



# Meadgate Mail

## Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

### Feel Good Friday



This week we have been learning about The British Invasion, a musical phenomenon that caused change on a global scale, at least in the music industry.

The British Invasion was a time in the 1960s when popular bands from the United Kingdom quickly became huge stars in the United States. Groups like The Beatles and The Rolling Stones brought exciting new rock and pop music that kids and adults loved. Their songs were catchy, fun, and a little different from what people were used to hearing. Fans copied their long hair and cool clothes, which helped change fashion. The British Invasion made music more exciting and helped shape the sound of modern pop and rock. It catapulted young groups to worldwide fame very very quickly and opened the door for international success for musicians that followed.

### Year 1 Mystery reader

Tilly's Grandma made another stop by Year 1 on Monday afternoon to read us the tale of The Enormous Turnip. "What's a turnip?" asked many little voices. Fortunately, Tilly's Grandma had a real turnip vegetable in her bag of goodies for the children to see and feel which was fantastic. "I want to try turnip soup!" exclaimed lots of voices by the end of the story. We even took a look at turnip seeds and plan on growing some this spring. Thank you again Tilly's Grandma for another exciting experience. Who will be next week's mystery visitor?



If any Year 1 parents would like to read a fairytale on Monday 9th March (The Princess and the Pea) or Monday 23rd March (Rapunzel), we would LOVE to have you and we will provide the books!

## Parent Consultations

A high number of parents have made a booking to speak to teachers next week at our consultation evenings, which is wonderful. We feel that a team approach between home and school is the best way to support the children and so staff are looking forward to seeing you all next week. Please be in good time for your appointment as teachers have lots of parents to see and it really helps to keep everyone to time if parents are prompt for their appointments.

**Please note there are no teacher led clubs next week due to parent consultations.**

## Academy Trust Archery Competition

Exciting archery action took place recently as two children from each year group (Years 3–6) took part in the Academy Trust Archery Competition! Meadgate, Maltese Road, and Larkrise schools met at Maltese Road, while Maylandsea, Tiptree, and Purleigh schools gathered at Maylandsea School and joined in simultaneously.

The event was both fun and active, and all the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.

A special **congratulations** to:

- **Laurie**, for achieving the top Year 6 girl score
- **Ceira**, who came 3rd in the Year 3 girls' category
- **Harriet**, who stepped in for Year 4 and also secured 3rd place

Thank you also to all the parents who came along to support the children – your encouragement made the day even more special.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Fund Raising Cake Sale



Join us for a delicious cake sale in support of Willow Harding (Year 5) who has been selected to represent Team England at the Cheerleading European Summit. Funds raised will go towards the cost of her official uniform.

The sale will take place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February, straight after school in the school hall. Everycupcake counts, so come along, enjoy a treat and help support this fantastic achievement!

## Drop - In Mornings

Further drop-in mornings with Ms Pointon will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May. She will be at the Orchards Café from 9-10 and is looking forward to meeting you for a chat about any concerns you may have regarding your child or family, i.e. children's additional needs, housing, benefits, counselling, foodbank, etc. Or just drop-in to purchase a drink and say hello! We love to meet you, and to get to know our families even better.



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# Essex Fire Museum

Open Day

2026



17th and 22nd Of February

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
RM17 5QS



**Book Now**  
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

## Kids Inspire Free Holiday Club



The Kids Inspire free Holiday Club is run once a week during most school holidays. It creates a safe space for children to:

- participate in meaningful activities
- make friends and socialise
- access lunch and snacks

and all of this is while **developing** social and communication skills and exploring new talents or interests.

### Who is Holiday Club for?

Holiday Club sessions are booked and offered to families according to criteria. Priority will be given to those from lower income families, in receipt of pupil premium or eligible for free school meals.

Activities are free and suitable for children aged 6 and over in primary school.

For more information you can [read our Holiday Club Terms and Conditions.](#)

### Where are the Holiday Club activities?

Activities are held at our Kids Inspire HQ, Hargrave House, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, Chelmsford, CM2 7FW

Time: 10:30am-3:30pm

### Upcoming dates for 2026 Holiday Clubs:

**Tuesday 17 February 2026 - Animal Discovery with [Eden Oasis](#)**

This February half term, children will have the chance to meet and handle eight amazing animals with a visit from Eden Oasis! **Please be aware that this will include cockroaches, leaf insects, royal python, blue tongue skunk, tortoise, ferrets, armadillo and rabbits.**

Expressions of interest are now open for our February activity, please complete our [expression of interest form](#).

[Eden Oasis - Animal Discovery Tuesday 17 February 2026 – Fill in form](#)

### Letters Sent Home

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026	Year 1	Trip to Mountfitchet Castle Letter
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 4	Trip to Thorndon Country Park Letter
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year 5	Trip to Chelmsford Museum Letter
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Year R	Trip to Barleylands Letter

### Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Parent Consultations
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term
WB 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	One Planning Meetings
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 2 Trip to Chatham Green
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 2 Infant Music Festival
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March 2026	Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Holidays
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Year 1 Trip to Mountfitchet
WB 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Mock SATS
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 5 Trip to Chelmsford Museum
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 4 Trip to Thorndon Country Park
WB 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	SATS Week
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Half Term
WB 1 <sup>st</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Multiplication Tables Check Window
WB 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Phonics Check Week
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Reception Trip to Barleylands
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	TELAT Sports
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 2 Mini Games
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of Term

### 2025/2026 – Term & Holiday Dates

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	Easter Holiday
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026	Non Pupil Day
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Break up For the Summer Holiday