



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



Today's assembly explored the exciting rise of the music video and the launch of MTV, a moment that transformed how we experience music. Pupils learned how artists began using visual storytelling to enhance their songs, creating iconic moments that shaped popular culture. We discussed how MTV gave musicians a new platform to reach global audiences and influenced fashion, dance, and media. It was a fun and engaging way to connect music, history, and creativity.

Our music on the gate this morning was Video Killed the Radio Star by The Buggles. This song's accompanying video was the first played on MTV when aired for the first time at 12:01 a.m. on August 1, 1981.

The Orchards Parking

If you usually park in The Orchards car park, for any reason, please note that it will be unavailable on **Wednesday 29th April** due to a large funeral that is taking place. Thank you for your understanding.

Water bottles

We have a few children who are regularly coming into school without a water bottle. Please ensure that your child has a water bottle, which can be refilled, for use throughout the day. Staying hydrated, as we know, is very important, but equally we do not have cups in school that are spare for this purpose unless in an emergency, as they are all required for lunches. Children leaving the classroom for drinks can be disruptive to learning, so it's important that everyone is as prepared as possible. Thank you for your support with this.



Drop - In Mornings

Please see the next date that Mrs Ing and Ms Pointon will be at The Orchards Café from 9-10. They are 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.

Forthcoming date:

Tuesday 5th May



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Clubs

Clubs begin next week and club slips should have gone home tonight, so please check your child/ren's bag for those. If your child has decided they no longer want the place in the club, please let us know so that we can offer it to someone else without them missing any of the sessions.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 27 th April 2026	Y1-Y6 - Clubs Start
WB 27 th April 2026	Mock SATS
Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Year 5 Trip to Chelmsford Museum
Tuesday 19 th May 2026	Reception NHS Dental Visit
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Year 4 Trip to Thorndon Country Park
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Non Uniform Day
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
Monday 15 th June 2026	Reception Trip to Barleylands
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	TELAT Sports
WB 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 2 Mini Games
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 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
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break up for the Summer Holiday