



# Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025



## Dear Maltese Road Families

Here are some pics of Year 4 investigating 'Pitch' in our science unit about Sound. The children experimented using a range of instruments and also made their own elastic band guitars.



Today, Year 6 had a visit from two of our previous Year 6 leavers. Hope and Elsie came in to talk about life in Year 7. The children had lots of questions for them.





### Reminders for the week

**Parking on Westfield Avenue** – This week 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.



### Other reminders

- **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.
- **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.

### 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**

### Maltese Road Values

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|----------------|-------------------|
| Respect        | Harry             |
| Resilience     | Freddy, Usman     |
| Responsibility | Louis, Noah, Finn |
| Creativity     | Serah             |
| Collaboration  |                   |
| Compassion     |                   |
| Courage        |                   |

### Letters Sent Home

Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5	Swimming Questionnaire
	Year 6	Swimming Questionnaire
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Year 5	Oliver the Musical at KEGS

**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>• FOMS Bingo Night</li> <li>• FOMS Wear What You Like</li> <li>• FOMS Valentines Tuck Shop – 3pm</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> February</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>• 7<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>• 4<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 5 Visit to KEGS to watch Oliver the Musical</li> <li>• Book Fair – Details to Follow</li> <li>• World Book Day – Dress Up As Your Favourite Book Character</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>• Last Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Holidays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> April</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> April</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Day of Summer Term</li> <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> <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>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> June</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Half Term</li> <li>• Non Pupil Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 20<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 26<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> July</li> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>• 18<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea</li> <li>• Transition Afternoon</li> <li>• Sports Day</li> <li>• Transition Afternoon</li> <li>• Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reserve Sports Day</li> <li>• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 1:30pm – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Production – Parents Invited 9:15am – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited 9am – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Last Day of Summer Term</li> </ul>
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## Non-Violent Resistance (NVR) Group for Parents for all Schools

Kids Inspire, a local children's mental health charity, is accepting referrals to their next NVR parent group at the end of January 2025. Non-Violent Resistance is a practical therapeutic approach to managing challenging behaviour in children and teens – without shouting, punishment, or confrontation. Instead of responding with anger or strict discipline, it focuses on staying calm, consistent and supportive.

Please speak to Mrs Almond if you would like any further information.

### 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
- 14th February - Wear what you Love Non-school Uniform Day & Valentines Tuck Shop

### ***Save the Dates:***

- Friday 27th February: KS1 & Yr 3 Disco. Details to follow!
- Friday 7th March: Yr 4, 5 & 6 Youth Club. Details to follow!

A big **THANK YOU** to all those that generously donated gifts as part of the Gift Amnesty collections. If you find any surplus gifts over the coming months, we are always happy to receive anything for prizes at events. Thank you!

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.



# Music Bingo



Grab your friends and join us to blow away the winter blues with a night of old skool hits and prizes to be won!

**THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY**  
**FROM 7PM** | School Hall, Maltese Road  
Primary School



£10pp includes first drink & nibbles on table

Bring your friends & family! (Adults only event)

Bar with drinks & cold snacks available to purchase

Limited availability – secure your spot by 6th Feb – details below:

✂ Email us at: [friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmaltese@gmail.com), or complete & return slip to FOM box

Name:

No. tickets:

Contact:

Child's class or if you are a friend of someone at the school:



Please make payment by 6th February

BACS to Maltese Road Primary School PTA | ref Music Bingo | A/C 4472 7068 S/C 30 98 97

or cash with this slip to the FOM box

# 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!*



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