



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Feel Good Friday



We certainly brought the summer vibes to the playground this morning, as this week we have been finding out about reggae. Reggae music continues to inspire audiences around the world with its uplifting rhythms, heartfelt lyrics, and messages of unity, resilience, and hope. Originating in Jamaica, the genre has influenced countless artists

while remaining deeply connected to its cultural roots. Whether you're enjoying classic tracks or exploring new reggae tunes, there's always something fresh to enjoy in this timeless and vibrant musical tradition.

Our music on the gate this morning was Kingston Town by UK Reggae group UB40.

Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

On Monday, we waved 26 excited Year 6 children and four adults off for a fun week on the Isle of Wight. After the official check-in they boarded the coach and were waved off by lots of their grownups before heading down to Portsmouth to start a week of exploring the island. The week started with a visit to the aquarium in Portsmouth. The rest of the trip was crammed with beach visits, the Isle of Wight Zoo, Robin Hill Country Park, Black Gang Chine, fossil hunting at the dinosaur museum and Osborne House. They certainly got their steps up last week, but the weather was beautiful and everyone seemed to have a great time.



A huge thank you to Mrs Tinham and Mrs Davine for supporting Ms Meager and Mr Figg in looking after them all and ensuring they have made some wonderful memories.

Sports Day Results

We hope you enjoyed our sports morning yesterday. It was great to give the children the chance to put into practise athletic skills they have been learning during P.E. lessons. After a fantastic morning of races, the results are as follows:

Simmonds	67 points – First place
Watson	53 points – Second place
Farah	52 points – Third place
Peake	49 points – Fourth place

Year 2 Minigames

Last week our Year 2 class had a brilliant afternoon at the athletics centre for the annual Minigames. They had the chance to compete against other schools in Olympic-style events including an opening ceremony parade and lots of flags. We were Canada and our team enjoyed trying a range of events through the afternoon. Our thanks go to Mrs Hart and Miss Coyle for supporting staff with the event.



Year 5 Get Creative

While sticking to shady spots over the last few days, Year 5 have created a den during their lunch times. Mrs Tingham has been so impressed with their team work and ideas that they have dedicated the den to her, as she has supported them with this lovely outdoors activity. They finished it off today and a lot of the class have been involved at some point showing some great teambuilding skills.



Welcome Back

We are pleased to say "Welcome Back" to Mrs Leake who will be returning to us in September following her maternity leave. The children have loved seeing her around school a little this week. We are also looking forward to seeing Ms Devenish back with us after her maternity leave.

Sun Cream

If children are bringing sun cream into school to top up during the hotter weather, please ensure that it is not in an aerosol dispenser as these pose inhalation risks and can also result in accidental spraying in eyes, and classroom mess. Instead, you should provide a roll-on or squeeze tube.



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

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 as soon as possible** 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.



Holiday Club

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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Free Family Events in Chelmsford

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon.

This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained.

This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out
more here!



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Letters Sent Home

Wednesday 1 st July 2026	Year 6	Adventure Island Trip
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Dates for your Diary

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

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