



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



Today we had a real treat in our assembly, as some of the older children, who have had regular piano lessons with Victoria, performed some of their favourite pieces for us. We enjoy our weekly assemblies, exploring a range of music across different genres, but there is always something special about hearing someone play live. It also provides an opportunity for the children to perform to an audience, something that they wouldn't regularly get the opportunity to do. The playing was beautiful, and as Ms

Meager will confirm, playing in front of others can be challenging, no matter how many hours you have spent practising. Well done children, you played beautifully.

Free School Meals – please return your form if you haven't already done so!

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.

School Building Work

A couple of weeks ago we shared our success in securing a grant to replace the windows and doors and refurbish the school kitchen. Things have moved on very quickly as we are keen to get to a point where work can commence at the start of the summer holidays. This is clearly the best time to do as much of the messy building work as possible.

We have been made aware by the project management company, that due to the extensive works planned for the kitchen, which will look amazing when finished, we are unlikely to have it completed for our return to school in September. Current estimates are that work might continue for a few weeks into the new term and while we hope that it will not take this long, we do need to plan for every eventuality.

While the work is being carried out, we will continue to provide a lunch for our children but it will be a packed lunch rather than a hot meal. More details will be sent out as we firm up our plans and we appreciate your support and patience as we complete the much-needed renovations.

Classes for Next Academic Year

Over the next couple of weeks, the children from the 2026 reception intake will be visiting us as part of their transition into school and we are looking forward to getting to know them all.

For the rest of the school we have now put in place our teaching groups for next academic year. Many of the children will already know their new teacher, but they will be having a session with them before the end of term to find out what they can expect from their new year group, what the learning might be like and what they can look forward to. From September we are pleased to welcome back Mrs Leake and Ms Devenish who return from maternity leave.

You will have the opportunity to meet your child's new teacher at the start of the 2026/2027 academic year and details will be sent out shortly regarding this.

Class group	Staffing
Reception	Mrs North (Monday – Wednesday) and Mrs Morton (Thursday – Friday)
Year 1	Mrs Francis (Monday – Tuesday) and Mrs Leake (Wednesday – Friday)
Year 2	Ms Devenish (Monday – Tuesday) and Mrs Ash (Wednesday – Friday)
Year 3	Ms Meager (Monday – Tuesday) and Ms Pateman (Wednesday – Friday)
Year 4	Mrs Davine (Monday) and Miss Featherstone (Tuesday – Friday)
Year 5	Mrs Pietersen (Monday – Thursday) and Mrs Davine (Friday)
Year 6	Miss Reynolds

Maths Challenge Day

Two teams of children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Maths Challenge Day at Maltese Road last week. They attempted a variety of maths challenges against teams from other schools in the trust accompanied by Mrs Sweeting. We were thrilled with the results as Team 2 came 4th out of 7 teams and Team 1 came first! They had a great day and we're exemplary representatives from our school. Well done!

Year 1 RE

In RE this week, year 1 have been learning about the story of Moses and the parting of the red sea. The children had great fun creating a Sukkah using junk modelling and natural resources. The children had to make sure to leave gaps in the roof so that you can still see the stars.





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!



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+

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WEEK 1	WEEK 2	WEEK 3	WEEK 4	WEEK 5
Tues 21st, 22nd, 23rd July	Mon 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th July	Mon 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th August	Mon 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th August	Mon 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th August

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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

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Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd 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
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Whole School Transition 1:45 – 2:45
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents – 6pm
Thursday 16 th July 2026	YR – Y6 Book Look Open Afternoon 3:30 – 4:30
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