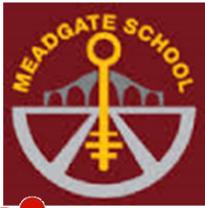


Friday 19th December 2025



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together



Merry Christmas

Dear Families,

School closes today at 3:15 for the Christmas holidays and we would like to wish all our families and friends of Meadgate School a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 5th January between 8.35am and 8.45am.



We would like to wish Hanukkah sameach to our families celebrating Hanukkah over the next week. Chag sameach to you all, and may this festival bring blessings on you and your family.

Attendance

Today you will be receiving an attendance report for your child for this term. Please look out for it.

Trainee Teachers

We will be joined by three trainee teachers during the spring term, who, under the guidance of our staff, will develop their teaching and classroom management skills. We have all been trainees at some point, so are looking forward to working with them.

All three have visited us at school and are keen to get started and we know you will make them feel very welcome within our school community.

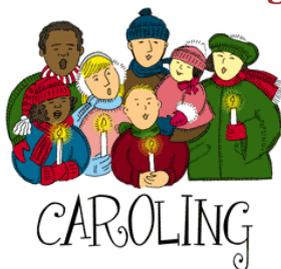
Mr Pain will be joining Year 1, Miss Leete will be working with Year 2 and Miss Gash with Year 4. All three will be taking on some of the lessons, depending on where they are in their course, supported by the current class teachers.

We are also joined by college students Miss Louise, who is continuing her placement with us in our reception class and Miss Scott who will also be joining us, both of them are studying for T Levels in child care and learning support.

Year 1 Reading News

Please note that from January our parent reading session in year 1 will no longer be a Tuesday morning, but will now take place on Tuesday from 3:00pm – 3:15pm. Please join them, but heading to school a little earlier than usual to enjoy some reading time together before heading home.

Christmas Songs Evening



We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Songs evening last Friday, it was great to see so many families return to a very festive playground to share some Christmas songs, old and new. Our thanks to the PTA for providing warming refreshments and also to Mrs Curtis, our very own Mrs Christmas, for hanging up all the fairy lights to make the playground look so magical.

SNAP Charity Parent Information Morning

Thank you very much to all who came along to the SNAP Charity information morning when unfortunately it had to be cancelled due to their family worker no longer being able to attend. This event has now been moved to **9:30am on Tuesday the 10th of February in the school hall**. I would love to see the same faces again plus anyone else who would like to come along and find out more. You do not have to have a child on the SEND register to attend.

Pantomime



The children all had a fabulous time at the panto, it was very exciting and a great way to end our autumn term. Lots of the children said how brilliant it was and as usual, they behaved beautifully and were a pleasure to take out.

Reception Nativity

We were so proud of our reception children last Friday as they presented their Christmas nativity to their families. It was great to see the smiles on their faces, especially as they were joining in with the wonderful singing. The rest of the school got to watch the children's dress rehearsal which they thoroughly enjoyed and for our smallest children that is quite a large audience.

Thanks to our wonderful PTA for supplying very welcoming hot drinks before the performance.

Adverse Weather

We have been very lucky with the weather this side of the Christmas break, with only a couple of mornings where the playground has been a little icy before school.

We do try and get outside at break times and lunchtimes, if at all possible, but please note that if children do not have warm coats they will be unable to go out.



Over the holidays, please have a quick check of your child's uniform especially their coat and shoes to ensure they are good enough for very wet or very cold weather. If Father Christmas is bringing new gloves or hats please make sure they are very clearly labelled if they come into school after the holiday.

Chelmsford District Family Hub News

Please find attached the Jan-Mar 2026 timetable for the Chelmsford District which you may wish to share with your school community. [Please follow this link](#) to see the timetable of spring activities for families.

Please note,

- Multiples stay play and learn session – no longer running
- SEND Stay, play and learn session- no longer running
- 5-19 health drop-in sessions- No longer running from Morrisons. Change of time at Chelmsford West. Newly running from Chelmer Gate Youth Group on Fridays 4-5pm

Chelmsford District: 1st January – March 2026

Welcome to your local family hub, where you can access **free**, friendly and high-quality health services in your community, school, online or family home. We offer a variety of sessions to support your child's development and build strong parent-child relationships.

Family Hubs ensure that children, young people and families (0-19 years or up to 25 years if SEND) can access integrated early support. We provide a one-stop shop of family support services for your mental and physical health plus your educational and social care needs. Our partner agencies include midwives, GP's, CAMHS and local community groups.

The focus of our service is making sure that everyone in Essex has the best possible start in life through meeting the identified needs of children, young people and families.

Chelmsford Central Family Hub

Lower Ground Floor, County Hall (by Chelmsford Library)
Market Road
CM1 1QH
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm

Chelmsford West Delivery Site

Dixon Avenue
Chelmsford
CM1 2AQ
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am – 5pm

Chetwood Delivery Site

Shirebourn Vale
South Woodham Ferrers
CM3 5ZX
Monday & Thursday 9.30am–4.30pm
Wednesday 9.30am–12.30pm

Clubs

If your child was attending a club prior to the Christmas holidays, we hope they enjoyed it especially if they were trying something new.

Letters will be heading home after the holidays letting families know which clubs we will be offering for the spring term and which weeks they will be running. As usual there will be no teacher led clubs on the weeks of parent consultations and SEND meetings, so make sure to pop a note of the dates in your diaries.

Letters Sent Home

Monday 15 th December 2025	Isle of Wight Letter
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Dates for your Diary

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