



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families



It has been absolutely wonderful to see all the children skipping back through our gates this week! Their smiles, energy, and enthusiasm have filled the school, and we're delighted to have everyone back after the summer break.

The children have settled in so well, and it's been lovely to hear all about their holidays and summer adventures. We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

We have an exciting year ahead, filled with new learning opportunities, trips, events, and lots of fun along the way. We're really looking forward to watching each and every child grow, flourish, and reach their full potential this year.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

### **Improving School Communication**

We've been listening carefully to feedback from parents about how we communicate with you. We understand the importance of keeping things clear and not overwhelming you with too many different systems or messages.

To help streamline communication, we'll now be publishing a school newsletter every three weeks. This will bring together key updates and news in one place.

Important and time-sensitive information will still be shared via ClassDojo, so please continue to check there regularly.

We're also in the process of setting up a Facebook page to make it even easier to stay connected — so keep an eye out for that coming soon!

### **Reminder for Parents and Carers**

It has come to our attention that some children have been walking across or playing on neighbours' front gardens and driveways when travelling to and from school.

Please remind your children that they should remain on the pavements at all times and respect the property of local residents.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain good relationships within our community.

## Update on PE September 2025

Last academic year, we trialled a new approach to PE days with all children attending school in their school uniform and changing into their PE kit during the school day. This trial ran throughout the spring and summer terms and we carefully monitored its impact, gathering feedback from children, staff, and parents.

Following this review, we have made the following decisions:

- **Reception and Key Stage 1 (Years R-2):**

Children will continue to come into school in their school uniform and will change into their PE kit at school.

We found that this supports the development of fine and gross motor skills, as well as helping children build independence, responsibility and resilience.

- **Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6):**

Children will now come into school wearing their PE kit on their designated PE days. Although we observed positive outcomes from changing at school, including improved body confidence and independence, we also found that in KS2, this approach had a negative impact on transition time, behaviour and missing PE kits. We are now unable to facilitate single sex changing in KS2 due to the change of PE days and times for each year group. Wearing PE kit on PE days will help ensure a smoother and more focused school day.

On PE days, Year 3-6 children are expected to arrive at school wearing the following:

- A white polo shirt with the school logo
- A plain green or black jumper or fleece (preferably the school jumper/fleece) with no patterns or designs
- Plain green or black shorts or trousers with no patterns or designs
- Plain trainers

Branded sports clothing is not permitted. Any branded items worn will be removed, and parents will be contacted. This is also the PE kit expectation for Year R - 2 but to be brought in a clearly named PE bag. Thank you for your support in maintaining our uniform standards.

In addition, to support the delivery of high-quality PE and the ongoing professional development of our staff, we have made slight changes to the PE timetable for some classes. Please see below for your child's updated PE days:

### PE Days by Year Group:

Reception: Monday

Year 1: Monday & Wednesday

Year 2: Tuesday & Friday

Year 3: Tuesday & Friday

Year 4: Monday & Wednesday

Year 5: Monday & Friday

Year 6: Monday & Friday

We believe that these changes best support the needs and development of all our children and reflect our ongoing commitment to creating the best possible learning environment.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch. Thank you for your continued support.

## Quantum Multi-Academy Trust

As of 1st September 2025, the Eveleigh LINK Academy Trust and the Single Academy Trust responsible for Great Baddow High School have officially closed. Both organisations have now come together to form a new and exciting partnership: Quantum Multi-Academy Trust.

This marks the beginning of a new chapter in our shared commitment to excellence in education. By uniting our strengths, expertise, and values, Quantum Multi-Academy Trust is dedicated to delivering the highest standards of teaching, learning, and leadership across all our schools.

We are excited about the opportunities that this new academy trust will bring our pupils.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the Teacher                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 4 – 2:30pm – 2:45pm</li> <li>Year 5 – 2:45pm – 3:00pm</li> <li>Year 6 – 3:00pm – 3:15pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meet the Teacher                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 – 2:30pm – 2:45pm</li> <li>Year 2 – 2:45pm – 3:00pm</li> <li>Year 3 – 3:00pm – 3:15pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FOM Pre Loved Uniform Sale – 2:55pm in the playground</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EYFS Parent Talk – 2:30pm – 3pm</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>29<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Fair – 3:15pm – 3:30pm</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30<sup>th</sup> September</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Book Fair – 3:15pm – 3:30pm</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual School Photos</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non Pupil Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hello Yellow Day – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:10am</li> <li>Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival at the Church – Parents Invited – 10:15am</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11<sup>th</sup> November</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 5 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception Class Nativity at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:15am</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 Production to Parents – 9:15am</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aladdin Panto – Chelmsford Civic Theatre – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Dinner Day</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 1 &amp; 2 Production to Parents – 1:30pm</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key Stage Carol Concert at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:00am</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22<sup>nd</sup> December –</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> January 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Holidays</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of Spring Term</li> </ul>

## 2025-2026 Term Dates

Date	
• 1 <sup>st</sup> September	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	• Non Pupil Day
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	• Non Pupil Day
• 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	• October Half Term
• 19 <sup>th</sup> December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 22 <sup>nd</sup> December – 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026	• Christmas Holidays
• 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	• First Day of Spring Term
• 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> February	• February Half Term
• 27 <sup>th</sup> March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 30 <sup>th</sup> March – 10 <sup>th</sup> April	• Easter Holidays
• 13 <sup>th</sup> April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 4 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	• May Half Term
• 1 <sup>st</sup> June	• Non Pupil Day
• 17 <sup>th</sup> July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 20 <sup>th</sup> 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.**



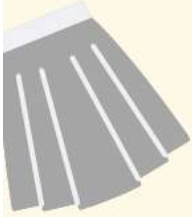
**We are a nut aware school; we have children and adults with nut allergies, which could be very dangerous for them to be in contact. Please ensure that you check ingredients of all foods sent into school, even items you buy regularly, as there can be changes, to ensure there are no issues.**



# Pre-loved uniform sale

## Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Sept

Starting just before end of day pick up



Swap similar items for free or  
take and make a donation to FOM  
(charity pot for cash & electronic payment options  
available)



**£3 per branded item**  
**£1 non-branded**



At the moment we are looking especially for donations of:

- branded items (all sizes)
- smaller sizes needing a new home
- please drop any clean items in a bag to the office



**Friends of  
Maltese Road  
Primary School**

Registered Charity  
Number  
1210969

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Friends of Maltese Road  
Primary School



Join our  
volunteer  
community  
via QR code



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Friends of Maltese Road Primary School  
invites parents, carers and staff to our

## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October  
from 7pm

Venue tba on confirmation of numbers -  
will be in local area

Find out:

- what we got up to in 24/25
- how your generous support has benefitted the children and school!
- how you can get involved this year – no contribution is too small!

Elect your committee and trustees for 25/26

Share your ideas for what you'd like to see from FOM this year

Meet other members of the Maltese Road community

For more info or to RSVP, email  
[friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmaltese@gmail.com)  
by Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Sep

