



## Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

Today, we are celebrating our **wonderful Learning Support Assistants**. A huge thank you to them for their hard work, dedication, and the invaluable support they give to our children and teachers each and every day.

On **Wednesday 24th September**, we were delighted to welcome **Guide Dogs UK** into school. They helped our children understand the important work guide dogs do in supporting people who are blind or partially sighted. The day began with a whole-school assembly, followed by class workshops filled with fun and engaging activities to raise awareness.



Today, we are excited to announce the arrival of our **Book Fair!** Families are warmly invited to visit and explore the wonderful selection of books available to purchase. It's a fantastic opportunity to encourage a love of reading at home. The books will be on sale at 3:15pm under the Year 6 canopy on Monday and Tuesday next week, 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September. As with previous years, the book fair will be cashless.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



**Individual Photos** - Thursday next week are the individual pupil photos, siblings will have their picture taken together. All children must wear full uniform, if it is a PE day please bring kits to school.



## Reminders

- Non-Pupil Day Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

## Non Pupil Day

## Letters Sent Home This Week

Wednesday	Year 5	Duxford IWM
Wednesday	Years 2 & 4	Layer Marney Towers
Thursday	Year 6	Residential PGL Overstrand Hall

## Teacher Club – Choir

Club	Year Groups	Day	Pick up time
Choir	3 – 6	Thursday	4:00pm

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 30<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Book Fair – 3:15pm – 3:30pm</li> <li>• Book Fair – 3:15pm – 3:30pm</li> <li>• Individual School Photos</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> October</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Non Pupil Day</li> <li>• Hello Yellow Day – Details to Follow</li> <li>• FOM Youth Club – Years 4-6</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> <li>• FOM Diwali Tuck Shop – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> October</li> <li>• 24<sup>th</sup> October</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FOM Pumpkin Carving Contest</li> <li>• FOM Non-Uniform Day</li> <li>• FOM Halloween Trail – After School</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>• 6<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• 21<sup>st</sup> November</li> <li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2 &amp; Year 4 Trip to Layer Marney Towers</li> <li>• Year 4 Times Tables Talk – Yr 4 Parents Invited – 3:15pm In the Classroom</li> <li>• Year 5 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum</li> <li>• FOM Disco – Reception Class &amp; Yrs 1 - 3 – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Reception Class Nativity at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:15am</li> <li>• Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm – Details to Follow</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 9<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 10<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 11<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 17<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>• 19<sup>th</sup> December</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; 2 Production to Parents – 9:15am</li> <li>• Aladdin Panto – Chelmsford Civic Theatre – Details to Follow</li> <li>• Christmas Dinner Day</li> <li>• Year 1 &amp; 2 Production to Parents – 1:30pm</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:00am</li> <li>• Last day of Autumn Term</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 22<sup>nd</sup> December – 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.**

## FOM news

We're delighted to share with you some upcoming dates for the diary!

Tuesday 7th October	FOM Annual General Meeting
Friday 10th October	Youth Club (Years 4-6)
Friday 17th October	Diwali Tuckshop
Wednesday 22nd October	Pumpkin carving contest
Friday 24th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Non-uniform day in exchange for a donation to FOM</li><li>• Halloween Trail after school (All years - parents / carers to accompany children)</li></ul>
October Half Term	Half term Challenge: Our school is turning 10, and we're celebrating with a fun "Power of 10" Challenge! Choose a 10-themed activity, get sponsored, and help raise £10 each to support our school!
Friday 21st November	Disco (Reception and Years 1-3)
Thursday 27th November	Wreath Making (adults evening event)

Any questions, please email [friendsofmaltese@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmaltese@gmail.com)

Don't forget to follow us on social media:



**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:

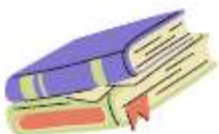
- what we got up to in 24/25
- how your generous support has benefitted the children and school!
- how you can get involved this year – no contribution is too small!

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





# YOUTH CLUB



**Come along to Youth Club!  
A chance to hang out with your friends  
with lots of fun, games and  
activities for everyone!**



**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Time: 3.15pm-5pm**

**For years 4, 5 & 6**

**Cost: £6, including hot dog  
and unlimited drinks**



**Food - tuck shop - games - music -  
activities - crafts - fun!**



**Please note that year 6 students will not be allowed to walk home on  
their own following the event and must be collected by an adult.**



Online booking preferred: please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/44f3hcc3>.  
Alternatively you can pay with cash by returning this slip to the FOM  
mailbox. Deadline for purchasing tickets: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Name of child:**

**Class:**

**Name of adult collecting:**

**Contact number on the day:**

**Allergies / dietary requirements:**

**Any medical conditions we should be aware of:**



# PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

## FREE ENTRY



### HOW TO ENTER

Bring your pumpkins in on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
Line them on the grass along the path to the entrance  
Remember to label them with full names & class  
Please be sure to take them home with you on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October



### PRIZES AVAILABLE

A panel of judges will select winners from the below categories:

- Reception & key stage 1
- Key stage 2
- Grown ups (introduced for this year by popular request!)



SO SHARPEN YOUR CARVING KNIVES & DUST OFF YOUR CRAFT COLLECTIONS.  
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOUR GOURD-GEIOUS CREATIONS!



## NON-UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

Children are invited to wear  
spooks and sparkles to school  
for a donation to FOM

Suggested donation of £1 - £2 to be handed  
to class teacher on the door in the morning

Costumes / clothing should be  
spooky not scary.

No replica weapons or full face  
coverings / masks to be brought  
to school.





# HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Friday 24th October  
3:10-5pm

School Field  
collect trail sheets from playground

**£6 PER CHILD  
INCLUDES PRIZE**

**50P PER ADULT**

Treat shop, bar &  
refreshments  
available for purchase



NB: children to be accompanied by responsible adult

Grab your tickets via the QR code or visit:

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool)  
by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October



Online booking preferred (see above). Or cash can be paid & returned with this slip completed in an envelope to the FOM mailbox outside reception by 20/10/25

Name of child(ren):

Class(es) or state if not at Maltese Road:

Number of adults attending:

Allergies or dietary requirements (please state):

