



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



Today we have been exploring the genre of dance-pop which emerged as a dominant force in popular music during the 1980s, blending infectious pop melodies with the energy and rhythm of dance music. Artists such as Madonna, Whitney Houston, and Michael Jackson helped bring the genre into the mainstream, creating hits designed for both radio and the nightclub. Today, dance-pop remains one of the world's most popular genres, constantly reinventing itself while staying true to its core mission: getting people moving. It spans generations with children, parents and grandparents enjoying timeless songs which are classics at weddings, parties and kitchen discos. We kicked off our dance-

pop 'party' on the gate this morning with Footloose by Kenny Loggins.

Notice for Monday 8th June

Please be aware that on Monday 8th June the pathway towards the field gate is being re-laid. The site **will not be accessible** through the field gate on that day, so families should enter the premises via the main entrance.

Free School Meals

On Monday, all families received a letter regarding changes to the free school meals provision. If you are, or you feel you might be, eligible for free school meals under the new provision **please ensure that you complete the form by 30th June** and return it to us so that we can complete the eligibility checks for you ahead of the new academic year in September.

If you already receive free school meals, you must still complete the form to be sure that you will still be included for September.

CIF Bid

We were really thrilled to learn this week that Meadgate has finally been successful in our bid for school building works. This means that we will be moving forward with our long-time plans for new windows and external doors throughout the site and a brand-new kitchen renovation. There is likely to be some disruption but it will be well worth it.

Sports Day 2025

Our annual sports day track and field events will take place, weather permitting, on **Thursday 9th July**.

Parents are invited to this, to cheer on the competitors. We hope to start at 9:15 and aim to be finished around 11:15. More details will be issued nearer the time, but we hope that a number of you will be able to attend in the morning to support.

Children should bring in a **plain, coloured** t-shirt, if they have one, **in the colour of their house** to wear with their PE kit during the morning. If they do not have a suitable top, normal PE kit is fine. House colours are as follows: Peak – **green**, Farah – **red**, Simmonds – **blue**, Watson – **yellow**. Adults are heartily encouraged to wear the colour of their children's house in support! We look forward to seeing you there!



Year One Had A Special Visitor This Week.....

Year 1 have been classifying animals into groups this term and this week we learnt about reptiles and amphibians. Mrs Francis arranged for Tilly the tortoise to come in and visit Year 1 as part of their science lesson. The children had lots of interesting questions to ask and made fantastic observations after touching Tilly's scaly skin and hard shell. They particularly enjoyed learning that he wiggles his bottom when his shell gets brushed and washed with a toothbrush. What a fun start to the term it was!



Tuesday 28 July - Superhero Adventures
Tuesday 4 August - Nature Explorers
Tuesday 11 August - Science Discovery
Tuesday 18 August - Around the World
Tuesday 25 August - By the Seaside

10:30am-3:30pm (lunch included)
Kids Inspire HQ, Great Baddow, CM2 7FW

Primary school
children 6+

Scan to
register:



With limited spaces for our activities,
we try to prioritise lower income families.

Sunday 21st June 2026 1pm - 4pm

Great Baddow

FREE! Bring your own picnic

Family Fun Day

FREE! Join us for Inflatable Castle and slides, Climbing Wall, football shootout, assault course, bungee trampoline, Mr B, face painting and much more! **FREE!**

GREAT BADDOW RECREATION GROUND

Food van, bar, drinks and ice cream available to purchase

Hosted by  Please note limited parking available. Please consider cycling/walking

 GREAT BADDOW PARISH COUNCIL

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Level 3, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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Letters Sent Home

Monday 1 st June 2026	All Year Groups	FSM Eligibility Letter
Tuesday 2 nd June 2026	All Year Groups	Sports Day Info Emailed
Wednesday 3 rd June 2026	Year 6	IOW Information Evening Reminder
Thursday 4 th June 2026	All Year Groups	No Teacher Led Clubs wc 08/06/26 Reminder Emailed
Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 2	Mini Games Letter
Friday 5 th June 2026	Year 2	No Parent Reading Session 11/06/26 Emailed

Dates for your Diary

WB 1 st – 14 th June 2026	Multiplication Tables Check Window
WB 8 th June 2026	Phonics Check Week
Thursday 11 th June 2026	Y6 IOW Information Evening at 5:45pm
Monday 15 th June 2026	Reception Trip to Barleylands
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	TELAT Sports
Friday 26 th June 2026	PTA End of Year Disco
WB 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Tuesday 30 th June 2026	Year 2 Mini Games
Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 5 Taster Day at GBHS
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Sports Day 09:15 – 11:15
Tuesday 14 th July 2026	YR – Y6 Open Afternoon from 3:25pm – 4:30pm
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

Monday 20 th July 2026	Non Pupil Day
Friday 17 th July 2026	Break up for the Summer Holiday