a number of services including 1:1 support, online sessions, specific resources and tailored events. SPACE is now designed to support families of children with a wider range of SEND needs, not just autism.

Please come along to Meadgate Primary School on **Monday 17th November at 9:15 meet for 9:30** start to learn more about how SPACE can support families within our community.

SNAP Charity

SNAP is an Essex charity for families with children and young people who have any additional need or disability. From its Brentwood base, SNAP offers a helping hand to thousands of families who need support variety of ways.



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No formal diagnosis or professional referral is necessary to access SNAP services and it is available to families with children and young people aged 0 to 25 who live under Essex County Council, Thurrock and Southend. Facilities at the centre include a training room, a multi-purpose activity hall, multi-sensory room and specialist IT suite.

SNAP's aims are to inform, encourage and support parents so that they can grow in strength and knowledge and become better equipped to give the best possible help to their children. The SNAP centre offers a vast range of services and is widely recommended by Paediatricians, Family Support Workers and other professionals alike.

Please come along to Meadgate Primary School on **Wednesday 26th November at 9:00 meet for 9:15** start to learn more about how SNAP can support families within our community.

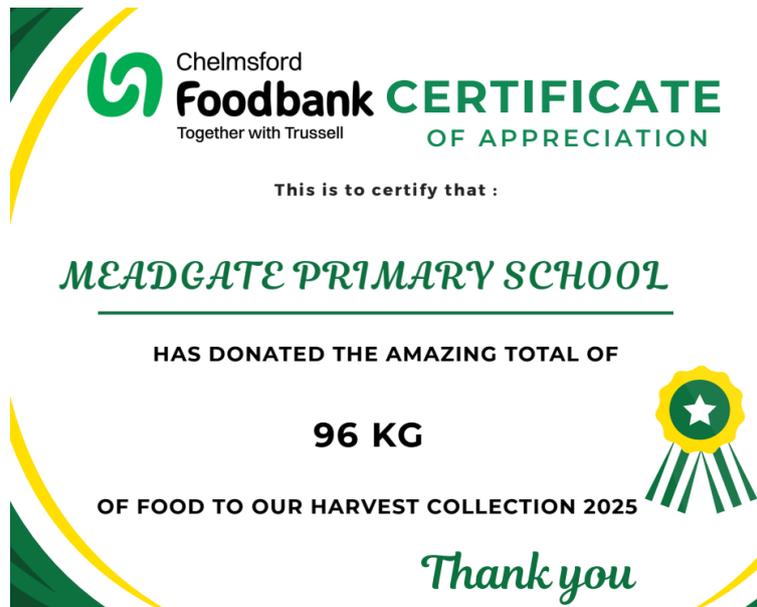
Open Afternoons – spread the word!

Our annual open afternoons are taking place on the **20th, 21st and 27th November**, from **1:30 – 2:45**, for families whose children who will be starting school in September 2026. Last year we had an excellent turnout of families keen to see what Meadgate could offer their child and this resulted in a full reception class once again and indeed a long waiting list. We are so pleased that this is a school of choice. Please pass on the details of the event to anyone you know who might be currently making that decision around first school placements. We would love to meet them and show off our wonderful school.

The window for primary school applications opens on 10th November 2025. It closes on 15th January 2026 and it is important that applications are received by this date. You must apply even if you have a child already at the school. No application made by 15th January 2026 will result in no place being offered at Meadgate Primary. For more information, and to make an application, visit <https://www.essex.gov.uk/apply-for-a-primary-school-place>

Harvest Festival Food Donations

We were thrilled to be able to once again donate a large amount of food to the Chelmsford Food Bank, so thank you to everyone who contributed.



Christmas Preparations

It is getting to that time of year again, when we start to think about our Christmas activities. As well as our annual trip to the Pantomime, we are also starting to prepare for our EYFS nativity and our Christmas Choir event. If you do not wish your child to be part of the Christmas events, for religious reasons, please make their class teacher know a.s.a.p as we will begin learning words and songs soon.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Over the last week, we have been selling poppies and related merchandise in school in support of the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal 2025. We will be observing a period of silence on Tuesday 11th November, as we usually do, to show respect and gratitude to members of the armed forces, past and present, who have lost their lives fighting for their country.

Enjoying Autumn in Year 1

Just before half term, Year 1 ventured out in the rain to search for some signs of autumn. The children had a wonderful time checking off the things on their clipboards that they had been learning about in school, and the squirrels were out in force, posing for Mrs Francis' camera! Year 1 walked to and from the park safely and sensibly- I would like to thank the parents who joined us and assisted with keeping everybody safe when crossing the roads. What a lovely (but wet!) time we all had!



Letters Sent Home

Friday 7 th November 2025	All Year Groups	Flu Immunisations
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Dates for your Diary

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 Friday 22 nd May 2026	SATS Week 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 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