

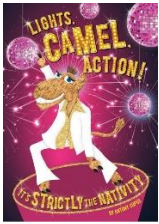


Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families

This week Reception class started December with a bang and the first of our Christmas performances, with their Nativity in the Church on Maltese Road. The performance was fantastic and thank you to all of the parents that came to support the children.



On Monday and Tuesday next week, It is Year 1 and Year 2's turn to perform **Lights, Camel, Action** in the school hall. We invite all Year 1 and Year 2 parents to come along to support the children and FOM's will be providing refreshments in the hall from 8:40am, for a 9:15am start.



Wednesday we are taking the children to see **SNOW WHITE**, we are all very excited, especially Key Stage 2 after their pantomime workshop this week with Megan from Chelmsford Civic Theatre.



Please don't forget that on Wednesday 11th, all children will need a **packed lunch**, even those children that are not attending the panto.



Now that December is here, the children are welcome to bring Christmas cards into school to exchange with their friends, but please remember not to put chocolate coins or sweets in the cards.

Year 2 Great Fire of London – History workshop



The children had a great time during the Great Fire of London morning today. They loved learning all about the Great Fire of London through drama playing different roles such as Samuel Pepys and Thomas Farriner. The children particularly enjoyed working together to put out an imaginary fire using a bucket chain.

The children all said they had a brilliant morning and learnt so many new facts!



Choir Club - Our school choir had the pleasure of going to Chelmer Valley High School today to watch their Christmas Concert. It was so lovely for them to see a live performance and some incredible talent on stage too. The children were impeccably behaved and were 'wowed' by many of the performances they saw. We really appreciate the parents taking them and picking them up, it would not have been possible without you!



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.

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on **Monday 4th November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2025**.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

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 Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect	Yaz
Resilience	
Responsibility	Pranav, Dante
Creativity	Reception Class, Emily
Collaboration	
Compassion	Alan
Courage	

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 9th December • 10th December • 11th December • 12th December • 13th December • 17th December • 18th December • 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall • Key Stage 1 Nativity – Parents Invited 9:15am in the School Hall • Snow White Pantomime – All Children Require PACKED LUNCH • Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day • FOM Christmas Craft and Shopping – Details to Follow • Key Stage 2 Carol Concert – Details to Follow • Year 4 Viking History Day • Year 6 Tudors History Day • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th – 21st February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th – 21st April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th – 30th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Holidays

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 th December	• Non Pupil Day
• 23 rd December – 3 rd January 2025	• Christmas Holidays
• 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.



It has been brought to our attention by a number of residents that parents are parking irresponsibly along Maltese Road, especially on the corner near the Church. **IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE to park over driveways or double yellow lines.** Please make sure that you are respectful to the residents. Please also do not let your children sit, or walk along the garden walls.

PTA NEWS



Dates for your Diary

13th December PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping

Christmas Jumper Exchange

Thank you to all those that have donated and we're pleased to see that items are being taken. If anyone has any more, please bring them in. We hope that everyone enjoys browsing! The rail will be out next week before the nativity performances.

Nativity Refreshments

There will be refreshments of tea, coffee, hot chocolate, mince pies and more available in the school hall. This will be available between 08:40-09:15 ready for the nativity performances.

Elfridges

Thank you to all those that have returned forms for their children to buy gifts at the Elfridges shop on Friday 13th December. We are really looking forward to seeing the children's excitement throughout the day!

Amazing Wreaths!

Thank you to all parents/carers that joined us at our wreath workshop! We had a fantastic evening creating wreaths, building friendships and raising £490! Spread the word if you enjoyed it – planning has already started for next year's event.



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.