



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2025



Dear Maltese Road Families



The book fair has arrived!! Children have spent some time today looking at the books on offer and are very excited! We look forward to seeing you at our book fair on Monday 3rd March and Tuesday 4th March between 3pm and 3:30pm.

This Book Fair will be set up exactly the same to our usual book fairs, you are able to pay for books while you're at the fair using the QR code that will be displayed around the book shelves. Simply find a book/s that you think your child will love, scan the QR code and follow the instructions on your screen. Please note it will ask you for your **bank card details** and will not accept apple pay. Once you have completed the payment link it will provide you with a confirmation number, please share this with a member of staff in this area and the book/s are all yours!

Fun facts:

- Every book you buy earns free books for our school!
- Last year your support helped donate £5.3M in free books to schools nationwide.

Thank you for all your continued support.



On Friday 7th March the children at invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day.

Year 6 Football Team – On a very wet Wednesday morning this week our Year 6 football team took part in an inter-school football tournament. Despite the weather, the children did amazingly and came 3rd overall out of our 6 schools. They showed great sportsmanship and we are proud of each and every one of them.



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

- **Book Fair – 3rd & 4th March Straight After School Under the Year 6 Canopy – Card Payments Only**
- **Parents Evening appointments open on Monday at 6pm -**
- **Wonka Bar Sale – Get your raffles tickets before Tuesday 4th March**
- **World Book Day – Come to School dressed as your favourite book character**
- **FOM Youth Club – Years 4 – 6 are invited to stay at school and spend time with their friends**



Other reminders

- **Nits – a reminder to regularly check, and treat, your child for nits.**

Hands on Science Day - On Tuesday 11th March, Hands on Science will be coming into school to carry out a range of fun, hands-on and educational science workshops with each class.

This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for the children to take part in a rocket challenge, colourful candles and adaptation and camouflage workshop.

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.

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

Resilience

Responsibility

Creativity

Collaboration

Compassion

Courage

Cormac, Sourav

Wamika

Misha, Poppy, Joel

Sophie

Letters Sent Home

Thursday 27 th Feb	Reception Class & Year 3	Goodleigh Dental Visit
Thursday 27 th Feb	Year 6	SATs Meeting

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd & 4th March • 3rd March • 6th March • 7th March • 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"> • Book Fair • Parents Evening Appointments open – 6pm – See School Website for Link • FOM Chocolate Bar Sale • World Book Day – Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character • FOM Youth Club – Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 • 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 – Details to Follow • 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 • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th May • 22nd May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VE Day 80th Celebrations – Details to Follow • Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly • 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



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



- Celebrate World Book Day with a sweet surprise - Maltese chocolate bar raffle
- Exciting news alert! We were successful in the 2.6km Mini London Marathon ballot. It's just open for years 4-6 to apply and there's only 4 spaces left so be quick if you would like to enter. We wish everyone good luck!

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

- Great news from the Music Bingo before half term, we are pleased to announce that over £600 was raised.

Upcoming Events:

- Maltese Chocolate Bar Raffle, Thursday 6th March
- Youth Club for Yr4, Yr5 & Yr6, Friday 7th March
- Easter Event, Friday 4th April - more details to follow!
- Mini London Marathon, Saturday 26th April

WORLD BOOK DAY



'MALTESE' CHOCOLATE BAR RAFFLE



Do you have what it takes to uncover the Maltese Golden Ticket? 🏆

Step right up for a once-a-year chance to win exclusive Maltese-inspired prizes.
1 in 10 chance to win! 🎉

🎁 HOW TO ENTER

- 1** Purchase as many raffle tickets as you like online by Tuesday 4th March 2025, using this link or the QR code below! 💎
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool/>
- 2** On Thursday, 6th March at 3 PM, collect your chocolate raffle tickets from outside the Link classroom 🎁
- 3** Open your chocolate bar to see if you have found a Golden Ticket! ✨



🎁 GOLDEN TICKET PRIZES INCLUDE 🎁

- 📖 Wonka-Inspired Books
- 🌀 Fidget Toys
- 🍳 Breakfast with the Headteacher
- 🎬 Movie for the Whole Class
- ✨ Plus many more magnificent prizes!



🎁 DON'T MISS OUT! 🎁

Get your tickets before they're gone - this is your chance to step into a world of pure imagination!

ALLERGIES: We are committed to ensuring that all children can take part in this exciting event. All allergies and dietary needs will be considered so that everyone can enjoy the fun safely!





Youth Club



Time to hang out with your friends!

Who? Yr 4-6
When? Friday 7th March
Time? 3.15-5pm
Meet? School Hall
Cost? £6 (includes a hot dog)



There will be friends, food including a tuck shop, games & music plus lots of fun!

Thank you for your support!



New online booking system via QR code below or alternatively pay by cash returning this slip to the FOM mailbox

Name of child(ren): _____

Class(es): _____

Name of adult collecting: _____

Contact no. for adult collecting: _____

Allergies or dietary needs: _____

Any medical conditions we need to be aware of: _____

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

