



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



The excitement is building once again as the final of the annual Eurovision Song Contest takes place tomorrow evening, live from Vienna.

Bringing together countries from across Europe and beyond, Eurovision is a celebration of music, culture and friendship. From dazzling costumes and energetic dance routines to powerful ballads and catchy pop songs, the competition offers something for everyone to enjoy. Today we have been sharing some memorable entries and having a sneaky listen to this year's UK entry. If you are watching at home or having a Eurovision party, you will be 'joined by' millions of people around the world. Let's hope the UK do not achieve 'nul points' this year. (We've only had it twice in the 65-year history).

Our music on the gate this morning was Making Your Mind Up by Bucks Fizz, who were UK winners in 1981.

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Our Year 6 children are the most amazing bunch! We knew that already really, but this week they have been extra brilliant. There were some small nerves at the start of the week, but once we got started they have really taken the papers in their stride. The effort and concentration has been outstanding and we can truly say that whatever the outcome might be, we are so proud of them. Every child has absolutely tried their very best – well done team 6!

Thank you also to the rest of our school community who have really tried to make the week as easy for our 6s as possible. Year 5 have taken over all the monitor jobs, quite brilliantly, so thank you. Other children have remembered to move around the school quietly, play away from the building at breaktimes and lots of other seemingly small things that made the week a lot nicer for Year 6. Thank you everyone!

This week in Year 1....

Year 1 have had a very creative week. We've designed and created an African inspired print block and then used them to make our own bookmarks. We've also designed and made a fruit salad inspired by the story Handa's surprise after a surprise visit from Mrs Hill who came to talk to us about how to prepare food hygienically, safely and about why she loves cooking.



Essex Kids Camp This Half Term

Fire Museum Visit Over Half Term

MAY HALF-TERM WITH ESSEX KIDS CAMP

SPORTS, GAMES, TECH AND CRAFTS

PRIMARY AGES

Essex Kids Camp

Price per child: £38 PER DAY | Camp Schedule: 9AM - 3PM

MEADGATE PRIMARY

TUESDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 29TH MAY 2026

TO BOOK, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk

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Essex Fire Museum

Open Day **2026**

26th and 31st Of May
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now
Free Entry

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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Do You Know Who Your Child Is Connected To Online?



Children today play online with friends they know in real life, but competing against new people can be a huge part of the fun, so connecting with new players can be tempting. In most games, you can see a list of your child's contacts.

If your children communicate with friends online, you might be able to read any chats and private message history, if you allow it. Some game chat is done by voice—so you can hear what your child is saying when they're gaming, which is possible if you keep their console in a family room instead of a bedroom. We always recommend this, so that nothing is secret or private and if your child is at all unsure, you are a shout away! It's worth bearing in mind that even if we know someone in the real world, chat can get unpleasant, so it's worth always being present when kids are online.

Games usually offer privacy settings that allow players to keep a tightly curated list of contacts. We recommend you go through the game settings regularly to enable the protections you're comfortable with, from limiting all contact, to just friends to moderated chat, which is available on some platforms. It's worth regularly reviewing your rules about who they can talk to and how much online time is healthy.

Children as young as three are spending time online through tablets, games, and videos, which makes it important for parents and carers to start conversations about online safety early. Setting simple rules and healthy boundaries from a young age can help children develop safe habits, understand appropriate behaviour online, and feel comfortable talking to trusted adults if something worries them. Building these habits early creates a stronger foundation for safer and more responsible internet use as they grow older.

Dates for your Diary

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