



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 20TH JUNE 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

🌟 Thank You for Making Sports Day a Success! 🌟

We extend our thanks to all the parents and carers who joined us for Sports Day. Your enthusiastic presence, spirited cheering, and unwavering support truly elevated the event, creating a memorable experience for everyone involved.

A special shout-out to those brave parents who participated in the races—your energy and sportsmanship were infectious and brought smiles to many faces. **Well done to all the children taking part in Sports Day – your energy, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship made the event truly shine.** Thank you so much Mrs Almond for organising a brilliant Sports Day event! Your meticulous planning, positive energy, and dedication ensured a day that was both seamless and memorable.



🎯 Transition Update & Best Wishes to Our Year 6 Pupils 🎯

This week marked our first transition session, and it was heart-warming to see the children exploring their new classrooms and meeting their new teachers. It was delightful to welcome our new Reception children this week as they met Mrs Ingram and explored their new classroom environment.

Next week, our Year 6 students will embark on their transition day to secondary school. We want to send all of you our very best wishes as you explore your new school, meet new teachers, and begin navigating this exciting next step. It's perfectly normal to feel a mix of emotions.

😊 A Huge Thank You for Our Wonderful Maltese Summer Festival! 😊

What a fantastic day it was! A huge thank you to all the members of staff who dedicated their time, energy, and enthusiasm to our Maltese Summer Festival. A special shout-out goes to our incredible FOMs (Friends of the School) team, whose hard work in organizing every detail ensured the event's success. From planning to execution, you went above and beyond—and it showed.

Thanks to everyone's generosity and participation, we raised an impressive **£1,500**—funds that will directly benefit our school community. Together, we created memories children will cherish and moments of pure happiness for all.

And a special mention for our **Choir club** who all sounded amazing. Thank you to Mrs Millwood for all her hard work and dedication in running the club this year.



🎵 Rock Steady Music Workshops – In-School Band Opportunity 🎵

This week, all children took part in a whole school assembly and exciting music workshops led by Rock Steady Music School. The sessions were a fantastic way to inspire children and promote the joy of learning music through band performance.

If your child is interested in learning an instrument and joining a school band, a letter with further details was sent home on Wednesday. Rock Steady offers in-school music lessons where children learn to play in a band, build confidence, and have fun making music together.

Please note:

There is a cost for these sessions.

Places are limited, so sign-up will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

We're excited to offer this opportunity to bring more music into our school!





Trust Maths Challenge Day — Congratulations to Our Champions!

We're thrilled to share the fantastic news from our recent **Trust Maths Challenge Day**, led masterfully by **Mrs Strong**! The event brought together Year 5 and Year 6 mathematicians from across the schools in our Trust. We are incredibly proud to announce that Maltese Road achieved first place with an outstanding total of 260 points! 🎉 A massive well done to every child who participated—your hard work, confidence, and team spirit truly shone through.

A special **thank you to Mrs Strong** for organising the event, guiding our young mathematicians, and ensuring everything ran smoothly. Your dedication and passion made all the difference!

****Maltese Has Talent!****

We are pleased to announce that we are holding a talent show! Your child/ren are invited to show off their talents in the audition rounds on Thursday 10th July, in front of their key stages. Following this, the children will vote for their top acts who will then go through to the final on Wednesday 16th July. All talents are welcome from magic tricks to beat boxing! Individual and group acts welcome. If your child is unable to perform their talent within the school setting, we ask that you send the videos to teachers' dojo to be shared. Please send all props/videos into school by Friday 4th July with your child's name clearly labelled. We can't wait to see your child's talent!

The Maltese Road local governing body met on 18th June. We wanted to share with you some of the notable points from our meeting:

- We were delighted to hear that Year 6 writing results are very strong this year, with 81% of pupils achieving the expected standard and 19% of those achieved greater depth level. The school is awaiting confirmation on maths and reading results from the recent SATs papers.
- The school has recently invested in 16 new PCs for the computer suite from its DFC Grant allocation. We are very lucky to have these great resources in school and we are happy to hear that the children really enjoy their time in the computer suite.
- Faye White is now our school's CPR Champion. CPR and basic first aid will be embedded into the curriculum for Years 5 and 6 from September, with foundational skills introduced in Lower Key Stage 2. We think this will be an excellent life skill to be introduced to our children.

Thank you for reading and please let us know if you have any questions.

Lucy Lerpiniere (Chair of Maltese Road Primary School Local Governing Board)

EYFS and KS1 Stay and Read event. Thursday 26th June at 9am- 9:45am. Bring a picnic blanket and come and share some books with us on the school field.



The end of term is fast approaching and Year 6, supported by Year 5, have been practising hard for their end of year performance: Star Wars The Empire Strikes Back.

We would love for you to come along! In order to accommodate as many people as possible, we are going to do two performances. We have allocated **4 seats per family** for Year 6 and **2 seats per family** for the parents of Fox Class.

Please come along to either performance:-

Wednesday 9th July at 1:30pm

Thursday 10th July at 9:15am

Seats will be given on a first come, first served on the day of the performance. Please note that KS1 and children from Little Nipperz will have seen the performance during our dress rehearsal on Tuesday 8th July, therefore we kindly ask that no pre-school children or younger attend any of the performances.

A Polite Reminder – School Car Park

We kindly ask parents and carers **not to park in the school car park**, as this area is designated for staff use only. Recently, staff have been unable to park due to limited space, which affects the smooth running of the school day.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in keeping the car park clear and ensuring safe and accessible parking for all staff members.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Arbor Payments - You can now make payments and top up accounts for meals by logging into the Parent Portal. Your dinner balances from ParentMail have been transferred and will also show in the Parent Portal. We understand that since the transition a large amount of dinner money debts have accumulated over the last couple of weeks. If you are unable to clear the debt in one payment, please pay in instalments.

Reception Class, Year 2 and Year 3 are all able to make payment for their recent trips to Danbury Country Park.

Year 1 can make payment for their Stick Man trip.

Year 5 and 6 swimming payments can be found under Clubs, where you can pay outstanding balances.



Other reminders

- **Year 6 Secondary School Transitions – Please inform the school when your child will be attending their Year 6 secondary school transition days**
- **Parking – Park sensibly, safely and respectfully along Maltese Road and Westfield Avenue, we are still receiving calls from local residents**

Letters Sent Home

Tuesday 17 th June	Whole School Arbor Email	Picnic Flyer
	Year 2	Mini Games
	Year 5 & 6	Relationships and Sex Education
	Year 5 & 6	Production of Star Warts: The Umpire Strikes Back
	Whole School	Rock Steady Leaflet
Wednesday	Selected Children	TELAT Sports

Teacher Club – Wednesday 25th June

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick up time
Choir	3 – 6	Wednesday	4:00pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
• 26 th June	• EYFS & KS1 Stay and Read Event – 9am – 9:45am
• 2 nd July	• Transition Afternoon
• 4 th July	• Year 2 Mini Games CSAC
• 9 th July	• Reserve Sports Day
• 10 th July	• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm
	• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am
• 15 th July	• Stay & Share Afternoon – Parents are Welcome at 14:50pm
• 17 th July	• Year 4 Wilderness Trip to Chatham Green
• 18 th July	• Year 6 Prom – 6pm – 8pm in the School Hall – Details to Follow
	• Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited 9am – Details to Follow
	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 st & 22 nd July	• First Day of Summer Holidays

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 18 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 st & 22 nd July	• Non Pupil Days

2025-2026 Term Dates

Date	
• 1 st September	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 nd September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 rd September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 3 rd October	• Non Pupil Day
• 27 th – 31 st October	• October Half Term
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 22 nd December – 2 nd January 2026	• Christmas Holidays
• 5 th January 2026	• First Day of Spring Term
• 16 th – 20 th February	• February Half Term
• 27 th March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 30 th March – 10 th April	• Easter Holidays
• 13 th April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 4 th May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 25 th May – 29 th May	• May Half Term
• 1 st June	• Non Pupil Day
• 17 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 20 th July	• Non Pupil Day



SEND News

WILDERNESS

FOUNDATION UK

Wilderness Foundation will be running a Neurodiversity Outdoor Camp throughout the Summer Holiday, these will be held on Mondays and Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays) from 10am-3pm for young people age between 9-14 at £80 per participant per day.

Please see below for the dates:

Monday 28/07/2025

Friday 01/08/2025

Monday 04/08/2025

Friday 08/08/2025

Monday 11/08/2025

Friday 15/08/2025

Monday 18/08/2025

Friday 22/08/2025

Friday 29/08/2025

The Neurodiversity Outdoor Camp is for young people experiencing challenges with mental health, behaviour and neurodiversity needs. Many young people can present with all these challenges together and we are increasingly aware that we need to support those with neurodiversity in a more dedicated and focused way. We have traditionally organised holiday camps and, recognising increasing needs for families and young people, we are running a specialist camp for those with neurodivergent needs.

The camp aims to develop personal skills, resilience, communication, social skills and a lot more. We cook on an open fire, are creative, adventurous and accepting. A range of outdoor activities and skills including cooking, art, bushcraft, nature walks, and crafts. We will also encourage positive social engagement and group skills, using a strength-based approach which helps participants become more aware of what they do well.

It will be a small group with not more than 8 participants and advance bookings are required.

For more information and booking form, please visit <https://wildernessfoundation.org.uk/neurodiversity-holiday-camps/>



Healthy snack -

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day. We encourage children to bring in healthy snacks.

Many of these will help contribute to their 5 daily portions of fruit and vegetables, keep them alert and help them concentrate.

Children in **EYFS and KS1** have a daily snack of fruit or veg provided for free by the government, so additional snacks for these ages may not be required.

If you are intending to send in healthy snacks with your child please limit them to the list below.

Vegetables/ vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot.

A piece of cheese (cheddar cheese or Babybel).

A piece of fresh or dried fruit – pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.

breads are also good snacks Bread sticks, plain pretzels, banana bread, malt loaf, oat/rice cakes and small pitta.

We are aiming for a common-sense approach, with the key being to keep it healthy and no chocolate, sweets or crisps during breaktime.



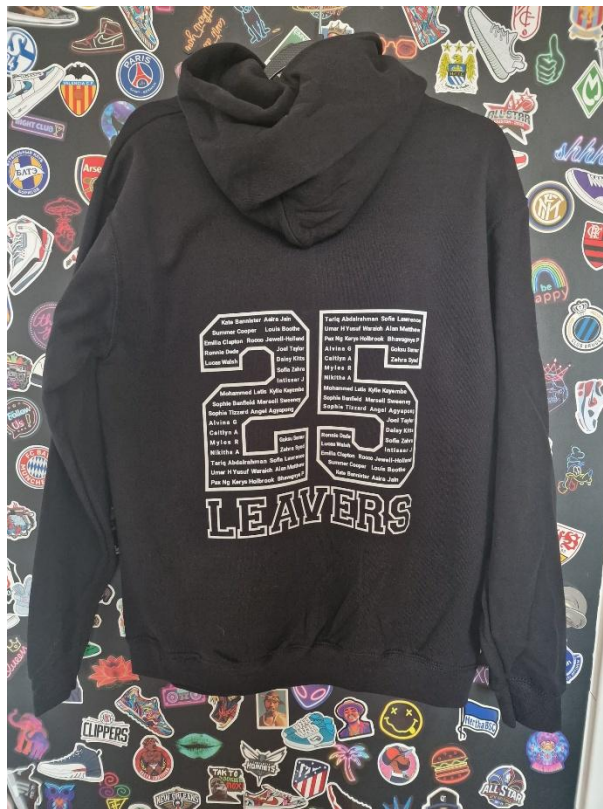
We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

FOM NEWS



🎓 Leavers' Hoodies 2025 – A Huge Thank You to Mikela!

A massive thank you to parent Mikela for organising and producing the Year 6 leavers' hoodies – they look absolutely amazing! We hope all our Year 6 pupils loved wearing them on their residential trip last week.



🏃♀️ Sports Day – Thank You, Volunteers!

A special shout-out to all the fantastic volunteers who helped at Sports Day today – from selling much-needed refreshments and fruit to running the popular pre-loved uniform stall. It was a sunny success, raising over £350!

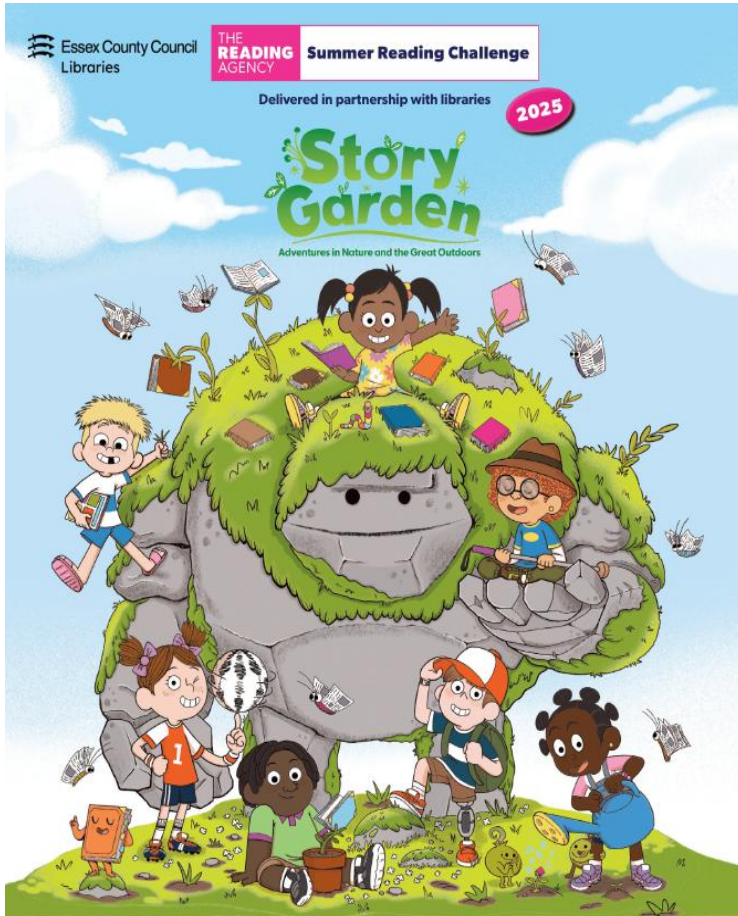
🎉 Maltese Fest – What a Day!

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, volunteered, participated and supported Maltese Fest last weekend. It was wonderful to see so many happy faces enjoying the afternoon – and what a treat to have a flyover from the Red Arrows!

Thank you all for your amazing support!



Events in Our Local Community



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Saturday 19 July to Saturday 6 September

**At your local Essex library or mobile library -
see libraries.essex.gov.uk for library opening times**



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What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

1 in 4 children cannot read well by the age of 11. This hugely limits their life choices and skills. We're on a mission to change this.

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children set a reading goal and collect rewards for reading anything they enjoy. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's **FREE** to take part.

This year's Challenge is called Story Garden – Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors. This exciting new theme will inspire children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature, and discovering the magical world where stories grow.

The Challenge starts on Saturday 21 June 2025 online, and on Saturday 19 July 2025 in your local Essex library.

The advertisement features a yellow background with a QR code and the text 'HELP US WIN £1,000 FOR OUR LIBRARY'. Below the QR code is a photo of two children reading books. The text includes 'Nominate us and you could win a £100 gift card!', 'nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize', 'SCAN ME', 'NATIONAL BOOK tokens', 'In association with Read for Good', and '#rebuildthelibrary'.

As our friends at [Read for Good](#) will tell you, it's well established that reading for pleasure leads to significantly better outcomes for children – boosting academic performance, enhancing wellbeing, and fostering vital life skills like empathy.

But did you know that 1 in 5 children don't have a book at home? And **1 in 7 primary schools in England** have no library space at all, affecting more than **750,000 children**. What's more, Read for Good have found that school libraries that do exist at primary and secondary level often have **unappealing and outdated** books. Children facing poverty, who need these school libraries the most, are most likely to be missing out.

It's time to #rebuildthelibrary.

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2 and 3 and Learn to ride courses

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking
There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee

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The **summer** Holidays are fast-approaching. Are you looking for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

Various levels are available as well as our beginner Learn to Ride courses.

The courses are being held in the following locations:

Chelmsford
Colchester
Witham
Harlow

Please see below the link to book **summer** holiday courses.

<https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking>

Essex Fire Museum Open Day



Sunday 29th 10:30AM
June To
2025 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

Book Now



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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Shopping List
Summer 2025



Emergency food for people in crisis

Thank you for continuing to support us
These items are most needed at present:

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned fish
- Tinned vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes,
- Tinned pulses, tinned spaghetti
- Rice
- Instant mashed potato sachets
- Pasta sauce
- Ketchup and mayo
- UHT milk
- Long-life fruit juice and fruit squash
- Small jars instant coffee and hot chocolate
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge puddings and tinned rice pudding
- Instant custard sachets and tinned custard
- Jam and spreads
- Packets of biscuits
- Chocolate biscuit bars/cereal bars/savoury crackers
- All toiletries inc: shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry tabs/pods
- Nappies sizes 5 to 7
- We have sufficient pasta and baked beans, thank you

Items can be delivered to our warehouse at
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk
See also weekly Top 5 most needed items updates on Facebook

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Family Support Worker Melanie Pointon contact Mon-Fri on: 07562 111 932.



Get ready for the ultimate LEGO extravaganza! Basildon Brick Festival is rolling into town on Sunday 20th July, and it's gearing up to be a brick-tastic celebration for LEGO lovers of all ages!

Immerse yourself in a world of creativity and fun as families, collectors, adult builders, and every LEGO-fanatic imaginable come together for a day of brick-filled bliss!

Wondering what's on at a Brick Festival event? Hold onto your bricks, as Basildon Brick Festival is unleashing a whirlwind of excitement! With LEGO activities that include lightning-fast speed building competitions to super creative mosaic making rounds, minifigure hunts, a dedicated building area, and so much more – this festival is a LEGO lover's dream come true for all ages to enjoy!

Browse through traders selling loose bricks, brand new or rare & retired LEGO sets, minifigures, accessories and all other LEGO themed items you could imagine – it's the ultimate treasure trove for LEGO enthusiasts and collectors alike!

But that's not all – Basildon Brick Festival showcases unique LEGO displays crafted by master LEGO builders from across the country! Get up close and personal, chat with the LEGO building maestros about their latest projects, snag some insider tips, and leave brimming with inspiration!

Hurry and book your tickets in advance to secure your spot on this brick-filled day, as these events regularly sell out! Early Bird tickets fly off the shelves, so make sure to snap these off before they go! These offer an extra hour of LEGO fun and a FREE LEGO gift upon entry too!

Whether you're a die-hard collector or a casual LEGO fan, Basildon Brick Festival at Fenton Manor Sports Complex is the place to be. Secure your entry online now – adult tickets from £7, child tickets from £5, and there's even an extra value family ticket available too!

Don't miss the chance to be a part of the most epic LEGO celebration! Grab your tickets and get ready for a day filled with building, creativity, and endless fun!

Book now at www.BasildonBrickFestival.com

Save the date: Sunday 20th July

Where: Basildon Sporting Village

Find out more – www.BrickFestivalEvents.com