



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

🌟 Welcome Back from Half Term! 🌟

We hope everyone had a lovely and restful half term break! It's wonderful to see all our children back in school, ready for another exciting and busy few weeks ahead.

Anti-Bullying Week – “The Power of Good”

Next week, we'll be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week**, with the theme “**The Power of Good.**”

We'll begin the week with a **whole school assembly** to explore how even small acts of kindness can make a big difference.



To celebrate what makes us all unique, children are encouraged to **wear odd socks on Monday** (if they wish). It's a fun way to remind ourselves that we're all special and that being different is something to be proud of!

Year 5 Trip to Duxford – Tuesday 11th November

A quick reminder that **Year 5** will be visiting **Duxford** on **Tuesday 11th November**.

Please make sure all permission slips have been returned and that children arrive on time with a packed lunch, suitable clothing, and comfortable shoes.

Firework Displays This Weekend

If you're attending a **firework display** this weekend, we hope you have a **fantastic time** please remember to **stay safe** and enjoy the celebrations responsibly.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Year 2 & 4 Trip to Layer Marney Tower

We had a very exciting trip on Thursday!

The children enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting activities, with Year 2 sharing their knowledge about the Great Fire of London and Year 4 being Vikings.

We are so proud of all the children for the hard work and resilience they showed today 🌟 🚌 ☀️ 🎯



This year we are taking the children to see Aladdin at the Civic Theatre on Tuesday 9th December. **If you wish for your child to attend you must pay online via Arbor before Tuesday 2nd December.** If your child will not be attending they are expected to attend school. All children are required to bring a packed lunch to school on this day. If you receive universal credit and are entitled to free school meals, please let the school office know if you would like the school to provide a packed lunch.



Reminders

- Monday – Odd Socks
- Monday – Year 4 Times Table Talk – Year 4 Classroom 3:15pm
- Tuesday – Year 5 Duxford – Please make payment via Arbor and return forms asap
- Wednesday – PGL Meeting in the Year 6 classroom – 3:15pm. Please make deposit payment via Arbor to secure your child's place

Letters Sent Home

7 th November	Whole School	Christmas Dinner
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Teacher Clubs – Week Commencing Monday 10th November 2025

Club	Year Groups	Day	Start/Finish Time
Gym Trail	Invite Only	Tuesday	8am
Maths Club	Invite Only	Tuesday	8am
Playground Games	Years 1 & 2	Tuesday	3:45pm
Board Games	Years 3 – 6	Tuesday	3:50pm
Book Club	Years 1 & 2	Wednesday	3:45pm
Drawing Skills	Years 2 – 4	Wednesday	3:45pm
Tri Golf	Years 3 – 6	Wednesday	3:50pm
Choir	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	4:00pm
Art Club	Years 3 – 6	Thursday	3:50pm
Gardening Club	Year 1 – 6	Thursday	3:50pm



SEND News

Throughout November, ACL Essex is offering a wide range of **FREE Family Learning courses**, available both online and face-to-face across Essex.

These sessions are designed to support **parents and carers** with practical strategies to enhance emotional wellbeing, strengthen family life, and empower them in their parenting journey.

To sign up, simply visit www.aclessex.com and type the course title into the search box.

Courses include:

- Understanding Neurodiverse Children
- Supporting Family Maths
- Family Wellbeing
- Support Your Child Attend/Enjoy School
- Understanding ADHD & ASD in Children
- Positive Parenting
- ESOL for Families
- Assertive Parenting
- Raising Boys
- Raising Girls
- SEND Support
- Zones of Regulation
- Family ESOL
- Support SEND Child Manage Big Emotion
- Managing Anger in Young People
- Bringing Stories To Life
- SEND Support for Families
- Sleep Workshop
- English Skills for Everyday
- Interview Skills For Parents
- Wellbeing Art
- Talking So Children Will Listen
- Setting Boundaries
- Managing Big Emotions
- Sibling Rivalry

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10th November 11th November 12th November 21st November 1st December 3rd December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 4 Times Tables Talk – Yr 4 Parents Invited – 3:15pm In the Classroom Year 5 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum Year 6 Residential Meeting in the Year 6 classroom – 3:15pm FOM Disco – Reception Class & Yrs 1 - 3 Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly – Parents Invited 9am Reception Class Nativity at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:15am Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm – Details to Follow Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm – Details to Follow Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop Year 1 & 2 Production to Parents – 9:15am Aladdin Panto – Chelmsford Civic Theatre Christmas Dinner Day Year 1 & 2 Production to Parents – 1:30pm Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:00am Last day of Autumn Term
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5th January 2026 12th January 26th January 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Spring Term Goodleigh Dental Practice Parent Talk – 2:30pm – Details to Follow Goodleigh Dental Practice – Reception Class & Year 3 – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16th – 20th February 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> February Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16th March 27th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goodleigh Dental – Flip the Lip, Reception Class & Year 3 – Details to Follow Last Day of Spring Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30th March – 10th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Easter Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 13th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Summer Term

2025-2026 Term Dates

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st September 2nd September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd October 27th – 31st October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day October Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Autumn Term
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th May 25th May – 29th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Day Bank Holiday May Half Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1st June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non Pupil Day

FOM news

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

1) **Maltese Road Tea Towel Sale with your child's portrait on** - Celebrating 10 years of Maltese Road School. Purchase by 21st November to guarantee delivery for Christmas. Be quick as there's limited numbers available and once they're gone, they're gone!

Purchase online here: <https://pta.events/My-childs-portrait-tea-towel>

2) **Maltese Road Teddy Bears Sale** - Get your cute and cuddly keepsakes now for £9! Purchase online here: <https://pta.events/Teddy>

3) **Elfridges - Gift Collection Days** are **Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November**. Please see poster attached for more details. The class that donates the most gifts will receive a contribution towards a class celebration in December.

4) **Elfridges** - This is taking place on **Friday 12th December**. Gift Tokens are available to purchase for £4 each. Please see poster attached for more details!

Purchase online here: <https://pta.events/Elfridges-2025>

5) **Christmas Jumper Exchange** - if you have any spare or outgrown festive jumpers, knits or t-shirts, please donate to our jumper exchange taking place first week of December. Please see poster attached for more details.

LIMITED EDITION 10TH BIRTHDAY SCHOOL TEA TOWELS – ON SALE NOW!



To celebrate our school's 10th birthday, we've created a special 2025–2026 School Tea Towel featuring every child's self-portrait! A perfect keepsake and a thoughtful Christmas gift for family and friends.



£9

<https://pta.events/My-childs-portrait-tea-towel>

Make sure you don't miss out -
once they're gone, they're
gone!

WREATH making WORKSHOP

Join us for an evening of festive crafting in the school hall. Have a festive drink, let your Christmas creativity flow and you'll leave with a beautiful homemade wreath for your front door for Christmas 2025.

£30
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Thursday
27th November 6.30-9pm

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

Open to all -
invite a friend
or family
member and
make an
evening of it!



Please book tickets via the QR code or visit:

<https://pta.events/MalteseWreath2025> by Friday 21st November.

Online booking preferred but cash can be paid & returned with this slip completed in an envelope to the FOM mailbox outside reception by 21/11/25:

Name:

Number of tickets required:

Childs name and year:

Contact number:





DISCO

RECEPTION, KSI & YEAR 3 DISCO
FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025

STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL 4.30PM.

£7 (INCLUDES A SNACK AND UNLIMITED WATER/SQUASH).

CHILDREN CAN BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES TO PUT ON
AFTER SCHOOL PLUS LABELLED EAR DEFENDERS IF
REQUIRED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



**Use the online booking system via QR code below (preferred) or
pay by cash returning this slip to the FOM mailbox**

Name of child(ren): _____

Class(es): _____

Name of adult collecting: _____

Contact no. for adult collecting: _____

Allergies or dietary needs: _____

Any medical conditions we need to be aware of: _____

Online booking/ payment is preferred and can be done by
using the QR code or following this link:

pta-events.co.uk/friendsofmalteseroadprimaryschool

Alternatively, if paying by cash, please return with this slip
in an envelope to the FOM mailbox outside Reception





Elfridges

Gift Collection Days

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.

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

From 8.30am, on both Thursday 27th and Friday 28th November, Friends of Maltese will be outside the link classroom to collect the gifts.

Thank you for your support.





Elfridges

What is it?

Deep within the school, for one very special day, a team of cheerful elves (our wonderful FOM volunteers) will open the doors to Elfridges, a magical secret shop! On Friday 12th December, children will be invited to visit during school hours to choose and purchase special gifts for their loved ones - all without their grown-ups knowing a thing!

Why?

There's something truly magical about giving. At Elfridges, children experience the joy and pride of choosing a thoughtful gift all by themselves. Each present will be carefully wrapped by our twinkly-fingered elves and sent home, ready to be placed under the Christmas tree - a surprise waiting to be unwrapped on Christmas Day!

How does it work?

1. Purchase gift tokens online – as many as you like, one for each person your child would like to surprise.
2. Chat with your child about who they'd like to buy for and fill in the details when booking.
3. On the big day, your child will step through the doors of Elfridges, where the elves will help them choose the perfect gift and wrap it in festive paper sprinkled with a little Christmas magic.
4. All gifts will be taken home the same day, ready for secret safekeeping until Christmas morning!

To ensure the elves can pick the right presents, please purchase your gift tokens online by visiting: <https://pta.events/Elfridges-2025>
Gift tokens cost £4 per gift (gifts are for grown ups!).

Please only complete & return if you are paying cash as all the information is gathered online.

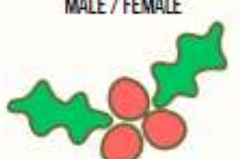
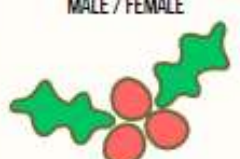
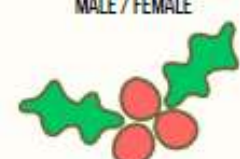
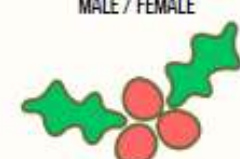
If you would like to purchase Elfridges gift tokens by cash, please complete the following:

How many gifts would you like to buy? _____

Name of Child: _____ Year Group: _____

Cash enclosed: Yes Amount enclosed: _____

Please scan and email the form to friendsofmaltese@gmail.com or return it in an envelope to the FOM postbox outside reception. Please complete the gift tags below with your child's message!

<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE</p>  <p>TO: _____ _____ _____ FROM: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE</p>  <p>TO: _____ _____ _____ FROM: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE</p>  <p>TO: _____ _____ _____ FROM: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____</p>	<p>PLEASE CIRCLE: MALE / FEMALE</p>  <p>TO: _____ _____ _____ FROM: _____ YEAR GROUP: _____</p>
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CHRISTMAS JUMPER EXCHANGE

Got spare or outgrown kids' festive
knits, sweaters or tees?

Then please donate to our
jumper exchange!

A jumper exchange rail will be available at
drop off every day 2nd-5th Dec and pick up
on 4th/5th Dec.

Pop any donated items on a hanger on the rail
or drop in with reception.

Jumpers will be available for a suggested
donation of £2.

Simply help yourself and drop your coins in
the collection cup!

Anyone donating a jumper(s), may just
exchange!

Reminder:

- Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers to:
- Christmas dinner - Wednesday 10th December
 - Elfridges & craft day - Friday 12th December



Maltese Road TEDDY BEAR



£9

Grab your very own cute & cuddly
Maltese Road Teddy Bear keepsake!

Scan to buy 



<https://pta.events/Teddy>