



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



Today we have been exploring the exciting world of the *New Romantics*, a music and fashion movement that became popular in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Emerging from clubs in London, the genre combined electronic synthesiser music, glamorous fashion, and theatrical style. Famous bands such as Duran Duran, Spandau Ballet, Culture Club and Adam and the Ants helped define the movement with catchy songs and bold visual identities. The New Romantics encouraged creativity, self-expression, and individuality, leaving a lasting influence on

pop music and fashion that can still be seen today. Our music on the gate today was Karma Chameleon by Culture Club.

Travel Training



Are you worried about your child travelling to secondary school on their own in September?

Is your child anxious about travelling to school by bus for the first time on their own?

Being able to travel independently is a key life skill.

Travel Training gives people with SEN or additional needs the confidence and skills to travel on buses and trains independently. We can also help with walking routes.

Anyone can refer using our online referral form, we aim to be in touch within 10 days.

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Please take a look at the Travel Training video by [clicking here](#).

Healthy Snacks for Break Time in KS2

Some of the snacks we have spotted on the KS2 playground recently have wandered a little from the 'healthy path' either because they are high in sugar (chocolate bars, sweets) or too large to be a snack (family-sized crisps). Healthy snacks help children stay focused, energized, and ready to learn throughout the day while also encouraging lifelong healthy eating habits. Nutritious options can support concentration, mood, and overall wellbeing, especially when snacks are easy for families to include in regular shopping trips. We know that providing fresh

snacks every day is not always possible if you do a weekly shop. Here are some great examples of healthy snacks, including longer-life options, you could include: -

- fresh fruit,
- wholegrain crackers
- rice cakes
- unsalted popcorn
- oat bars with low sugar content and no nuts please
- dried fruit



By choosing healthy snacks that are both nutritious and long-lasting, schools and families can work together to promote good eating habits in children moving forward.

School Car Park

Please be reminded that the car park is reserved for staff vehicles and should only be accessed by parents with prior agreement from the school. This also applies to parents using the LINK. There have been a number of reports of incidents regarding parents entering or leaving the car park at speed, or parking poorly which can cause issues for other drivers and pedestrians.

Year 5 Visit Chelmsford Museum

Year 5 had a fantastic day at Chelmsford Museum! We covered over 2000 years of local history. The class walked impeccably from our school and back. We learnt a lot about our local area with Helen and Karen, role playing and digging for evidence. Some of us ended up in the stocks!

Then we explored the museum to find out more about our local area over the years. We completed a trail to find different historical people from our area. We were also eager to find the bear! It was a great day, where we learnt a lot.



Letters Sent Home

Tuesday 5 th May 2026	Year 5 Isle of Wight Letter
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Dates for your Diary

WB 11 th May 2026	Year 6 SATs Week
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
Thursday 21 st May 2026	Bake Sale
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
Thursday 4 th June 2026	Year 6 Crucial Crew 2026 Visit
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
Friday 16 th July 2027 – Monday 19 th July 2027	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

2025/2026 – Term & Holiday Dates

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