



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families



Thank you for all your all your support this term. Thank you for all your kind gifts and cards. All the staff at Maltese Road would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope 2025 brings lots of happiness and joy to your family

We Look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 6th January 2025.



PE KITS in school from January

As we are aware, this term we have been trialling changing for PE in school. Thank you to those who have supported the school's decision and have prepared the children for the change in January. From the 6th January it will be **compulsory** for **ALL** children to come to school in their school uniform and will change for PE in school. Provisions have been made for single sex changing for KS2. When speaking to the children, they have found the experience of getting change not as scary as they thought and they are happy changing in school. As you are aware the reasons for doing this is to promote our school values of independence and responsibility as well as supporting children's physical development. This also allows more flexibility within thew PE timetable, if needed, and supporting our upper KS2 children with transition into secondary school and the schools' expectations.

It was so lovely to see so many parents at the Carol concert this week, thank you for coming to support the children. I would like to make a special mention and congratulations to Pax, Maddie, Zehra, Sophia, Patrick and Jesse who all performed brilliantly on the keyboard and guitar.

Staff Update

From January I am pleased to welcome back Mrs Beaney who will be teaching Year 3 on Thursday's and Friday's. I would also like to welcome Mrs Biggs to Maltese Road, who will be teaching Year 3 Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. I would like to thank Mr Samra for teaching our year 3 class this term. Mr Samra has gone above and beyond for the children at Maltese Road. He will be missed.

The Year 4 children had a brilliant, hands-on and exciting Viking day to celebrate the end of their history topic.



We know that parking at Maltese Road Primary is challenging, especially during pick up time. This week I have had numerous phone calls, emails and visits from neighbours on Westfield Ave, their main complaint is parking across their driveways, preventing them from leaving/arriving, and parking on the pavement causing an obstruction to pedestrians. If you are choosing to park on Westfield Avenue then please park considerately by:

- Not parking on the pavement.**
- Not parking over residents drop curbs and driveways, even if you are staying in your car**

Please be aware there is a car park available on Rectory Lane West, which is a 5 minute walk from school and costs 50p for 30 minutes.

Thank you for your support in this matter and the consideration of our residents.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
• 20 th December	• Non Pupil Day
• 6 th January 2025	• First Day of Spring Term 2025
• 16 th January	• Year 1 Teddy Games
• 22 nd January	• Year 3 Romans Workshop
• 11 th February	• Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow
• 17 th – 21 st February	• Half Term
• 3 rd & 4 th March	• Book Fair – 3:00pm – 3:30pm
• 7 th March	• World Book Day – Dress up as your Favourite Book Character
• 14 th March	• Year 1 Castles Workshop
• 26 th & 27 th March	• Year 3 & 4 Pirates and Mermaids Performance – Parents Invited 9:15am
• 2 nd & 3 rd April	• Parents Evening – Details to Follow
• 4 th April	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 7 th – 21 st April	• Easter Holidays
• 22 nd April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 24 th April	• Year 3 Home Safety Workshop
• 5 th May	• Bank Holiday
• 8 th May	• Year 4 Fire Safety Workshop
• 22 nd May	• Gemma’s Farm – Details to Follow
• 26 th – 30 th May	• Half Term
• 2 nd June	• Non Pupil Day
• 11 th – 13 th June	• Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea
• 20 th June	• Sports Day
• 23 rd – 27 th June	• Year 6 Induction Days
	• Friday 27 th - Beaulieu Park Induction
• 2 nd July	• Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow
• 4 th July	• Reserve Sports Day
• 9 th July	• Year 6 Performance – Parents Invited – Performance Starts at 1:30pm
• 10 th July	• Year 6 Performance – Parents Invited – Performance Starts at 9:15am
• 18 th July	• Year 6 Leavers Assembly – Parents Invited – Timings to Follow
	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 st & 22 nd July	• First Day of Summer Holidays

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



SEND News



Is your child waiting for Autism Assessment?

COME TO OUR FREE PARENT WORKSHOPS

24th January with Proactive Training at Colchester Football Stadium 10am until 2pm (lunch provided) Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses

28th January 25 with Autism Central at Manor Of Groves High Wych 10am until 12 Developing Communication and supporting Sensory needs

31st January with Proactive Training at Holiday Inn Brentwood 10am until 2pm (lunch provided) Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses

27th February with Proactive Training at The Pier Harwich 10am until 2pm (lunch provided) Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses

Visit <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/> for enquiries or to book a place.

Visit <https://shortbreaks.essex.gov.uk/> for days out and activity days.

SEND IASS Parent Workshops and Advice Sessions

14th January 2025 'Making Sense of SEND law' with SENATA legal services 9:30 online until 12:30

15th January 2025 'Emotional Resilience for Parents of Children with SEND' 7pm online

23rd January 2025 'Making Sense of SEND Law' online with SENATA Legal Services 9:30am until 12

29th January 2025 Making Sense of SEND Law online with SENATA Legal Services 6:30 until 9pm

5th February 2025 Understanding and Managing Your Child's Responses at Pontlands Park Hotel 10:00 until 14:00

14th February 2025 EHC Needs Assessment and Draft Plans online with SENATA Legal Services 9:30 until 12:30

18th February 2025 EHC Needs Assessment and Draft Plans online with SENATA Legal Services 6:30pm until 9:30

25th February 2025 Deconstructing Transport online with SENATA Legal Services 6:30 until 9pm

28th February 2025 Post 16-what happens next? online with SENATA Legal Services 9:30 until 12:30

6th March Suspensions/Exclusions/Out of Education online with SENATA Legal Services 9:30 until 12:30

Essex SEND - Information, Advice and Support Service

Essex SEND provides free, confidential & impartial information, advice & support about Special Educational Needs & Disability for children & young people (0-25), parents & carers.

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.