



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 25TH APRIL 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

Welcome back!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We're excited to start the summer term and look forward to all the learning, growth and fun ahead. Thank you for your continuing support.



We are so excited that 15 of our amazing students from Years 4 to 6 are taking on the challenge of the Mini London Marathon, proudly representing Maltese Road Primary School tomorrow! We hope you all have a fantastic time and enjoy the experience.

Finley, Theodore, Maryam, Thomas, Zac, Oscar M, Jack S, Evie, Marsell, Yusuf, Kylie, Sophie, Daisy, Kate and Sofia-Louise have been training hard, demonstrating incredible dedication and perseverance as they prepare for race day. Their goal is not just to cross the finish line but to raise vital funds for Friends of Maltese Road (FOM) and support our school—and we'd love your support!

How you can help:

Sponsor the team – Every donation, big or small, makes a huge difference! Your support will motivate our runners and contribute to valuable resources for the school.

Spread the word – Help us reach as many supporters as possible by sharing the JustGiving link with parents, colleagues, and friends.

To make it easy for people to sponsor our young athletes, we've set up a **JustGiving** page: <https://www.justgiving.com/team/maltese-mini-marathon-2025>

Class Photos

On Tuesday the children and staff will be having their class photos. Please make sure that your child comes to school in full school uniform, including school shoes, no trainers.

Friendly reminder – Communication Guidelines



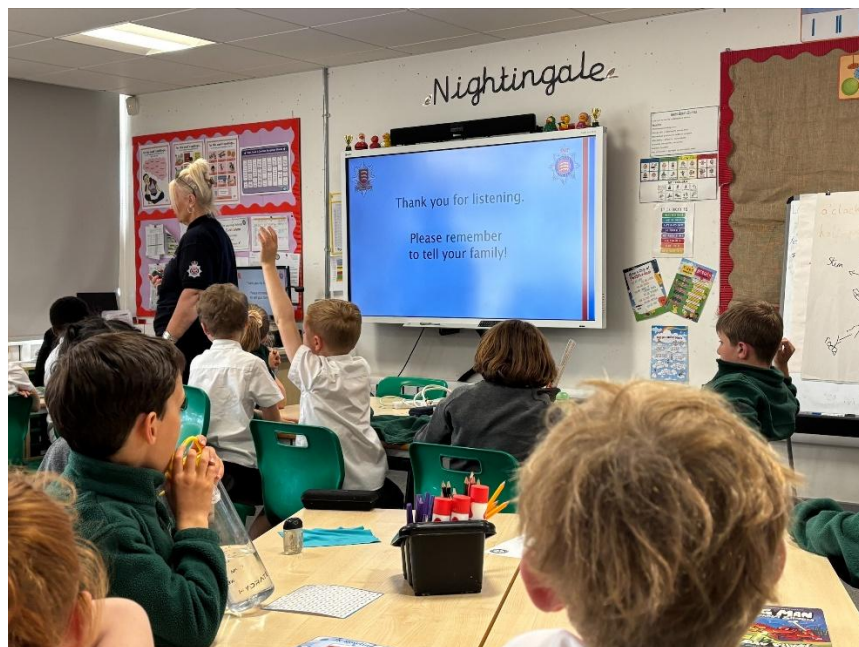
Use of Classdojo and class email

We'd like to kindly remind parents that Class Dojo is primarily used for quick updates and general brief home-school communication e.g. forgotten homework, missing uniform, reading book left at home etc... For any concerns or more detailed matters, please contact us via the school office email so your message can be directed to the appropriate members of staff.

Additionally, we respectfully ask that emails are only sent between 8:00am and 5:30pm, Monday to Friday. This helps us maintain a healthy work-life balance and ensures we can respond to your queries effectively during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Essex Fire and Safety workshop Year 3



Year 3 had a great workshop from Essex fire and safety this week. They learnt about fire safety in the home and what to do in an emergency. The class had a great discussion about this important topic and asked lots of fantastic questions.

Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming – Next Thursday, 1st May, selected year 5 and year 6 children will start their swimming lessons. Please remember the children are required to have a packed lunch on this day due to a late return to school. Payment in instalments is required for your child to take part. As you are currently unable to make payment, your child will be able to participate until such a time that Arbor is up and running. If you are then unable/do not make payment, your child will be removed from swimming lessons.

Year 3 Caveman Trip to Danbury Country Park – On Thursday 1st May the Year 3 children will be taking part in a Caveman day at Danbury Country Park. Please make sure that all permission slips are returned. The cost of the trip is £21.50, but due to our recent change to Arbor, you are currently unable to make payment, please do not worry if this is still the case next week, your child can still go.

All children need to be in school promptly on Thursday and should wear old comfortable clothes suitable for the weather. Please do not forget their packed lunches, which must not include chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks.

PARENTMAIL – DO NOT MAKE ANY FURTHER DINNER MONEY OR TRIP PAYMENTS. We will be switching over to Arbor pay after Easter. All outstanding balances and credits will transfer over.



Other reminders

- **Parking – Park sensibly, safely and respectfully along Maltese Road and Westfield Avenue, we are still receiving calls from local residents**

Important messages:-

- ✓ If there is a change in circumstances when collecting your child from school at the end of the day, **you must telephone the school office by 2:30pm at the latest.**
- ✓ If you need to contact your class teacher at any time please feel free to use ClassDojo, or the class email address found on our website.
- ✓ Please ensure that if your child is not attending school that you phone the school office every day of the absence on (01245) 357 860 to inform us by **9:00am.**
- ✓ Please note that any urgent messages must be contacted by telephone and not email, as these messages may not be seen until the following day.

Attendance Award:

Fox Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect	Arlo
Resilience	Isabel, Intissar
Responsibility	Isobel, Max
Creativity	
Collaboration	Olivia
Compassion	
Courage	Luna

Teacher Clubs – Week Commencing 28th April 2025

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick up time
Step by Step Drawing	R – 2	Tuesday	4:00 pm
Art	3 – 6	Wednesday	4:00 pm
Choir	3 – 6	Wednesday	4:00pm
Book Club	R – 2	Thursday	4:00pm
Computer Animation	3 – 6	Thursday	4:00 pm

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photos – Full School Uniform to be Worn
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Caveman Trip to Danbury Country Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day 80th Celebrations – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wilderness Dress Down Day for a £1 Donation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOM Taste of India Tuck Shop After School
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception and Year 2 Pirates Trip to Danbury Country Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th – 30th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 1 Stick Man Trip to Weald Country Park
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOM Summer Festival – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve Sports Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Prom – 6pm – 8pm in the School Hall – Details to Follow
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited 9am – Details to Follow
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Summer Term
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Holidays



SEND News

WILDERNESS

FOUNDATION UK

On Friday 9th May we are holding a Wilderness fundraising day!

Wilderness is a charity that **includes using the outdoors, nature and wilderness experiences to bring about measurable, positive change and improved mental health within disadvantaged and vulnerable young people and adults, enabling them to lead a healthy and active life and improve their personal sustainability, independence, belonging, self-esteem and resilience.**

This charity has supported many children and families within Maltese Road and we would love to give back so they can carry on their brilliant and life changing work.

We are inviting all children to wear non-uniform for the day, with a focus on what you would wear to walk around a forest; tracksuits, jeans, wellies or trainers, we are asking for a £1 donation for this.

The day will be packed full of fun and exciting activities and challenges and guests from Wilderness will be joining in with the fun. Keep your eyes peeled for more information! We look forward to raising lots of money to support Wilderness!! Parent's welcome from 2pm

Video resources to help your neurodivergent child

Essex County Council has received funding to produce a series of information films. They have been made to support families, short breaks providers and education staff.

The purpose is to provide information and ideas for supporting children who may be neurodivergent. They aim to be an early intervention tool that can be shared with wider family members and those that care for your child. They also show what kind of support might be available in schools.

Each film has been coproduced with families, short breaks providers, schools and health practitioners. The topics for the films are based on feedback from Essex parents and carers. All the films support the Implementation of the Ordinarily Available.

You can find the films on The Short Breaks website. <https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/short-breaks-resources/>

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 22 nd April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 5 th May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 26 th May – 30 th May	• May Half Term
• 2 nd June	• Non Pupil Day
• 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



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.

PTA NEWS



Upcoming Events:

- Mini London Marathon, Saturday 26th April

Only 1 day to go until our amazing runners hit the streets of London! We're so close to our fundraising target — just a little push left. Support the team, cheer them on, and if you can, chuck a few pounds in the pot!

Donate here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/maltese-road-children>

Thank you for your continued support!

- Taste of India Tuck Shop, Friday 9th May
- Summer Festival, Saturday 14th June