



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

Feel Good Friday



This week we have been learning about R&B music, which started many years ago when singers mixed blues, jazz, and gospel sounds to make emotional, catchy songs. Over time, R&B changed as new artists added fresh ideas—like fun beats, smooth voices, and even touches of hip-hop. By mixing these elements, R&B has provided the foundation for other musical styles such as soul, disco and funk. Today, R&B can sound slow and gentle or exciting and modern, but it always keeps its heart: music that tells

stories and makes people feel something.

Our music on the gate this morning was by Luther Vandross, known as the "Velvet Voice" whose exceptional talent as a singer, songwriter, and record producer, means he is considered one of the greatest R&B vocalists of all time. We hope you enjoyed it.

Christmas Nativity

Our reception class will be performing their nativity assembly to their grown-ups on Friday 12th December, starting at approximately 9:10. Each child will be issued two tickets. The PTA will be selling hot drinks on arrival, so if you drop off at the normal time and don't want to nip home, come around to the hall, via the back playground, you can enjoy a hot drink in the warm, while you wait.



Christmas Choir Volunteers



Our wonderful PTA are hoping to sell mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies at our forthcoming Christmas Choir event, **but rely on volunteers to help**. If you are attending the event, please let us know if you are willing to help them. You will, of course, be able to watch your child/ren when they are singing and, as they say, many hands make light work, so if enough people come forward, the shifts will be short.

Please pop into the office to add your name to the volunteers list.

SNAP Charity Talk Update

Thank you very much to the parents that came along to attend the information talk by the SNAP Charity today, it was great to see you there. Unfortunately, the lady delivering the information was unable to attend in the end as was stuck in gridlocked traffic on the A13 which sadly meant the talk could not go ahead. Thank you so



much for your patience and understanding whilst we were waiting to see if the SNAP representative could arrive - I really enjoyed our hot drinks and chat whilst we waited! I am in communication with the charity to book a new visit in the spring term and will inform you of the new date and time as soon as it has been confirmed. It would be lovely to see the same faces attend the new date and hopefully some extra faces too 😊

Please remember that your child does not have to be named on the SEND register for you to come along - the more the merrier!

Year 6 Trip To Duxford

Report by Our New House Captains

At Duxford, we saw many incredible planes, including the Spitfire and the German Messerschmitt. We also spotted a pink, spotty aircraft! The Mosquito stood out because it was made entirely of wood. The Concorde, famous for its incredible speed, was another highlight—and the most amazing part was that Dhruv got to start the engine!

Later on, we saw the B52. It's the biggest plane there—so large it fills the whole hangar. When we went outside, we were very lucky to witness a Catalina taking off, as she rarely flies. Afterwards, we explored the fascinating Battle of Britain Ops Room, where we watched two factual films. We learned how essential women were during the war, helping to plot and scramble aircraft. It was amazing to see where they worked. Outside, we also saw a real Anderson shelter, which people used to stay safe underground.

We had a fabulous time at Duxford. Our guide, Pete, was very kind and brilliant at showing us around. He was clear, knowledgeable, and made the whole experience unforgettable. We wouldn't have learned nearly as much without him!

It sounds like you all had an amazing day. Miss Reynolds was really pleased to hear from Pete that the behaviour of our Year 6 group was the best he had seen and they were a real pleasure to escort around the site. Well done year 6!



School Field

We have noticed a high number of children coming into the school via the field and across the bridge. The field gets very muddy at this time of year and therefore so do shoes. This creates quite a bit of unnecessary mess in the school building which is both unsightly and extra work for our wonderful cleaning manager to deal with.

Please ensure that children entering the school site keep to the pathways in future. Thank you for your support with this.

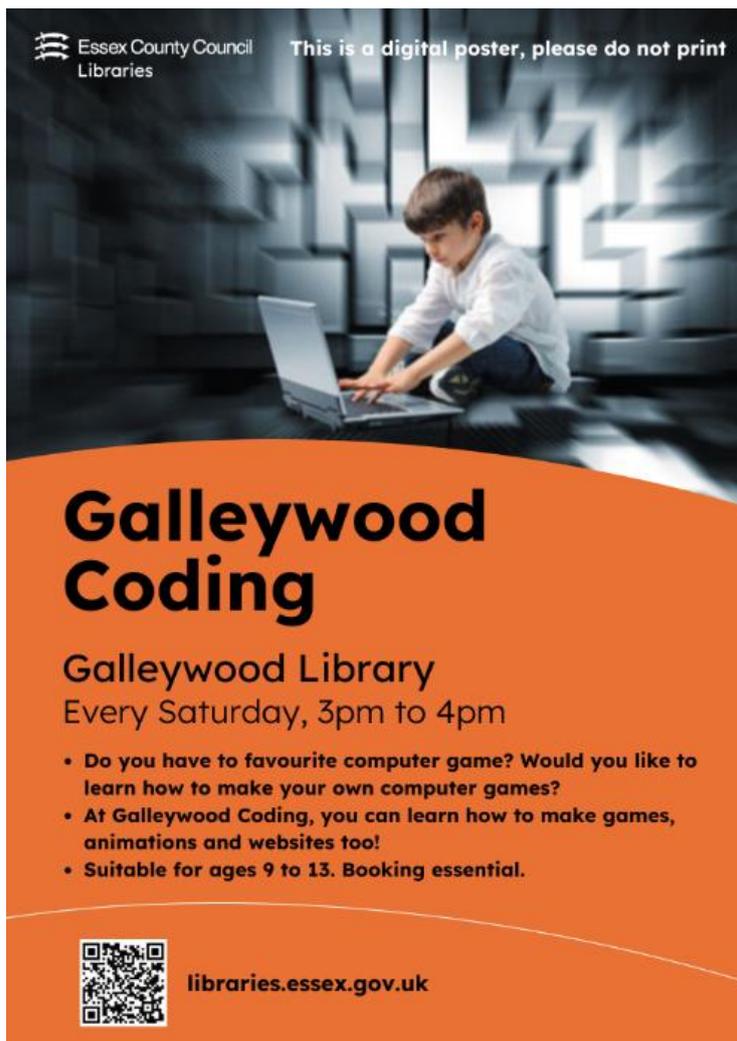


Christmas Activities

As we know, time passes quickly and Christmas will soon be upon us. In school, notable dates for Christmas activities include:

Thursday 11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 12th December	EYFS Nativity Performance 9:15 – 9:30
Friday 12th December	Christmas Choir Event – 5:15 – 6:00
Wednesday 17th December	Pantomime @ Civic Theatre
Friday 19th December	Last Day – PTA Non-uniform event

Coding in Galleywood



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Galleywood Coding

Galleywood Library
Every Saturday, 3pm to 4pm

- Do you have to favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games?
- At Galleywood Coding, you can learn how to make games, animations and websites too!
- Suitable for ages 9 to 13. Booking essential.



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ACL Community & Family Learning Courses

Throughout December, ACL Essex are offering a wide range of FREE Family Learning courses, these are available online across Essex. These sessions are designed to support parents and carers with practical strategies to enhance emotional wellbeing and strengthen family life.



Zones of Regulation Online Course

This engaging two-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

Date: 02/12/2025

Time: 09:45 - 11:45

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COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
<i>FL ZONES OF REGULATION</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>09:45</i>	<i>11:45</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:00</i>
<i>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:30</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL ROUTINES RULE</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>12/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>15:00</i>

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Letters Sent Home

Monday 24 th November 2025	All Year Groups	PTA Activities
Friday 28 th November 2025	All Year Groups	Swimming letter

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1 st December 2025	Flu Vaccinations Catch up Day
Friday 5 th December 2025	PTA Movie Night
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Decorate a Bauble Competition
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	EYFS Nativity 09:15 – 09:30 Christmas Songs Evening 5:15 – 6:00

Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Panto
Friday 19 th December 2025	Non Uniform Day
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of Spring Term
Monday 12 th January 2026	Swimming Lessons Start
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 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