



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14TH MARCH 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families



We would like to wish those families celebrating Holi, success, happiness and prosperity today and always! Have a colourful and joyous Holi.

Science Week

This week has been national Science Week. Throughout the week the children have been taking part in different experiments and science related activities. On Tuesday the whole school took part in our Hands on Science experience day.

Key stage 1 children conducted an experiment to find out how and why animals camouflage themselves. Miss Myson hid on the school field red, yellow, green and brown woollen caterpillars for the children to see how many they could find in 3 minutes. The children found that the red and yellow caterpillars were easy to find, but much harder to see the green and brown. This was then discussed and they spoke about different scenarios that camouflaging could be used for.





Bird Beaks - The children experimented using different tools and foods to see which were the most useful and would make a good bird beak. They tried picking up toothpicks, rice, pasta and marsh mellow with pegs, bull dog clips, chopsticks and spoons.

I would like to thank the parents that paid the £5 donation towards the cost of the experience and new resources for the school. If you have not yet managed to pay for the science day you can still do so via ParentMail. Unfortunately there is a 22% shortfall in payments, if we are unable to meet the costs of trips and experiences in future, we will be unable to provide them for the children.

We have had a very exciting morning in year 1 as we were able to explore the fascinating world of castles through a special morning event with an external company. This hands-on experience has allowed us to learn more about the history, architecture, and stories behind these iconic structures in a fun and engaging way. We had an expert guide us through the session, providing valuable insights and interactive activities. We are very lucky to have been able to experience this fabulous event.





Goodleigh Dental Visit

Today two dental nurses from Goodleigh Dental Surgery came to visit Reception Class and Year 3 to give a presentation to the children on the importance of brushing teeth and how to do that. On Tuesday next week there will be a follow up visit, where the nurses will have a quick look at the children's teeth and send home a certificate with a little note.



We are excited to inform you that on **Friday 21st March**, we will be taking part in **Comic Relief** by holding a non-uniform day to raise funds for this wonderful cause.

To show our support, we kindly ask that students wear non-uniform clothes with **an element of red** to help spread the fun and raise awareness for the charity. This could be something as simple as a red t-shirt, scarf, or accessory.

We ask for a **small donation** to participate, which will go directly to Comic Relief to help those in need.

Donations can be made **online via our JustGiving page:**

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd25-maltese-road-primary-school>

Thank you for your support in helping us make a difference!



The Sunflower Challenge



Friday 21st March is national **Down Syndrome Awareness day**. In school we are going to take this opportunity to celebrate all our brilliant children with diverse needs. To celebrate this this year we are going to take part with the annual sunflower challenge.

The challenge invites children to each plant and care for a sunflower seed. On this day, each child will be given a sunflower seed by school which they will plant on the field.

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!



Reminders for the week

- **Tuesday 18th Reception Class and Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Flip**
- **Friday 21st Down Syndrome Awareness – Plant a Sunflower Seed**
- **Friday 21st Red Nose Day – Dress down and wear something red**



Other reminders

- We still have cases of nits in school, please be vigilant in checking your child's hair, combing and treating
- There are several children now, across year groups, with chicken pox. Please keep children at home until the last spot has scabbed over
- Parking – Park sensibly, safely and respectfully along Maltese Road and Westfield Avenue, we are still receiving calls from local residents
- If you still like to book an appointment for Parents Evening, please speak to the school Office

Congratulations to Willow in Year 3, she took part in a gymnastics competition last weekend and came 2nd place.



Message from the Chair of Governors, Mrs Lucy Lerpiniere

Impact of the Meeting 05.03.2025

The Maltese Road Primary School Local Governing Board met for our third meeting of this academic year on 5th March 2025. We wanted to provide parents with an update on the main points of impact from this meeting as follows:

- Governors heard about the efforts the school have made to improve attendance figures, a key performance indicator when it comes to both Ofsted and pupil achievement. Interim reports will in the future provide an update on attendance so parents can see more regularly how their child is doing.
- Parents evening will be moved going forwards so that they take place after interim reports have been issued, to avoid any mixed messaging in the period between.
- We are delighted that the Wilderness charity are coming to the next SEND coffee morning on 1st April. Mrs Almond gave us a detailed update on SEND provision at the school and how this charity can help support children with their mental health.

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

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

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: Butterfly Class

Maltese Road Values

- Respect
- Resilience Pax
- Responsibility Calista
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Compassion Shrisanth
- Courage

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th March • 21st March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Class & Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Lip Visit • Down Syndrome Awareness Day • Red Nose Day – Dress Down and Wear Something Red
<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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • Year 3 Fire Home Safety Talk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th May • 8th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday • VE Day 80th Celebrations – Details to Follow • Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly • Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd May • 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



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 -

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

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



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

