



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Year 1 Update

Since Year 1 have been learning about Africa this term, Baraka's daddy kindly agreed to do his own 'Show and Tell' to us on Monday afternoon!

The children were shown some family photographs taken in Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya and the class noticed there were lots of cars and tall buildings -very similar to our capital city, London.

We loved learning how to count to 10 in Swahili, and some of us even tried to do some simple maths in Swahili! We compared the clothing worn by Kenyans and English and learnt that most Kenyans dress with bright, modern fashions although some nomads still wear the traditional lasso.

It was fascinating exploring the famous Kenyan athletes, actresses and Nobel Peace Prize winners! Year 1 had lots of questions! At the end, Baraka's daddy passed around beautiful shells from Kenyan beaches, Maasai beaded jewellery and toys from Kenya. The children and I had the BEST afternoon and we all learnt lots. Thank you!



Governors Update

At their recent meeting, the governors reviewed a range of school developments and discussed some national changes that may impact schools and families.

- Governors noted the Government's proposed changes to both the PE and Sports Premium Grant and the eligibility criteria for Free School Meals.
- The Governors would also like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Tinha a very happy and well-deserved retirement. We thank her for her dedication, hard work and commitment to the school over the years, and we wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter.
- Looking ahead, Governors are delighted with the investment in our school environment and are looking forward to seeing the completion of the new kitchen facilities and the installation of new windows and doors during the summer holidays. These improvements will help enhance our learning environment and provide lasting benefits for pupils and staff alike.

Weather this Week.

We can't escape the fact that this week has been a scorcher. Our thanks to staff, who have made a number of changes to the timetables and daily routines to try and keep everyone as comfortable as possible, when they themselves have also been very hot. We appreciate the support we have had from families and hope that over the weekend the temperature will drop a little so that next week can be back to 'normal'.

Sports Day 2026

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 by 11:00 – 11:30. Please bring a chair, if you have one and do remember all the usual sun protection for yourselves which may get forgotten in the rush to get the children ready, it could be warm and sunny. **Our lovely PTA will**

be selling cool drinks so remember to bring some cash if you would like to purchase one.

If you have not attended a sports day before, we have a designated viewing area for parents along one side of our track and ask parents to stay in that area. We will organise and look after the children.



We appreciate that sports day is one of those events in the calendar that parents like to record or photograph, and we are happy for you to do so for your own memories. We ask that you do not share photographs or videos online (including in WhatsApp, or similar groups) as other children may be included and their families may not want them online. This may be for valid safeguarding reasons

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!

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 the 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



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)
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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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Letters Sent Home

Monday 22 nd June 2026	Reception	Road Safety Session Letter
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	All Year Groups	Children's Vision Screening & Eye Health Email
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	Year 6	NHS Questionnaire Email
Thursday 25 th June 2026	YR-Y5	Autumn Term Swimming

Dates for your Diary

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
Monday 6 th July 2026	Reception - Road Safety Session at 9am
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Sports Day 09:15 – 11:15
Friday 10 th July 2026	PTA End of Year Disco
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

2025/2026 – Term & Holiday Dates

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