



**Maltese Road Primary School**  
NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025

**Dear Maltese Road Families**

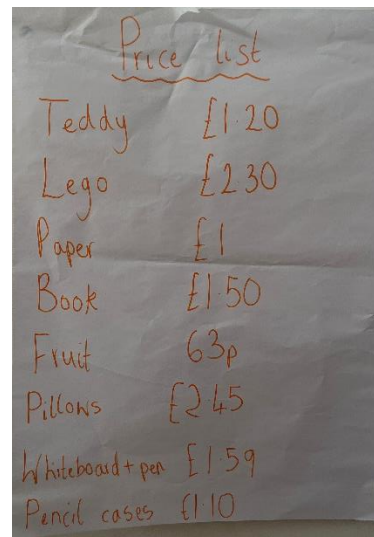
Welcome back, hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year. Moving into the Spring Term 2025 we have lots of things happening at Maltese Road, topic workshops, sporting events, dress up days, and Parents Evening, to name but a few.

**Year 2 Maths**

This week in year 2 we have been learning about money. The focus of today's lesson was to choose notes and coins. What better way to do this than play shops!!

The children loved making price tag, working out if they had enough money to buy what they wanted and being shop keepers and challenged themselves to give out the correct change.

The children love it and would be very excited to set up their own shop at home!



**Choir Club**

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Millwood will be running Choir club for the Spring Term. It will start Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and run until Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

After School Choir Club				
Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick up time	Max.No
Choir	Years 3 – 6	Wednesday	4:00 pm	45

Spaces are offered on a first come first served basis, so we cannot guarantee every child a space, they will be put on a waiting list if Choir club is already full.

If you would like your child to attend Choir club, please collect a permission slip from the school office.

## 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.

### Did you know?

Two weeks holiday during term time means that the highest percentage attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

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 rise our attendance.

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- ✓ 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:**

### **Nightingale Class**

#### Maltese Road Values

Respect	Sindy
Resilience	Mohammadullah
Responsibility	Serena
Creativity	Freya
Collaboration	Dheeran
Compassion	Cameron
Courage	Nikitha

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>16<sup>th</sup> January</li> <li>22<sup>nd</sup> January</li> <li>10<sup>th</sup> February</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 3 Parents Meet Mrs Biggs – 3pm in the Year 3 Classroom</li> <li>Year 1 Teddy Games</li> <li>Year 3 Romans Workshop</li> <li>Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow</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>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>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>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>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>
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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

### 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
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## 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

13<sup>th</sup> February

Music Bingo – 7pm in the School Hall





# 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!

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

## **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](mailto:vcl.essexmid-PB19adminhub@nhs.net)

**w:** [www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)



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