



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

Feel Good Friday



This week we were very excited to have some live music performed in our assembly. Three of our Year 6 girls have been taking regular piano lessons with Victoria, our piano teacher, and have been practising hard. We were thrilled to have them perform to the children in KS2. With that in mind, we have called this week's assembly, The Piano Sessions. We

talked about the history of the piano, famous pianists through the ages and of course, enjoyed the wonderful performances of **Theia**, **Alice** and **Keira**, who were outstanding. What a lovely way to start a Friday!

Christmas Cards

The Christmas post box will be arriving in the school library on **Monday 8th December** for all your Christmas cards. There will be **two** collections/deliveries, one on the afternoon of **Friday 12th December** and the other on the afternoon of **Friday 19th December**. Children can post their cards any time from the 8th up until the morning of the 19th in time for the final Meadgate delivery before Christmas.

Please make sure that, as with the normal post, your cards are correctly addressed, so that they reach their destination safely. This is a good life skill, so worth spending some time encouraging your child to get it right. Also taking some time to ensure that people's names are spelt correctly is important. Something like this is perfect:

Miss Featherstone

Year 4

You could
add a
sticker or
design a
stamp!

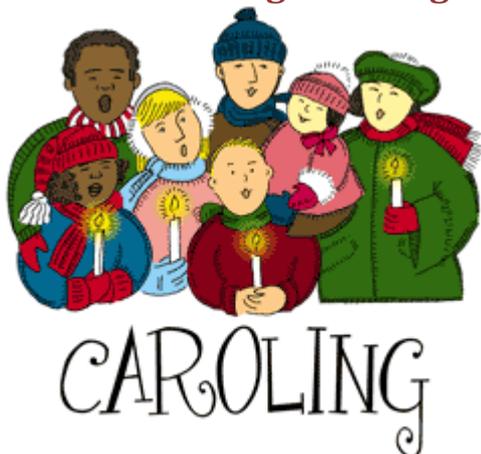
Christmas Nativity

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.



As always, we appreciate that these moments hold special memories for families, but we ask that although you are welcome to take photos and videos, you do not share them online in any format but keep them for your own personal use. Some families do not wish for their children to be online for many reasons, including those associated with safeguarding in some cases, and we must be respectful of that. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Songs Evening



The children from Y1-6 have been enjoying learning a selection of both traditional carols, and livelier Christmas songs, for our Christmas Songs Evening on Friday 12th December. Please join us, with your children, from 5:15, when the PTA will be selling mulled wine and mince pies.

Wrap up warm, as we will be outside, so Christmas jumpers, festive hats, gloves, scarves and battery-operated wearable fairy lights,(if you have them,) will all help us to feel very Christmassy.

The children will be leading the singing in their classes but we hope that you will all join in, and so prior to the event will be sending out digital song sheets, so that you will all have the words, and can see them in the dark!

We think that the event will last about 45 minutes to an hour and ask that parents are responsible for their children while they are not singing with their teacher. Please keep an eye on your email as, if the weather is particularly inclement the event may not go ahead. Children in reception are also warmly welcomed to attend with their families, although will not be singing as a class due to having done their own Christmas assembly earlier in the day.

We will be congregating in the playground this year, please leave the square around the hall/Year 2 classroom clear for children singing.

Lockdown Procedures

Just as we regularly practise fire drills, so everyone knows what to do in the unlikely event of a fire, moving forward we will also practise what to do if we ever needed to stay safely inside the building for any reason. These drills will be a normal part of our safety procedures and are **not** connected to any specific concern or threat. We will be writing to you in the new year with more information.

SEND Sensory Play at the Orchards



SEND-sensory play

1st Saturday of the Month
9:30- 11:30 am
£3 for the first child then
£1.50 for Siblings
Booking required

The Orchards Cafe, Mascalls
Way, Chelmsford, CM2 7NS

For more info
email children@meadgatechurch.org.uk

A different kind of play space for families with Children with SEND for pre-schoolers and KS1. A place for parents, carers, and siblings to come, play meet and chat.

We offer soft play, sensory trays, a light den, and an exploratory story.

No formal diagnosis is required




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

Nut/Prawn Awareness

At Meadgate we strive to provide a safe environment for all pupils. Due to some of our pupils suffering with serious nut and prawn allergies, we are a **NUT/PRAWN AWARE SCHOOL**. An allergic reaction (anaphylactic shock) can occur through ingestion of nut/prawn products, cross contamination and breathing nut/prawn dust in the air.



We are asking all members of the school community for their help in minimising the risk to these children by:

- **Avoiding giving children nuts or prawn products in their packed lunches.**
- **Avoiding giving nuts or nut products or snacks/bars containing nuts for break time snacks.**

Please check the ingredients of products carefully before sending them into school, even if you use them regularly, **sometimes the ingredients change**. Cereal bars, Nutella type spreads and some marzipans are examples of some foods which can contain hidden nuts.

This year we also have children with additional food intolerances which we must monitor closely. Please spend some time reminding your child about not sharing their food with their friends. No-one wants to inadvertently make another person very unwell.

Please be vigilant and check before you send food in. Thank you for your support.

Dates for your Diary

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 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