



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families



Today is Valentine's Day so we have been trying hard to share a compliment, acts of kindness and generally share the love. Everyone has been dressed in clothes, they love, or make them feel good, so there were hearts a plenty around the building. School closes today for our half term break, and we hope you have a restful week. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the usual time.



Thank you for all your support this half term, especially supporting our FOMs. It was lovely to see so many parents, and staff, at the most recent event, musical Bingo. Thank you to all the volunteers for your hard work and commitment to the children at Maltese Road.

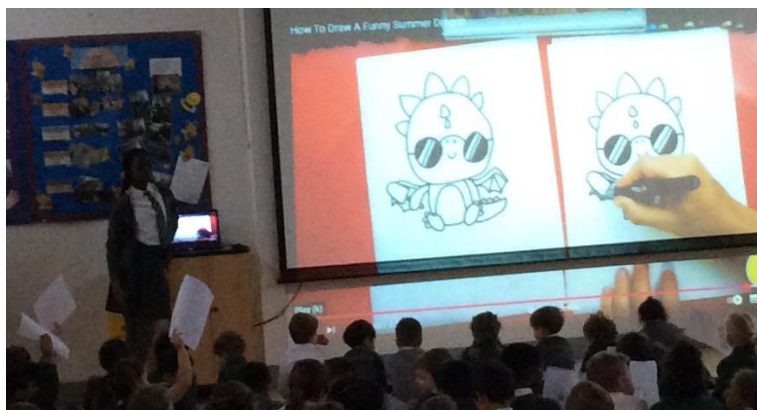


### Balanceability

On Thursday Reception class children took part in a Balanceability course. The children learned the importance of wearing a helmet whilst riding their bikes, the parts of the bike and how they worked and how to use their bodies to balance on the bike and ride around the playground. The children did great and had a lot of fun learning the new skills.



In assembly the whole school joined in on a guided drawing session. The children had to listen to the instructions in order to be able to draw a dragon at the end. The children all listened very well and produced some great drawings. Well done!



★ Huge well done to all of the children who took part in today's SuperStars event! ★

We came 10<sup>th</sup> overall out of 43 teams! A special mention to Ava for coming first out of all of the girls in our heat and winning a gold medal.

Thank you also to Sophia, Maddie, Ava and Maryam for writing a pledge to read at the start of the event.



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March the children at invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate World Book Day. This afternoon they will all bring home with them a £1 book token to put towards the purchase of a book.

Mr Stanley and Essex Kids Camp will be at Maltese Road next Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> February.

The day will consist of dodgeball tournaments, football/hockey matches and fun on the walls bars. The arts and crafts room will be open where the children can make hama beads to take home and colour in pictures. The tech room will also be making a return so the children will be able to have a go on the VR headset, play Fifa / Minecraft on the Xbox and play Mario Kart on the Switch.

The cost is £32 for the day, starting at 9am and finishing at 3pm.

Book now: [www.essexkidscamp.co.uk](http://www.essexkidscamp.co.uk)



#### Reminders for first week back

- Year 5 Visit to KEGS to watch Oliver the musical – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Bring a packed lunch to school on this day.
- Year 6 Football Team to Meadgate – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Parents to take and pick up.
- FOM Disco for Reception Class, Years 1, 2 & 3 – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Straight from school, parents to collect at 4:30pm. **DON'T FORGET TO BUY A TICKET.**



#### Other reminders

We notified you earlier this week of several illnesses in school. Please keep an eye out for these in the holidays and treat accordingly.

- Shingles - if you believe your child has shingles, please seek medical advice from your GP
- Hand, foot and mouth - you may need to seek medical advice if your child is unwell
- Worms - please treat the whole family

#### Termly Contributions

We would like to thank all of you for your continuing support since September with voluntary donations towards purchasing resources. You are still able to make a contribution online via ParentMail at any time, all contributions are gratefully received and make a big difference to the curriculum opportunities that we are able to provide.

**Hands on Science Day** - On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

We will be asking for a contribution of £5.00 per child. This will not only go towards the cost of the experience, but towards science resources for the school. **More information to follow with regards to making payment.**

## Lost Property

From this term we have been clearing out the lost property. As it is the end of the term all named items will be returned to their owners, the rest will be disposed of. We ask that over the weekend you check that all items that come into school, including any clothing (uniform, PE kits, gloves, hats and coats etc), lunch boxes and water bottles and anything else you can possibly put a name on, is labelled. That way items have the best chance of being reunited with their owners. Thank you.

**Parking on Westfield Avenue** – There have been quite a few complaints from residents on Westfield Avenue that parents are not being respectful when parking at drop off and pick up. Please do not park over driveways blocking residents' cars or directly opposite parked cars making it difficult for traffic to pass.

### 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	Jaime
Resilience	Pranav, Daisy, Jasmin
Responsibility	Amara
Creativity	
Collaboration	Jamie
Compassion	
Courage	Harvey

## Letters Sent Home

Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	World Book Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Whole School	Science Day

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 28<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 6<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> March</li>   <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> March</li>   <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> April</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> April</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> <li>• Year 5 Visit to KEGS to watch Oliver the Musical</li> <li>• FOM Disco - Reception Class, Year 1, Year 2 &amp; Year 3</li> <li>• Book Fair</li> <li>• FOM Wonka Bar Sale – Details to Follow</li> <li>• World Book Day – Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character</li> <li>• FOM Youth Club – Year 4, Year 5 &amp; Year 6</li> <li>• Hands on Science Day</li> <li>• Year 1 Castles Day Workshop</li> <li>• Reception Class &amp; Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Visit – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class &amp; Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Lip Visit – Details to Follow</li> <li>• National Skipping Day</li> <li>• Year 3 &amp; Year 4 Pirates &amp; Mermaids Performance – Parents Invited 9:15am</li> <li>• Parents Evening – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; Year 2 Topic Assembly – Parents Invited 9am</li> <li>• FOM Non Uniform Day</li> <li>• FOM Easter Egg Hunt – From 3pm - Details to Follow</li> <li>• Last Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 3 Fire Home Safety Talk</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank Holiday</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports Day</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reserve Sports Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Prom – 6pm – 8pm in the School Hall – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited 9am – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Last Day of Summer Term</li> </ul>
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SEND News

## Free Parent Workshops

Is your child waiting for an Autism Assessment?

### **SENDIASS are hosting free parent workshops that you can attend**

- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, Developing Communication and Supporting Sensory Needs. Delivered with Autism Specialist Teachers at Manor Groves, Sawbridgeworth, 10am until 12pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses. Delivered with Proactive Training at The Pier, Harwich, 10am until 2pm

To book your place email [iasspromotion.development@essex.gov.uk](mailto:iasspromotion.development@essex.gov.uk)

## Disability Benefit Support System

Are you asking yourself the following questions about disability benefits?

- Do I qualify for additional support?
- Where do I begin if I am eligible?

If so, the workshops delivered by SEND The Right Message (STRM) may well help. It will provide parent and carers with the tools and information they need to complete the Child DLA application and renewal forms. The booking fee is £5.

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February - Benfleet
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Southend
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Benfleet
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Southend

For more information visit the STRM page on The Essex Local Offer

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/search-support-groups-and-activities/send-right-message-charity-strm>

## Sensory Swim Sessions at Riverside Sports Centre, Chelmsford

For children aged 0 – 8 and all ages with sensory needs.

Join for a sensory swim, where children and adults with sensory needs can enjoy the benefits of water in a calm environment.

The sensory swim sessions are held in the warm, shallow learner pool with low lighting and no music.

Sessions take place as part of general admission in the learner pool. The age limit in the learner pool is eight years old, but if you have a sensory need, there is no age limit.

The team will be on hand to offer support but will be supervising from the side.

For more information and to book a session visit <https://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/leisure-centres/what/swimming/swimming-at-riverside/sensory-swim-sessions-at-riverside/>

ACL



### Join Our Community – ADHD & ASD!

Become part of a community that understands and supports. Our FREE online ADHD, and ASD sessions are more than just learning opportunities—they're a chance to connect, grow, and thrive together.

- Understanding ASD in children (a bitesize, online, 1 week session)
- Understanding ADHD in children (a bitesize, online, 1 week session)
- Understanding ADHD & ASD In Girls (online, 4 sessions over 4 weeks)

Whatever your situation, our non judgemental sessions have got it covered.

Sign Up!  
Scan the QR code, or  
Visit our website [aclessex.com](http://aclessex.com)  
and type **ASD** or **ADHD** in to the  
'Find a course...' box



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COMMUNITY &  
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## 2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	• First Day of Spring Term
• 17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 4 <sup>th</sup> April	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 7 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 5 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 18 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	• Non Pupil Days

## 2025-2026 Term Dates

Date	
• 1 <sup>st</sup> September	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	• Non Pupil Day
• 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	• October Half Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	• Christmas Holidays
• 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	• First Day of Spring Term
• 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 27 <sup>th</sup> March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 13 <sup>th</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 4 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 1 <sup>st</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 17 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 20 <sup>th</sup> 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



### Music Bingo

What a tune-tastic night! We had so much fun hosting over 50 of you last night. We hope you enjoyed the night as much as we did!

We are currently taking stock of money raised and will update you after half term to advise on what the money will go towards.

We will be looking to put on more evening events for grown-ups and would love your ideas on what you'd like to see next. Drop a message to [friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmaltese@gmail.com), grab one of us or mention via your class rep!

It was exciting to see all the fabulous donations coming in today for the rainbow hampers. Look out after half term for raffle tickets to win prizes!

Thank you to everyone that bought something from the tuck shop after school today. We hope you all have a wonderful half term. Watch this space for the exciting events coming up in a few weeks time and more after half term!

### *Dates for the Diary:*

- 28th February - Reception, KS1 & Yr3 Disco
- 6th March - Wonka Bars - more details to follow!
- 7th March - Yr4-6 Youth Club

*If you have ideas for future events or fundraising initiatives, or would like to get involved in any way, please reach out via email [friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmaltese@gmail.com) or your Class Rep.*



# DISCO

RECEPTION, KSI & YEAR 3 DISCO

FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4.30PM.

£6 (INCLUDES A SNACK AND UNLIMITED WATER/SQUASH).

CHILDREN CAN BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TO PUT ON

AFTER SCHOOL PLUS LABELLED EAR DEFENDERS IF

REQUIRED. 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](http://pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool)**

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# 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!



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