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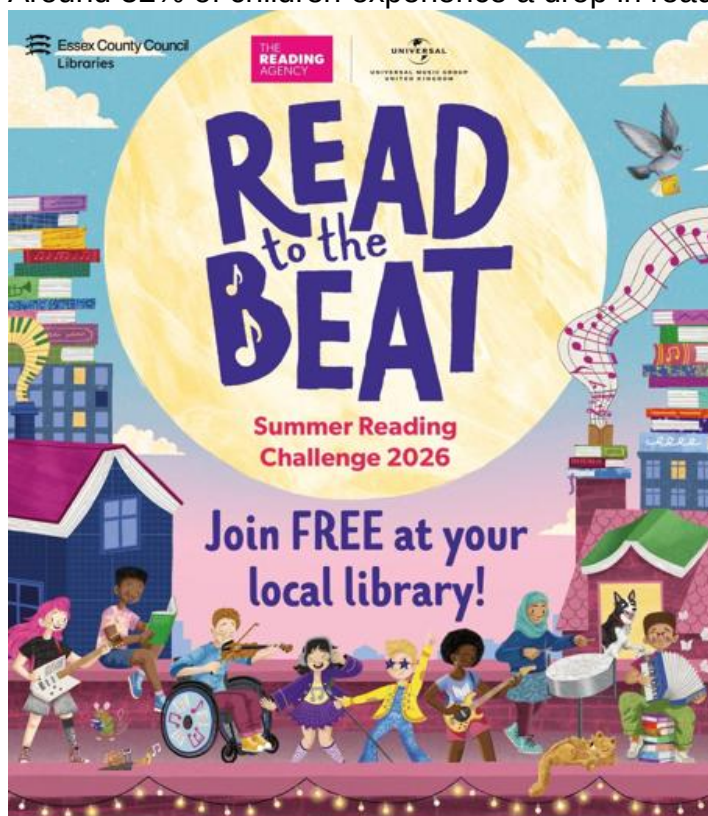
Feel Good Friday

It was lovely to welcome all the children in this morning, there was a special buzz around the school for the last day of the academic year. We have had another fabulous year and are all ready for a well-earned rest. We hope you all enjoy some time with your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school **on Thursday 3rd September** at the usual time.

Please note, from next year our newsletter will be released fortnightly.

Summer Reading Scheme

Around 52% of children experience a drop in reading progress over the summer, and



this can mean they lose up to 20% of reading gains made during the previous school year. However, reading just five books over the summer holiday can lead to four months of reading progress. Reading regularly over summer can also help address the poverty gap; more than half of the reading achievement gap between low- and middle-income children is linked to differences in summer reading. On top of that there are the obvious gains in finding stories and authors that become childhood favourites and children enjoy the books they are reading. Reading for pleasure is a wonderful pastime.

For these reasons, we encourage all our children to do the Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat - which asks participants to aim at reading six books over the summer, as well as offering an interesting range of related

Saturday 18 July to Saturday 5 September
At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times



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summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

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activities and events. [More about the Summer Reading Challenge in Essex.](#)

The summer reading scheme starts tomorrow – so get down to your local library – it's free to join!

Year 6 SATs

Once again our Year 6 pupils have achieved extremely well in their end of primary school external examinations. 73% of our 33 Year 6 pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics combined compared to the National Average in 2026 of 63%. This is a great achievement once again. Well done Everyone.

PTA



Our PTA have had another great year and we thank you all for the support you have given, if you have volunteered your time, or supported the event by attending or taking part.

A very big thank you is required for three special ladies who have worked hard to continue to organise the events the children love, over this academic year. They took on the role, after a number of our PTA parents moved on when their

own children left, and although they have been small in numbers, they have been big in energy and enthusiasm. We wouldn't have been able to organise many of the events without **Mrs Zowie Hart**, **Ms Sinead Rooney** and **Mrs Jo Whiting**, so we thank you all for your efforts to raise funds which benefit all the children of the school. It is really appreciated.

From next year, we have a number of parents who have taken up the challenge and you have probably seen many of them at some of the events over the summer. We are pleased to welcome them on board and look forward to working with them over the next year.

If you are interested in joining the PTA, please pop into our office and they can direct you to the appropriate people to talk to. The PTA is a great way to make friends amongst the school community, while raising important funds to benefit all the children at Meadgate School.

Meet the Teacher in 2026/2027

The summer holidays are yet to start, but in school we are already busily preparing for the new academic year. This week the children have all had a chance to spend some time with their new teacher and talk about what life will be like in their new classes. We know that parents also appreciate a chance to meet the teacher, so please note the dates below to see when your class meeting will be. Meetings will be around 20 minutes.

Year 1	Friday 4 th September 9:00
Year 2	Monday 7 th September 9:00
Year 3	Friday 11 th September 9:00
Year 4	Tuesday 8 th September 9:00
Year 5	Wednesday 9 th September 9:00
Year 6	Thursday 10 th September 9:00

Goodbyes

It is never easy saying goodbye to members of staff, especially in a small school, where the team is so important to the day to day atmosphere and structure of everything. We work very closely together so when there are changes it can be a little sad, as things come to an end.

Mrs Hughes

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Hughes. Mrs Hughes has once again slipped into our team seamlessly and supported the children in Year 1 with her usual care and kindness. We will miss her cheerfulness around the school and thank her for all her hard work this year. Thankfully, we are not losing her from the Trust as she is taking a more permanent role amongst the staff at Tipree Heath Primary School, who will love working with her. All the best Adele, thank you for everything this year, we will look forward to seeing you at future Trust training events!

Mrs Tinham

After many years of dedicated service, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Tinham as she begins her well-deserved retirement.

Throughout her time at our school, Mrs Tinham has cared for hundreds of children, supporting them through their primary school years with compassion, patience and unwavering dedication. She has been a reassuring presence for many families—so much so that some of the children she once cared for are now parents of pupils in our school.

To all of us and most importantly the children, she is a friendly face, a listening ear and someone who always knows just how to make everyone smile. Whether she has been nursing bumps and bruises, teaching important life lessons, or gently untangling the occasional playground drama with kindness and, when needed, a firm but fair word, she has touched the lives of many.

Mrs Tinham's warmth, humour and genuine care have made her an irreplaceable part of our school community. While she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and families alike, we are delighted that she now has the opportunity to enjoy more time with her family and all the adventures that retirement brings.

Thank you, Mrs Tinham, for everything you have given to our school over the years. Your kindness, dedication and laughter have left a lasting legacy that will not be forgotten. We wish you every happiness in your retirement and, knowing you, we're quite sure this isn't goodbye forever—we look forward to welcoming you back for a visit from time to time.

Mrs Tinham has asked that we pop a message in our newsletter to thank all the parents who have approached her over the last couple of weeks, to wish her well. She has been quite overwhelmed by the lovely words, cards and gifts that she has received. It really has meant a lot to her – thank you everyone.



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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www.kidsinspire.org.uk



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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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Dates for your Diary

Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term
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2025/2026 - Term & Holiday Dates

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