



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 21ST MARCH 2025



Dear Maltese Road Families

Wow, what talent we have at Maltese Road. The Choir gave an outstanding performance this morning, introducing our Celebration Assembly.

Explore and Discover – Mondays assemblies



This week we travelled to Poland, a country known for its rich history, The capital city is Warsaw. It is the largest city in the country. Other major cities in Poland include Kraków and Łódź. Poland has beautiful landscapes, from the mountains ranges, sandy beaches in the north and forests. Poland is home to goats, brown bears, beavers, elk, wolves and lynxes and in the Białowieża Forest is where you'll find bison.



Music is an important part of Polish culture. This includes traditional folk music. Frédéric Chopin was a famous Polish composer who played the piano. A popular dish is bigos. This is a stew made with meat, fresh cabbage and sauerkraut.

Poland is a wonderful place to visit!



We are so excited to share 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!

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.

On Tuesday, a small group of year 4 and 5 girls were selected to visit CCHS for a Languages Enrichment day, where they explored some basic French, German and Latin! The girls thoroughly enjoyed visiting our local grammar school as it gave them a sense of what to expect after primary school. We are regularly seeking to make links with our local secondary schools for similar enrichment opportunities.



We all had a great day today celebrating national Down Syndrome Awareness day; In school we took the opportunity to celebrate all our brilliant children with diverse needs by all planting a sunflower seed.

Just like sunflowers, every child grows and blooms uniquely. This challenge serves as a beautiful metaphor for the diversity and individuality that makes each child special.

We can't wait to see the sunflowers grow as a beautiful reminder of how amazing all of our children are!



Year 5 have been busy making and launching their very own water rockets! We designed our rockets to be aerodynamic so that they could launch as high as possible



Reminders for the week

- 26th & 27th March – Year 4 and Year 3 Pirates and Mermaid Performance – The children have been practicing learning their lines and songs ready for next week. The performance starts at 9:15am so please come along and support the children. FOMs will be selling refreshments before the performance



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:

Hedgehog Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect

Layla Jane

Resilience

Responsibility

Lizzie

Creativity

Collaboration

Compassion

Courage

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th March • 26th & 27th March • 1st April • 2nd & 3rd April • 2nd April • 4th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Skipping Day • Year 3 & Year 4 Pirates & Mermaids Performance – Parents Invited 9:15am • SEND Coffee Morning – 8:45am – 10:30am • Parents Evening • Year 1 & Year 2 Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9am • FOM Non Uniform Day • FOM Easter Egg Hunt – From 3pm – Please sign up • Last Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th – 21st April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd April • 24th April • 1st May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • Year 3 Fire Home Safety Talk • 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 • 13th May • 21st May • 22nd May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day 80th Celebrations – Details to Follow • Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly • Reception and Year 2 Pirates Trip to Danbury Country Park • Year 1 Stick Man Trip to Weald Country Park • Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th – 30th May • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th June • 18th June • 20th June • 26th June • 2nd July • 4th July • 9th July • 10th July • 17th July • 18th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea • Transition Afternoon • Sports Day • Transition Afternoon • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow • Reserve Sports Day • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm – Details to Follow • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow • 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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Holidays



SEND News

Join us at the SEND Roadshow in Chelmsford!

Date: Tuesday, 25th March 2025

Time: Drop in anytime

- 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM (all ages)
- 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM (0-5 year olds)

Quieter times: Prefer a quieter visit? Pop in after 11:30 AM or in the afternoon.

Location: Hamptons Sports and Leisure, Tydemans, Beehive Lane, Great Baddow, Chelmsford CM2 9FH

Cost: FREE

What to Expect:

Have questions about your child's needs and the best support available? The SEND Roadshow brings together a variety of professionals under one roof, including local support groups, education professionals, health teams, and social care teams.

You can:

- access support and information
- understand the different services available
- discover local support, such as parent groups and inclusive activities
- attend free talks

Special Afternoon Session for Ages 0-5: The afternoon is tailored for younger children, with interactive story times and activities run by Essex Libraries.

Free Workshops: Join our free workshops to learn more:

- **10:30 AM:** Managing Big Emotions – Support for parents whose children can become overwhelmed and dysregulated (by Adult Community Learning)
- **10:30 AM:** ADHD (by ADHD+ support)
- **2:00 PM:** Children's language and communication through playful learning at home (ages 0-5) (by Talk, Listen and Cuddle)
- **2:00 PM:** Sensory development in a child's early years (ages 0-5) (by Occupational Therapists)

For more information on the event - including who will be there- take a look at: [Local Offer Roadshow, Mid Essex | Essex Local Offer](#)



SEND Coffee Morning

I am very pleased to be able to invite you to Maltese Road's SEND Coffee Morning. This will be an opportunity for parents who have children with SEND who attend our school to meet one another and share experiences. There will be hot drinks, cakes and biscuits; as well as the chance to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting.

It is always great to realise that you are not alone on this journey!

This coffee morning will be led by Mrs Almond, SENco, I look forward to catching up with you then! 😊

Our next SEND Coffee morning is

Tuesday 1st April from 8:45am – 10:30am.

Would you like to understand more about your child's Social, Emotional and Mental Health?

We are lucky enough to two ladies from the **Wilderness Foundation** attend this coffee morning to discuss what they offer and how to support improving children's mental health.

WILDERNESS
FOUNDATION UK

If you would like to attend please let me know so I can ensure there are enough biscuits!

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 4 th April	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 7 th – 17 th April	• Easter Holidays
• 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:

- Easter Eggstravaganza, Friday 4th April
- Easter Raffle, Thursday 3rd April - more details to follow!
- Mini London Marathon, Saturday 26th April
- Taste of India Tuck Shop, Friday 9th May
- Summer Fair, Saturday 14th June

We are so excited to share 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! These young athletes 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.

Encourage the runners – A little motivation from their teachers will mean the world to them! Whether it's a classroom shoutout, a word of encouragement, or even a small display to celebrate their efforts, your support will inspire them on race day!

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

(This is a group sponsorship page – so you are not sponsoring or favouring just one child!)

We are incredibly proud of our young athletes and the dedication they have shown in preparing for this event. Thank you so much for your support—your encouragement means the world to them, and together, we can help them achieve something truly special!







Let's cheer them on all the way to the finish line! 🏆 🌟



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Join us for a hopping good time on **Friday 4th April** after school until 5pm.

Ticket includes

-  Easter Scavenger Hunt on the field with Easter Egg on completion
-  Petting Corner with rabbits, guinea pigs and reptiles 
-  Visit from the Easter Bunny!
-  Easter themed Arts & Crafts
-  Lawn Games & more!

Ticket Prices

Child: £7

Pre-Schooler (with Easter Egg): £3.50

Adults: Free

Pre-Schooler (no Easter Egg): Free

There will be a bar and snacks available to purchase.

Please purchase your tickets by Friday 28th March.

Thank you!

Hop to it and get your tickets via QR code below or alternatively pay by cash returning this slip to the FOM mailbox

Name of child(ren): _____

Class(es): _____

Number of Child Tickets: _____

Number of Paid Pre-Schooler Tickets: _____

Number of Adults attending: _____

Allergies or dietary needs: _____

Payment can be made using the QR code here for online bookings or by returning this form with cash.

- Follow QR code or visit:

pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool

- If paying by cash, please return with this slip in an envelope to FOM mailbox outside Reception





Happy Easter

Hop into Spring with our **Easter Raffle!**

Get ready for some egg-citing fun!

Our Easter Raffle is here, packed with amazing prizes just waiting to be won!



Prizes include:

💰 **£100 cash**

🌈 **Colourful Rainbow Hampers**

🎁 **Surprise goodies & more!**

💎 Tickets on Sale Now! 💎

£1 per ticket

£10 worth available to buy in your child's bag.



How to Enter:

✉ 1. Complete the slip below & return with cash to the FOM post box or transfer via BACS to: Maltese Road Primary School PTA & Friends, Acc No: 44727068, Sort Code: 30 98 97.

Please enter your child's full name and yr group as reference e.g. Andy Smith 2 in order to track payments.

💎 2. Please remember to tear off any tickets purchased and return with your form, writing your child's name on the back of the tickets. Please remember to keep the other half as a reminder of which tickets you have purchased.

📅 Draw Date: Thursday 3rd April 2025

All proceeds go to Maltese Road Primary School to support our children—so while you're having fun, you're also making a difference!

🐰 Let's make this Easter extra special – grab your tickets before **Wednesday 2nd April.** 🌸

Please pay by cash or BACS returning this slip to the FOM mailbox for the Easter Raffle!

Please ensure you have completed steps 1 & 2 outlined above.

Ticket Number(s)	Ticket Colour	Child's Name	Year Group