



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

On Wednesday night we took part in a Trust Archery Competition, we welcome Meadgate and Larkise to compete at Maltese and Tiptree and Purleigh competed at Maylandsea.

Our Maltese team worked so hard and showed great sportsmanship throughout the competition, we are so very proud of each and every one of them. Congratulations to the children that took part, we came 2nd overall.

We can't wait for more Trust sporting Events!

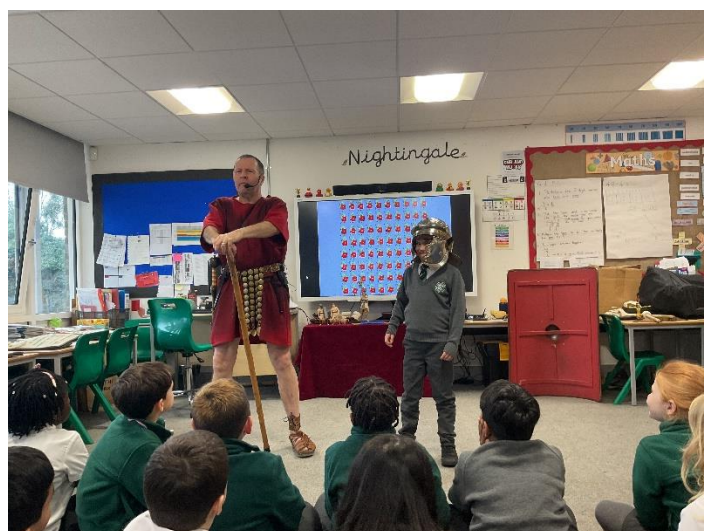


	Year 3 and 4 Total	Year 5/6 Total	Overall
Lark	272	380	652
Mead	335	292	627
Pur	306	331	637
Mayland	472	503	975
Tiptree	377	329	706
Maltese	360	386	746

In year 2 this week we have started a new topic, Multiplication and Division. The focus of today's lesson was to find equal groups, the children enjoyed some active maths where they had to use many skills, resilience, team work, stamina and their super mathematical brains!



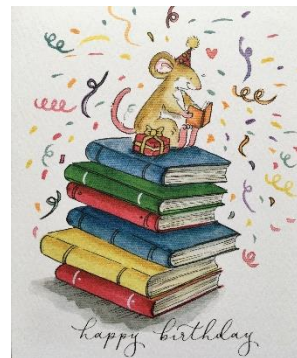
Year 3 Romans Day – What a fantastic time the children had on Wednesday for their Roman day. They went shopping at the market, saw many artefacts and tried on helmets, practised using shields and weapons.



Birthday Sweets and Treats

Your child's birthday and other special celebrations are very important to us and we want to celebrate!

Here at Maltese Road, we want to shift the focus of celebrations to enjoyment, rather than food! In school, we have a fantastic way of celebrating children's birthdays by singing to them and making them feel special – without all of the sugary cakes and sweets! As a way of celebrating, you child's birthday, you could donate a book or some colouring pencils, a jigsaw puzzle or even a board game to the class, rather than bringing in cakes and sweets, as this is a lovely way for the children to enjoy something that will last, and will benefit the class for the rest of the year. There is no requirement to donate a book, colouring pencils, jigsaw puzzles - it is purely voluntary.



The reason for this note is that we have a number of children that have very severe food allergies and must avoid certain foods. This makes these children very vulnerable and it is important that they do not consume foods that may contain items that may cause an allergic reaction.

I am sure you will agree that maintaining these rules is another important aspect of keeping children safe particularly in relation to allergies.

Attendance

A reminder to everyone about the importance of good attendance in school. Regular attendance ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays some of the vital foundations of a child's life.

Our aim is that most of the children at Maltese Road school will achieve around 96% attendance, allowing for inevitable illness, or the odd medical appointment. While we appreciate that holidays outside of school time are cheaper, please make every attempt to book your trips within the school holiday periods to ensure that your child is a regular attender at school. We have a number of families who have already informed us of trips that they are taking, which unfortunately will negatively impact on attendance and will be unauthorised by the school.

If a child's absence falls below 93% then parents will be receiving a letter from the school following Essex guidance. Please note that the letters are written by the local authority and not the school.

Maltese Road whole school attendance for autumn term was in line with the national average which was 95.2%. Let's work together to raise our attendance.

Lost Property

Over the last term we seem to have accumulated an enormous amount of lost property, most of which was in the box for the entire term and unnamed. If the children do not hunt their items down in the day or two after mislaying them, they tend to get forgotten about.

From this term we will be clearing the lost property at the end of each month/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.



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 th January 2025	• First Day of Spring Term
• 17 th – 21 st February	• February Half Term
• 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



Dates for your Diary

13th February Music Bingo – Adults Only – 7pm in the School Hall

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 or your Class Rep.

We are so looking forward to the upcoming term and hope to bring more fun for the children, their adults and the wider school community to enjoy!



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, 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



Gift Amnesty

Parents, staff and friends!

Can you help us raise funds for
the school this year?

If you received any gifts at Christmas that aren't quite to your taste or you got two the same, we would love any donations that can be used as prizes or at future events.

Please bring your donations and drop with your child's teacher on any Friday in January, or you can drop to main reception any other time.

Thank you!



Maltese Road Primary School Uniform and PE Kit

A reminder for the new school year that all children should be coming to school in the correct school uniform and PE kits. Here's a reminder of our uniform:-

Our uniform supplier is One Stop School Gear, Unit 1 Beehive Business Centre, Beehive Lane, Chelmsford, Essex CM2 9TE Telephone number 01245 214084

The school uniform is; grey trousers or skirts/pinafores,
plain white shirts,
school grey jumper or cardigan with school logo
school tie.

In the summer: girls may wear the green and white checked summer dress, girls socks should be white and may be knee length or ankle.

Boys may wear grey school shorts.

Plain, black shoes only. No flip-flops, high heels, boots or open-toed sandals.

The PE kit is; white polo shirt with logo or plain white t-shirt, no slogans,
green shorts, or green, black or dark grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings in the winter, no slogans,
trainers (Reception class are required to wear plimsolls).
All items should be clearly named.

For pierced ears – very small studs only please - this is an Essex County Council ruling to comply with safety regulations.

No hoops or dangling earrings.

1 small stud only per ear.

Child must be able to remove their own earrings for PE lessons.

Tape is no longer permitted.

All other jewellery, including rings, bracelets and necklaces are forbidden.

No make-up or nail varnish to be worn at school and extreme hair styles / colours are not permitted. Children are not permitted to wear hair accessories that are non-school uniform colours and they should not wear extreme or overly large hair accessories.

Move with us

Discover the activity that's right for you !

These sessions are run by school age practitioners to help young people find what motivates them to move and be active.

Sessions include fun games aimed for children 5-11years of all abilities, attending school or not.

Practitioners will also look at ways to support young people to get moving in their community and be healthy.

Dates: Every Wednesday (including school holidays)

Time: 3.40pm-4.40pm

Location: Chelmsford West Family Hub Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 3QA

Free admission and no booking needed.

If you have any further questions please contact us.

t: 0300 247 0014

e: vcl.essexmid-PB19adminhub@nhs.net

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**Monday 3rd of
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