



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



This week we have all had a laugh at some comedy music. Comedy music is a fun and entertaining genre that combines music with humour. Songs in this style often use witty lyrics, funny stories, or clever parodies to make listeners laugh while enjoying the music. Popular comedy musicians have shown that music can be both creative and amusing, making this genre a favourite for audiences of all ages. Comedy music reminds us that learning and performing music can be enjoyable as well as expressive.

Pathway to the Field Gate

We appreciate your patience while we have had the pathway from the field gate re-laid. Hopefully the new pathway will have set sufficiently for us to allow walking, pushchairs etc across it next week, however the weather has meant that hardening off has been difficult, due to all the rain we have had. If we anticipate the gate being inaccessible into next week, we will contact you via email to let you know.

Free School Meals

All families have 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.

Year 4 Survive The Stone Age

On the last day of last term (which seems like a lifetime ago!), Y4 went to Thorndon Park to spend the day living as cavemen! They built dwellings in the forest, hunted animals to eat and skin, lit fires and made their own cave art. Everyone had such a spectacular day and our friendly ranger, who led the day, complimented the whole class on how well they listened and behaved. Thank goodness we don't actually live like cavemen anymore and we have washing machines to sort out our mud-encrusted clothes from the day!

"I loved all the activities outside, especially making the spit-roast" Husna.

“The hut-building was really fun and our ranger was very kind” Maya and Amelina.

“Even though we only experienced caveman life for a day, we realise how hard and difficult their lives must have been” Y4 class.



Live Author Lesson

In Year 5 we have been loving the 'Armistice Runner' by Tom Palmer. Today we got to join a live lesson that he hosted to celebrate the start of the Fifa World Cup. Tom told us that he was a very reluctant reader as a boy but he loved football. So, he found enjoyment in reading football magazines, which led to him reading autobiographies about footballers. He also loved history and became very interested in many historical topics but especially WW1 and WW2. He was able to use this love to write many books, such as, The Football Academy series and a range of historical books, such as, Armistice Runner. We played a football quiz with him and then we got to ask him questions. Our question (that Felicity came up with) was - which is your favourite book that you have written? He was asked this question on the live lesson and he said it is the Armistice Runner. We all cheered in agreement! It was such a great experience to meet this amazing author. He has many books to read so please check them out - <https://tompalmer.co.uk/>



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!



Parking Outside the School

Please ensure that if you are driving to school to drop off, or pick up, your child that you are very mindful of where you park. We post regular reminders here about courteous, safe and legal parking and unfortunately, we still have some issues with parking which could be avoided. If you do drive, please think carefully about where you park and if you could park a little away from school and walk the last bit?



Free summer activities 2026

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.

www.kidsinspire.org.uk



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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!**

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

GREAT BADDOW RECREATION GROUND

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

Thursday 11 th June 2026	Year 6	IOW Health Form
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Dates for your Diary

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