



# Meadgate Mail

## Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

### Feel Good Friday



Today is the last day of this half term for the children, as we have an INSET day for teachers, we would like to wish you all a wonderful break. The weather is set to be lovely, so hopefully you can make the most of it and if you choose your own Feel Good Friday tune for breakfast time, we hope it's a good one!

### The Bake Sale Competition

Our bake sale competition was a huge success, with lots of delicious cakes and treats entered. Everyone showed fantastic creativity and baking skills, making it very difficult for the judges to choose the winners.

Congratulations to our three winners: **Bethany Y4, Imogen YR, and Finn L Y5!** Their amazing bakes impressed everyone and were well deserved winners. Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the event.

If you dropped off any Tupperware or containers that your cake was in, they are safely at school and will be available to collect from the office after the half term.

### Half Term

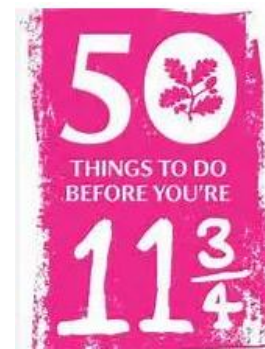
The weather is set to be lovely over the next few days and what is better than getting outside and enjoying nature. The National Trust commissioned a study around nature related vocabulary and the results were interesting revealing that our language around the natural world is being lost or overtaken by uses that refer to digital technology, especially among younger generations.

#### Key points included:

- Today only 1 percent of uses of the word 'tweet' relates to birds, with the other 99 per cent used in a non-nature context
- Only 7 percent of the use of 'web' refers to spiders
- In the 1990s, 100 percent of mentions of 'stream' meant 'little river', versus only 36 percent today.
- Nature usage of 'cloud' is down nearly a quarter in three decades.

We know how important getting outside in nature is both for our physical and emotional wellbeing. Connecting with nature also gives us time to connect with our family and friends, which is wonderful.

If you have some time over half term and can get to the park, woods, or even just in your garden there are lots of outdoors activities at little, or no cost, to try. The National Trust's guide is a great place to start... Click on the image to access the list.



### Essex Kids Camp This Half Term

### Fire Museum Visit Over Half Term

To book Kids Camp, please visit the [Essex Kids Camp Website!](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk) To book the fire museum, please scan the QR code.

### Year 1 Parent Reading

Please note that there will be no parent reading on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### Letters Sent Home

Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	All Year Groups	P.S.H.E Letter Emailed
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 5	Taster Day at GBHS
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Year 6	IOW Information Evening Info Emailed
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	All Year Groups	PTA End of Year Disco

## Dates for your Diary

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
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y6 IOW Information Evening at 5:30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Crucial Crew 2026 Visit
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 5 IOW Information Evening 3:25pm – 4pm
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
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	PTA End of Year Disco
WB 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 2 Mini Games
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2026	Year 5 Taster Day at GBHS
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Sports Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	YR – Y6 Open Afternoon from 3:25pm – 4:30pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Last Day of Term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027 – Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

## 2025/2026 - Term & Holiday Dates

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
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Break up for the Summer Holiday