



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 7TH MARCH 2025



Dear Maltese Road Families

World Book Day 2025



What a fantastic day the children have had celebrating World Book Day, there were some amazing costumes. Throughout the morning the children moved through each classroom taking part in lots of fun activities, including making sock puppets.



Here's to books what a great invention,

Countless stories, too many to mention!

They take you to places beyond your reality,

Some are escapism, some give you clarity!

What I love about books – they depend on your mood,

For bookworms essential, the words are like food.

As you begin reading, whatever you've chosen,

The words create pictures, your body stays frozen.

There's crime and romance and comedy too,

How to be happy and quotes just for you!

Words to inspire and also distress

Some disappoint and some can impress!

Poems, non-fiction a newspaper story,

Enjoy, it's delightful words in their glory!

Reading with children is such a delight,

At bedtime, a favourite, then off with the light!

So here's to the authors and wherever you look,

You will find magic inside a book!

A gift of words, all wrapped up in a paper,

To treasure forever and read again later!

Written by Sarah Griffiths



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 11th Hands on Science Day** Payments are now available to make via ParentMail. The £5 donation will not only go towards the cost of the experience, but towards science resources for the school
- **Friday 14th Year 1 Castle Day**
- **Friday 14th Reception Class and Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Visit** – there is still time to return your permission slip
- **Tuesday 18th Reception Class and Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Flip**



Other reminders

- **Nits** – a reminder to regularly check, and treat, your child for nits.
- **We have a couple of cases of chicken pox in school.** Your child can return to school once the last spot has scabbed over.

Letters Sent Home

Tuesday 4 th March	Year 5	Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 6 Selected Children	Swimming Lessons
Friday 7 th March	Whole School	FOM Easter Eggstravaganza

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th March • 14th March • 18th March • 24th March • 26th & 27th March • 1st April • 2nd & 3rd April • 2nd April • 4th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hands on Science Day • Year 1 Castles Day Workshop • Reception Class & Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Visit • Reception Class & Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Lip Visit • 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 - Details to Follow • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 Fire Home Safety Talk
<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"> • 22nd May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th – 30th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th 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"> • Transition Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reserve Sports Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th 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"> • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited 9am – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Summer Term
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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 -

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



- Wow - what a treat! A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Maltese Bar raffle yesterday. The children enjoyed searching for the golden tickets and making wonderful memories. If your child found a golden ticket, please visit the school office to claim their prize if you haven't already received it.



- Thank you to all the children that came to the Disco last Friday - it was lots of fun and great to see everyone enjoying themselves!
- We're pleased to announce between the Valentine's Tuck Shop, Disco, Maltese Bar raffle & Youth Club, we have raised just over £1000. Thank you everyone for all your support!
- We're eggcited to share our Easter Eggstravaganza event details with you! We hope you can attend the event - please see letters sent home in book bags.

To find out more about the above events & to book your spot, visit our new online booking site: pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool

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:

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

