



Meadgate Mail

Unlocking Learning Together

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a great first week back to start a new academic year. The children arrived on Wednesday really keen to meet their new teachers and catch up with friends they had not seen throughout the holidays. There was the usual excitement around new entrances, teachers and expectations, which we love!



We have officially welcomed Mrs Hughes back to our school this week, and she is looking forward to returning to Year 1. A number of our teachers have moved around the school and are looking forward to new curriculums and new classes. As usual, please be patient at the end of the day for the first week or two, as it will take staff a while to match up children and parents. It is important that they know who goes home with whom.

New pupils

We have a number of new pupils who have joined us this academic year, both in reception and across the school. We welcome you and your families to our school community. Everyone seems to have settled in well and our new reception children, experience their first session with Mrs Morton and her team. Mrs North is looking forward to seeing them on Monday as they build up to full time by the end of next week.

New parents will find a wealth of school related information on our school website, which is always a great place to start if you have any questions, after that, please feel free to contact Miss Bury and Miss Scully, in our school office, for any further advice you might need.

School Office and Arbor

If you haven't yet downloaded the Arbor app, and made an account for yourself, please ensure you do so, as a priority, as **all** payments will be through Arbor moving forward and it will be our avenue of communication with families.

Just to remind you that slips, letters and forms can be posted in the letter box outside the school office, on the wall. It is then emptied by office staff during the morning and

the contents dealt with. Posting them into the box, rather than handing them in, frees up the office staff to deal with parents who have more immediate issues during busy times.

P.E.

P.E. kits should now be back in school in preparation for the new term. Class teachers will soon be letting you know which days your child will have most of their P.E. sessions. This is subject to occasional change, as we can be interrupted by the weather or other activities in school. If kit is in school everyday it means we can be flexible if we have to.



Earrings should be taped before P.E. (something that your child will need to be able to do themselves) or even better, left at home. School staff cannot tape or remove/replace earrings, so children will not be able to participate if they are wearing them. This is an Essex County Council rule which we support in school. Hair tied back for P.E. is also a safer option for children taking part in sporting activities.

Meet the Teacher



This week Mrs Hughes welcomed the Year 1 parents into school for a mini meeting to share what Year 1 will look like in the months ahead. Over the next week other class teachers will be delivering similar sessions, so please try and attend if you are able to. Session times are as below:

Class group	Staffing	Meet <u>The</u> Teacher Meeting
Reception	Mrs North and Mrs Morton	Individual Teacher Consultations
Year 1	Mrs Francis and Mrs Hughes	Thursday 4 th September 9:00
Year 2	Ms Meager and Mrs Ash	Friday 12 th September 9:00
Year 3	Ms Pateman	Thursday 11 th September 9:00
Year 4	Miss Featherstone	Wednesday 10 th September 9:00
Year 5	Mrs Pietersen and Mrs Davine	Tuesday 9 th September 9:00
Year 6	Miss Reynolds	Monday 8 th September 9:00

Dropping children off before school

It was lovely to see the children all in school promptly this week. We hope that it will continue throughout the year. Just to remind you that school starts at **8.45** a.m. so children should be on the playground before that time to be ready for the bell. Staff are on duty outside and open the gates from 8.35 a.m.. Gates close at 8:45., when everyone should be in school, after that time children will need to arrive via the office and are considered late.

Collecting at the end of the day

As per last year, if someone is collecting your child, who is not a parent, we need you to contact us and let us know the arrangement, well before the end of the day please. Teachers will not release children to anyone other than those identified to collect, unless notified by our school office.

If you have a regular arrangement with another adult to collect your child please let the school office know, in writing, what the arrangements will be.

We know that from time to time people forget to let us know the arrangements, it happens. We ask that if you are collecting on behalf on someone else and we have not been told, you are patient with our staff as, in line with our safeguarding policy, we are required to check. It only takes a couple of extra minutes and it is important that children get home safely.

Mrs Ing and Ms Pointon Orchard Drop in

As usual, Mrs Ing (our lovely SENDCO) and Ms Pointon (our lovely Family Support Worker) will be at the Orchards Café for their drop-in sessions. If you have something specific that you would like to make them aware of, need some advice, or would just like to pop over for a chat over a cuppa they would love to see you. The session will take place from 9:00 – 10:00 this term on the following dates:

Tuesday 16th September

Tuesday 7th October

Tuesday 4th November

Tuesday 2nd December



This October half term kids will meet Essex Therapy Dogs, learn about their special work, and enjoy some Halloween fun together.

Primary school
children 6+

10:30am-3:30pm | Kids Inspire HQ, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, CM2 7FW

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Letters Sent Home

Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	Year 6	Isle of Wight Letter
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Dates for Your Diary

Wednesday 3 rd September 2025	First Day of Autumn Term
Monday 8 th September 2025	Year 6 – Meet the Teacher at 9:00
Tuesday 9 th September 2025	Year 5 – Meet the Teacher at 09:00
Wednesday 10 th September 2025	Year 4 – Meet the Teacher at 09:00
Thursday 11 th September 2025	Year 3 – Meet the Teacher at 09:00
Friday 12 th September 2025	Year 2 – Meet the Teacher at 09:00
Thursday 2 nd October 2025	Harvest Assembly KS2 - 09:10, KS1 – 09:45
Friday 3 rd October 2025	INSET DAY
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term
Tuesday 4 th , Wednesday 5 th , Thursday 6 th November	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 5 th November 2025	Individual Photos
Monday 10 th November 2025	Flu Immunisations
WB 17 th November 2025	One Planning Meetings
Thursday 20 th November, Friday 21 st November	1:30-2:45 – Open Afternoon for New 2026 Reception Intake
Thursday 11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 12 th December 2025	EYFS Nativity 09:15 – 09:30 Christmas Songs Evening 4:30 – 5:30
Wednesday 17 th December 2025	Panto
Friday 19 th December 2025	Last Day of Term
Monday 5 th January 2026	First day of Spring Term

Monday 26 th January 2026	Year 6 – Parents SATS Presentation – 3:30
Tuesday 10 th , Wednesday 11 th , Thursday 12 th February 2026	Parent Consultations
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term
WB 16 th March 2026	One Planning Meetings
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holidays
WB 27 th April 2026	Mock SATS
WB 11 th May 2026	SATS Week
Friday 22 nd May 2026	INSET DAY
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th May 2026	May Half Term
WB 1 st – 14 th June 2026	Multiplication Tables Check Window
WB 8 th June 2026	Phonics Check Week
Tuesday 23 rd June 2026	TELAT Sports
WB 29 th June 2026	Year 6 Isle of Wight Week
Thursday 9 th July 2026	Sports Day
Wednesday 15 th July 2026	Leavers Assembly to Year 6 Parents
Friday 17 th July 2026	Last Day of Term

2025/2026 – Term & Holiday Dates

Friday 3 rd October 2025	Non Pupil Day
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st October 2025	Half Term Holiday
Monday 22 nd December 2025 to Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	First Day of Spring Term
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April 2026	Easter Holiday

Monday 13 th April 2026	First Day of Summer Term
Monday 4 th May 2026	May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Non Pupil Day
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th May 2026	Half Term Holiday
Monday 20 th July 2026	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Break up For The Summer Holiday