Friday 9th October 2026

Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Families,

Harvest



It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at our harvest assemblies last Friday. We always look forward to it, so hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.
Our thanks to everyone who has generously donated towards Chelmsford Food Bank, Ms Meager will be taking items there next week, which we know will help a number of families and will be gratefully received by the staff.
Our thanks to Mrs Cox and Mrs Abrey-Cohen of our PTA for giving their time to sell refreshments.

School Photos

Just a reminder that individual school photos will be taking place on **Tuesday 10th November**. If children have siblings that also attend our school they will be able to have their photos taken together.



Upcoming PTA Events



Our PTA have been busily planning the activities for the autumn term. Please support these if you can.

Friday 16th October – Uniform Sale
Weather permitting, this will be held under the tree outside the Reception classroom. If the weather is wet, they will be in the hall. Come and have a look, they have plenty of uniform including clothes for cooler weather.

Wednesday 21st October – Pumpkin Decorating Competition – only £1 entry so start thinking about your spookiest designs

Friday 23rd October – Non-Uniform Day £1 donation – Autumn colours theme.

Parent Consultations

Letters have gone out today informing families of our parent consultations after half term. Please do try and attend if you can. We all work better when we work together and children benefit from a supportive team around them.

Tuesday 3rd November –- 15:30 – 18:00
Wednesday 4th November – 15:30 – 18:00
Thursday 5th November –– 16:00 – 18:00

The appointment system will go live on **Monday 12th October at 16:00**. We would recommended booking early to ensure a time that best suits you, as appointemnts tend to go quickly.

Volunteers



We now have some really wonderful volunteers who come into school each week to help us with swimming and reading. It makes such a difference and we know the children love reading with them and look forward to their visit. If you are one of our wonderful volunteers, thank you, we really appreciate you giving up your time to help us and hope that you enjoy coming into school too.

If any parent has a couple of hours to spare on a Thursday afternoon, we are looking for a volunteer to support our Year 1 class with their swimming lessons (don't worry, no actual swimming is required). If you are interested please pop into the school office. You will be required to sign our volunteer code of conduct and, of course, undertake a DBS check.

Hair Accessories for School

We are seeing quite a range of hair accessories appearing throughout the school, some of which are very large and can be distracting. We encourage children with longer hair to tie it back, but please keep accessories as simple as possible.
We would always recommend that anything precious or special remains at home.

Request from Year One



Year One have a very busy craft area in their classroom, which gets lots of use as part of their enhanced provision. We are very much into recycling and reusing at Meadgate, so wanted to ask if anyone has any of the following lurking in the back of a cupboard, in a half-finished craft kit, or just stuff you might be decluttering, we would love to give it a new home and create some masterpieces. We are especially looking for the following…

- Ribbon
- Wool
- Pipe cleaners
- Pom poms
- Christmas stickers
- Christmas cards
- Stencils
- Coloured gel pens or felt tips
- Sequins

- Googly eyes
- Felt
- Christmas wrapping paper
- Masking tape
- Coloured paper or card

Please drop any supplies into the office – we thank you in advance!

Secondary School Applications – deadline approaching!

The new secondary school admission round opens on **12th September 2026**, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027. **The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2026**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All the information required is available on the website above. Parents **must** apply for places as, even with an application, your choice of place is not guaranteed, so ensure you submit your application within the admission window.
Please visit individual school websites to see the dates of their forthcoming open evenings – it is well-worth visiting to ensure that the school is right for your child.

Golden House Points



Housepoints are an excellent way of rewarding children that have gone over and above in school. They are not solely for academic excellence, as we also value politeness, behaviour and kindness in our school. We see great examples of these each and every day and being able to reward the children for making good choices, taking the initiative and trying hard to be their best, is brilliant. At the end of the week, the winning house are rewarded with Golden Air, which is an extra breaktime, outside with Ms Meager.

In addition, Ms Meager also has a number of golden housepoints. These are super shiny and rare as hen's teeth. Worth ten normal housepoints, they are awarded for consistent effort, bevaviour and attitude with some additional sparkle. When a golden housepoint appears in the tube, word spreads like wildfire.

Ms Meager loves awarding golden housepoints but she is notoriously mean with them usually so getting one is a big deal. Emailing parents to share the news is Ms Meager's favourite job in school, and it makes her very happy. This half term she has only given three so far. Congratulations to the recipients for very well deserved tokens.

Courses and events for Half Term





Letters Sent Home

Monday 5th October 2026	Year 1	Sock Monster Activity Letter
Monday 5th October 2026	Year 5	Bikeability Reminder Email
Monday 5th October 2026	YR + Y6	NCMP Letter
Tuesday 6th October 2026	All Year Groups	Flu Vaccination Info Emailed
Tuesday 6th October 2026	All Year Groups	Carmel Jane Photography Info Emailed
Tuesday 6th October 2026	Year 3	Dental Visit Letter

Dates for your Diary

Friday 9th October 2026	PTA Quiz Night
Tuesday 13th October 2026	YR + Y1 Phonics Meeting for Parents at 3:30pm
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Flu Vaccinations (AM)
Tuesday 20th October 2026	Year 1 – Autumn Walk at 2pm
Wednesday 21st October 2026	Pumpkin Decorating Competition
Friday 23rd October 2026	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 3rd November 2026	Parents Consultations 3:30pm – 6pm
Wednesday 4th November 2026	Parents Consultations 3:30 – 6pm
Thursday 5th November 2026	Parents Consultations 4pm – 6:30pm
Tuesday 10th November 2026	Individual & Sibling Photos
Tuesday 17th November 2026	Y3 – Dental Visit
Wednesday 25th November 2026	Y6 Trip to Duxford
Thursday 26th November 2026	Open Afternoon 1:15pm – 2:45pm
Friday 27th November 2026	Open Afternoon 1:15pm – 2:45pm
Tuesday 1st December 2026	Year 5 + Year 6 – Matilda The Musical
Friday 4th December 2026	Open Afternoon 1:15pm – 2:45pm
Wednesday 9th December 2026	Flu Vaccinations 2nd Catch Up Session
Thursday 10th December 2026	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 11th December 2026	YR Christmas Nativity
Friday 11th December 2026	Christmas Choir Evening 5pm – 5:45pm
Thursday 17th December 2026	All Year Groups - Pantomime
Tuesday 12th January 2026	YR + Y6 NCMP Visit
Friday 23rd April 2027	Y1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle
Monday 10th May – Thursday 13th May 2027	Y6 SATs Week
Tuesday 29th June 2027	Y5 Taster Day at GBHS
Friday 16th July – Monday 19th July 2027	Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

2026/2027 – Term & Holiday Dates

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026	October Half Term
Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Monday 4th January 2027	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January 2027	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027	February Half Term
Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 12th April 2027	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 3rd May 2027	Bank Holiday
Friday 28th May 2027	INSET Day
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027	Half Term
Wednesday 21st July 2027	Last Day of Summer Term