



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2024



Dear Maltese Road Families



Thank you to all the families they were able to come this morning to the KS1 'Stay and Read'. It was lovely to see so many families enjoying sharing a book. Thank you so much for your support.



Snow White Pantomime Wednesday 11th December - The panto is fast approaching, please remember if you wish for your child to attend, you must pay for their ticket, via ParentMail, by Wednesday 4th December. Please advise the school office if your child/ren is not attending, they should come to school as normal on Wednesday 11th December. Please remember that **ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH** on panto day.

Year 5 and Year 6 Assembly

Thank you so much to all of the Year 5 and 6 parents who came to our topic assembly on Thursday. We are so impressed with the children's learning this term, and hope that you enjoyed sharing all of this learning with us.

Here are some examples of the fantastic Anderson shelters that Year 5 have been constructing in Design & Technology.



What's happening this coming week

Reception Class parents only Wednesday 4th December Reception Class Nativity

We are excited to see our youngest children in school are performing in their first school nativity. The performance will begin at 9:15am at Ascension with All Saints Church on Maltese Road.



KS2 Panto workshop – Wednesday 4th December

This fun, high energy workshop will give the students a chance to throw themselves into the world of Pantomime. We will be exploring one of the most important parts of the show, its characters! The facilitator will work with the students to learn about the different stock characters, and how to bring them to life. They will learn about how to use their voice and movement to create a character, and how to communicate with an audience.

Friday 6th December Year 2 Parents Great Fire of London – History workshop



On Friday 6th December, we are excited to welcome Stephen to Maltese Road, who will be delivering a Great Fire of London history workshop to our Year 2 pupils.

Please could the children all bring a bucket with their name labelled on it and a coat for when we go outside to practice our 17th century firefighting technique! **Buckets ideally need to be a cheap plastic one**, e.g. from B&Q, so as to avoid a child getting hurt if knocked by a bucket while in the bucket chain. Thank you for your support.

Friday 6th December - Stay and Share Afternoon

Next Friday, stay and share returns. This is an opportunity for parents to see what the children have been learning this term by looking through their books together with their child. Unfortunately, the children's work books are unable to be taken home to share with other family members.

Please see times below

- Bumblebee class: 2:40pm - 3pm
- Butterfly Year 1, Hedgehog Year 2, Nightingale Year 3 2:50pm - 3:10pm
- Dragonfly Year 4, Fox Year 5 and Owl Year 6 3:00pm - 3:20pm

Next week is the last week for teacher run clubs

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick Up Time
Step by Step Drawing	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday	4pm
TT Rockstars	Years 3 & 4	Wednesday	4pm
Performing Arts	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	4pm
Choir	Years 3 – 6	Wednesday	4pm
Homework Club	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4pm
Book Club	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4pm

All Year 6 children must be collected by an adult.

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	
Resilience	Omar
Responsibility	Ava
Creativity	Josephine, Poppy J
Collaboration	
Compassion	Kerys
Courage	Erik, Denette

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reception Class Nativity – Parents are Invited to the Church on Maltese Rd at 9am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop • Year 2 Great Fire of London History Day • Stay and Share Afternoon – Details to Follow
<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 • 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 – Details to Follow • Year 6 Tudors History Day – Details to Follow • Last Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th December • 6th January 2025 • 11th February • 17th – 21st February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day • First Day of Spring Term 2025 • Year 4 Superstars Event at CSAC – Details to Follow • Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th April • 7th – 21st April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term • Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd April • 5th May • 26th – 30th May • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • Bank Holiday • Half Term • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th – 13th June • 2nd July • 18th July • 21st & 22nd July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to Essex Outdoors Mersea • Year 2 Mini Games CSAC – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term • 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.

**NO
PARKING**

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

5 th December	Wreath Making
13 th December	PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping

- Thank you to everyone for their jam jar donations - watch this space for the children's creations on Christmas craft day! If you have any more spare jars at home, please drop them to reception next week.

- A big well done to Year 1 & Year 2 for their Elfridges gift contributions. Both year groups win a monetary contribution towards a class celebration. Thank you for all your support! We hope the children enjoy Elfridges on Friday 13th December. Please see the form for gift purchasing options.





Elfridges

What is it?

Elfridges is a secret shop run by elves (FOM volunteers), during school hours on Friday 13th December, where children can purchase holiday gifts for loved ones without their grown-ups.

Why?

Children can enjoy the gift of giving as well as receiving. They will bring home a handpicked, wrapped gift ready to give on Christmas Day!

How?

Fill in the form and gift tags below, letting us know how many gifts and who the gifts are for by **Friday 6th December**, and leave the rest to the elves! Gifts will be taken home on the same day as Elfridges.

To ensure the elves can pick the right present, please complete one form and one payment per child.

£4 per gift (gifts are for grown ups). **How many gifts would you like to buy?**





Name of Child: _____ **Year Group:** _____

BACS (Maltese Road PTA, Acc Number: 44727068, Sort Code: 30 98 97): Yes / No

Payment ref: child's first name & year group **Amount transferred:** _____

Cash enclosed: Yes / No **Amount enclosed:** _____

Please scan and email the form to friendsofmaltese@gmail.com or pop in the FOM postbox outside reception.

<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE / UNISEX</p>  <p>TO: _____</p> <p>FROM: _____</p> <p>YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE / UNISEX</p>  <p>TO: _____</p> <p>FROM: _____</p> <p>YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE / UNISEX</p>  <p>TO: _____</p> <p>FROM: _____</p> <p>YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE / UNISEX</p>  <p>TO: _____</p> <p>FROM: _____</p> <p>YEAR GROUP: _____</p>
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CLASS FORAGING COMPETITION

Friends of Maltese would love your help to forage some of the following on your nature walks to assist with their upcoming wreath making workshop.

These types of foliage will help add to the decorations available at the event:

- Pine cones
- Evergreens
- Berries
- Holly
- Mistletoe

and anything else magical that you can find!

If you could bring any items in to school on Tuesday 3rd December and leave with your teacher that would be amazing. The class with the most amount foraged will win a prize!

Thank you for your support!

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.