



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

### Dear Maltese Road Families

This week is **children's mental health week** and to help raise awareness we have been focusing on how to keep our minds healthy during our 'ready to regulate' time. We have used techniques such as finger breathing, taking our pencil for a walk and time to talk to help us stay regulated and calm. Here is a link to Place2Be's mental health week website for resources and guidance. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/resources/#families>

In year 2 we enjoyed our DT morning, where we experimented using different techniques with clay such as rolling, carving, smoothing and squeezing. We then incorporated our work from this half term and made our clay tile using our design.

The children absolutely loved it!



### 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.



### Reminders for the week

- **Year 4 SuperStars** – On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February Year 4 will be walking to Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre to take part in the SuperStars event. Children are to come to school in their PE kits.
- **Reception Class** – Balanceability
- **FOMS Wear What You Love** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February dress down in exchange for a donation to make rainbow hampers
- **FOMS Valentines Tuck Shop** – After school, from 3pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February.



### Other reminders

**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:

### Butterfly Class

### Maltese Road Values

Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

Creativity

Collaboration

Compassion

Courage

Vivienne

Rhea, Cayson

Maddie, Cassius, Jack G, Emilia

### Letters Sent Home

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Team	Year 6 Football Match
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Rec, Yr 1, 2 & 3	FOM Disco Flyer
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yrs 4, 5 & 6	FOM Youth Club Flyer

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:** 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 12<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 13<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC</li> <li>• Year 6 Essex Fire and Safety</li> <li>• Reception Class Balanceability</li> <li>• FOMS Bingo Night</li> <li>• FOMS Wear What You Like</li> <li>• FOMS Valentines Tuck Shop – 3pm</li> </ul>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> May</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 4 Fire Safety Assembly</li> <li>• Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow</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/>

## 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

*Dates for the Diary:*

- 13th February - Music Bingo from 7pm
- 14th February - Wear what you Love Non-school Uniform Day & Valentines Tuck Shop after school
- 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.



# Non-School Uniform Day

## Friday 14th February

# *Wear what you love*



Children are invited to wear what they love in exchange for bringing in an item(s) in their class colour as outlined by the rainbow colours above.

The items will be used to create **rainbow hampers** that you can win at our next event so please be as generous & creative as possible!

Item ideas: candles, drinks, sweets & chocolates, stationery, games, crafts, books, accessories...something you would want!

Please ensure any perishable goods have a long best before date on them. If you choose to donate an alcoholic drink, please drop this to Reception directly.

Thank you!





Join us for our  
**Valentine's Day  
Tuck shop**

*Roses are red, Violets are blue,  
We're opening the tuck shop,  
just for you!*

*Sweets, treats, cakes, biscuits  
and other tasty treats for sale  
after school!*

*Friday 14th February 2025*

*From 3pm*

*By the school gates*

*Cash and card accepted*

*See you there!*







# 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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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# HALF TERM FUN, GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

**MON - ELMWOOD**  **AND MEADGATE** 

**TUES - ELMWOOD AND MEADGATE**

**WED - ELMWOOD, MEADGATE AND CHANCELLOR PARK** 

**THURS - ELMWOOD**  **,MEADGATE AND PURLEIGH** 

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