



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Maltese Road Families



On Tuesday year 1 went to the church on Maltese Road to speak to Reverend Simon and Reverend Mark. We used our RE lesson to think of some questions about religion and the things you can see in the church. We had a brilliant time learning about what the different colour vestment's mean and looking at the beautiful stained glass windows!

Book Fair Thank you to everyone that purchased books at the Autumn book fair, we have £218.46 to make some purchases for the school.

Year 5 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum – A reminder to please return all forms for the children's visit to Duxford on **Tuesday 12th November**. If you haven't already done so, please make payment via ParentMail.



FEEL GOOD FRIDAY is free weekly music that helps teachers boost students' wellbeing and confidence. The music today was **California Dreaming** by The Mama's & The Papa's, which the children enjoyed listening to.



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you to everyone that has made a donation towards the Poppy Appeal this week. We will be observing a period of silence on Monday 11th November, as we usually do, to show respect and gratitude to the armed forces past and present who have lost their lives fighting for their country.



Dear Maltese Road,

We are celebrating Children in Need on the 15th November by wearing our Pyjamas to school. If you are dressing down, we ask you to bring in a minimum donation of £1.

We hope that you are as excited as us to come in dressed in your Pjs!!

Yours sincerely,
School Council

NO TT ROCKSTARS, PERFORMING ARTS, or CHOIR CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 20th 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.

Prospective Parents Reception September 2025 Intake - We will be welcoming prospective Reception class parents to our presentation on Wednesday 13th November or Wednesday 20th November at 1:30pm. Please pop along on either date to meet our staff and find out all about the EYFS curriculum.

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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
- Responsibility
- Creativity
- Collaboration
- Compassion
- Courage

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11th November • 12th November • 15th November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SEND Coffee Morning • Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford • Children in Need • FOM Movie Night – Zootopia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flu Immunisations • Year 3 & Year 4 Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th November • 29th November • 4th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 – Details to Follow
<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 • 6th January 2025 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day • First Day of Spring Term 2025

2024-2025 Term Dates

Date	
• 2 nd September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 rd September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 28 th October to 1 st November	• October Half Term
• 19 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 20 th December	• Non Pupil Day
• 23 rd December – 3 rd January 2024	• 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



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.

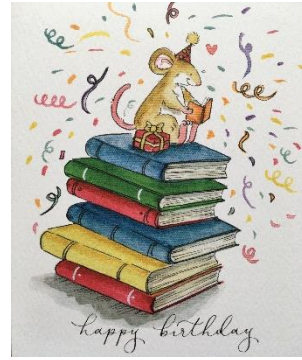


We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.

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.



SEND Coffee Morning



I am very pleased to be able to invite you to Maltese Road's SEND Coffee Morning.

This will be an opportunity for parents who have children with SEND who attend our school to meet one another and share experiences. Your child does not need a SEND diagnosis to attend, **anyone is welcome!**

There will be hot drinks, cakes and biscuits; as well as the chance to get together in a relaxed and friendly setting.

It is always great to realise that you are not alone on this journey!

This coffee morning will be led by Mrs Almond, SENco, I look forward to catching up with you then! 😊

Our next SEND Coffee morning is

Monday 11th November at 8:30am.

This will be focused on catching up and plans and ideas for this year! 😊

PTA NEWS

Dates for your Diary

15th November Movie Night – Zootopia

5th December Wreath Making

13th December PTA Christmas Craft and Shopping

Movie night - update

A big thank you to everyone who has booked into next week's movie night already!

We've had to change the film - the children will now be watching 'Zootopia'.

There's still time to book on - so please return any outstanding forms, contact your class rep or email friendsofmaltese@gmail.com

It is £5 to attend. Children will receive a hotdog, popcorn and a drink!



Friends of Maltese Road Primary School would like to congratulate the winners of our new FOM logo competition. We were so impressed by all the entries from the children that we decided to combine our two favourites into our new logo design above.

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the children that took part and a massive **WELL DONE** to Oliver in Year 2 and Summer in Year 6 on their designs – we hope they enjoy their vouchers!





Elfridges

Each year we hold a sale at school, just before Christmas, where all the children are given the opportunity to purchase gifts for their loved ones.

So, please raid your cupboards at home for your unwanted (and unused) male, female and unisex goods.

Donation Ideas:

Socks	Key rings
Mugs	Mini multi tools
Unused toiletries	Chocolates & sweets
Books	Picture frames
Games	Hats & gloves
Candles	Plants

The more you donate, the merrier our shop will be! Plus the class that donates the most will receive a contribution to a class celebration.

Also, if you have any wrapping paper, Christmas craft items (glitter, paper chains or anything), books or decorations (including any unwanted trees) we'd greatly appreciate those too!

From 8.30am, on Thursday 21st and Friday 22nd November, Friends of Maltese will be outside the link classroom (between year 1 & 2) to collect the gifts.

Thank you for your support.





FRIENDS OF MALTESE
ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open to all - bring a
friend/family member
and make an evening
of it!

Includes wreath,
materials and a glass of
Prosecco or hot
chocolate!

Please reply before 21st
November - limited
tickets available!
Act now to secure
your spot!

If you have a pair
of secateurs, please
bring them with you to
help create your
masterpiece!



£30
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Join us for an evening of wreath making in the school hall:
Thursday 5th December 2024, 6-9pm

To reserve your space, please complete the form and drop into the FOM box or
email us at: Friendsofmaltese@gmail.com:

Name:

Number of tickets required:

Childs name and year:

Contact number:

Cash or BACS?

Please make payment in cash or via BACS by 21st November: Maltese Road Primary
School PTA, reference: Wreath making: A/C: 4472 7068 S/Code: 30 98 97

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.