



Maltese Road Primary School



NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families



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. Any children not attending should come to school as normal.



Open afternoons

On Wednesday 13th and 20th November, we opened our doors to new prospective parents of our reception cohort for September 2025. I am extremely proud of all the children as their behaviour and work ethics were amazing. Many parents had commented on how the children were polite and excellent behaviour and so engaged in their learning. Thank you to the Teachers, Learning Support Assistants and children for making our open afternoons so successful.

A special thank you to Emilia and Aira for speaking confidently to the parents about their experiences at Maltese Road school. And to Marsell, Rocco, Kylie, Sophie, Sophia, Zehra, Yusuf, Tariq, Summer and Kate for being great ambassadors of the school when conducting their tours.



Tennis Tournament

Well done to our Y3/Y4 tennis players, who took part in a tennis tournament competing against players from other Chelmsford schools. The children showed excellent sportsmanship throughout their matches and tried extremely hard against some tough opponents. We were close to achieving the bronze medal but New Hall A team had a 2 point advantage. We were placed 4th and 11th. Well done to our Year 3 team Isaac, Eliza, Poppy, Jemima and our Year 4 team Theodore, Finley, Buddy and Maddie.

Year 3 and Year 4 to Chelmsford Cathedral – Monday 25th November – Please remember that on Monday, all Year 3 and Year 4 need to bring a packed lunch to school. Thank you.

Teddy 'Lympics

Several Year 1 children attended the Teddy 'Lympics at Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre this week. They had a great time taking part in all of the different activities and even learnt some new skills.



Next week Choir club has been moved to Thursday 28th November

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.



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.

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: Owl Class

Maltese Road Values

Respect	Louie
Resilience	Lily B
Responsibility	
Creativity	Harry
Collaboration	Tariq
Compassion	Aadharsh
Courage	Lenny, Aaliyah

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th November • 27th November • 29th November • 4th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Immunisations • Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral • Year 6 Residential Meeting in the Year 6 Classroom at 3:15pm • Key Stage 1 Stay and Read – 8:30am – 9:30am • Reception Class Nativity – Parents are Invited to the Church on Maltese Rd at 9am • Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 2 Great Fire of London History Day – Details to Follow • 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 – Details to Follow • 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th January 2025 • 11th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Spring Term 2025 • 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 • 26th – 30th May • 2nd June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

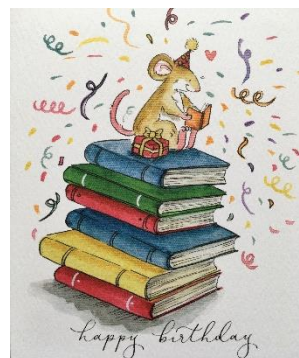


We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

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.

Family Support Worker Melanie Pointon contact Mon-Fri on: 07562 111 932.

PTA NEWS

Dates for your Diary

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



We have received confirmation that we are now a registered charity. This means we can apply for grants plus organisations can gift match us, to name a few of the benefits. Watch this space for more updates!

More great news!

Well done to everyone that was involved with the Movie Night last Friday. We managed to raise **£714**. The children all seemed to enjoy themselves. Thank you for coming along!

ASDA cashpot for schools

We have added Maltese Road as part of Asda's Cashpot for schools initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the **ASDA Rewards app**, choose Maltese Road Primary School and then scan and shop in store or online as you usually would. Asda will donate 0.5% of your shop to our school plus give **£1 for everyone who signs up**. Please opt in and help us raise money for our school by simply doing your weekly shop! Offer to sign up ends end of November so please share with friends and family too. To sign up, head to: www.asda.com/cashpotforschools/

Thank you & help required

We are looking for some additional **volunteers** on **Friday 13th December** to help with Elfridges and Christmas crafts. Two slots: 08:30-11:30 or 12:30-15:00. Please let your Class Rep know or email friendsofmaltese@gmail.com if you are able to help. A huge **thank you** to all those that donated Elfridges gifts - heaps of wonderful presents ready to go to the Elves workshop! There is still time to donate if you have anything spare, please drop at reception.

Social Media

Find us on Facebook and Instagram by searching for Friends of Maltese and give us a follow!

Registered Charity Number
1210969



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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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.