



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Maltese Road Families

Thank you so much for your generous support of our wonderful FOMS by donating gifts for our exciting *Elfridges* event on Friday 12th December. Your contributions help make these special moments possible for the children, and we are truly grateful.

Online Safety

This week in assembly, our focus has been on online safety. We explored both the positives and the potential challenges of being online. With our KS2 children, we discussed how some online games can create a *sensory overload*, which may feel overwhelming for a developing brain. We also talked about how certain platforms are intentionally designed to be highly engaging, which can sometimes lead to excessive screen time or even dependency for some children. Several pupils mentioned that Roblox, for example, can feel very stimulating due to the frequent opportunities to win rewards. These conversations are so important in helping children build healthy online habits.

We would also like to congratulate our brilliant Year 1 children, who recently took part in the Teddy L'ympics at Chelmsford Athletic Stadium. We were incredibly proud to come 1st on the day and 3rd overall—a fantastic achievement for our young competitors!

Wreath Making

A huge thank you to FOMS for organising a wonderful Christmas wreath-making evening. It was lovely to see parents, teachers, and neighbours coming together to be creative. Events like these truly reflect the warm community spirit that makes our school so special.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We would like to inform you that one of our Parent Governors, **Mrs Muna Rahman**, is nearing the end of her term of office. She has kindly served the school for the past four years, and we would like to express our sincere thanks for her commitment, hard work, and contribution to the governing body. Due to other commitments, she will not be standing for re-election.

We are now seeking expressions of interest from any parent or carer who would like to be considered for the position of Parent Governor. If more than one nomination is received, a parent election will be held in the New Year.

If you are interested in putting yourself forward, please contact the school office by **12th December**.

Parents Consultation Evening

Finally, a reminder that Parents' Evening will take place on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th December. Please ensure you have booked your appointment online. During your meeting, teachers will discuss your child's progress using our interim reports. These reports provide an overview of your child's current attainment and the outcomes of assessments in reading, writing, maths and science, based on the statutory requirements for their year group.



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 - Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly to Parents – 9am
- Wednesday – Reception Class Nativity in the Church of Ascension – Parents to arrive before 9:15am
- Wednesday – Parents Evening
- Thursday – Parents Evening
- Friday – Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop in School

Teacher Clubs – Week Commencing Monday 1st December 2025 MORNING CLUBS ONLY

Club	Year Groups	Day	Start/Finish Time
Gym Trail – Last one	Invite Only	Tuesday	8am
Maths Club	Invite Only	Tuesday	8am

Last Week of Teacher Clubs – Week Commencing Monday 8th December 2025

Club	Year Groups	Day	Start/Finish Time
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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:



Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st December • 3rd December • 4th December • 5th December • 8th December • 9th December • 10th December • 11th December • 12th December • 17th December • 19th December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5 & 6 Class Assembly – Parents Invited 9am • Reception Class Nativity at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:15am • Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm • Parents Evening – 3pm – 6pm • Key Stage 2 Panto Workshop • Year 1 & 2 Production to Parents – 9:15am • Aladdin Panto – Chelmsford Civic Theatre • Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumpers with Uniform • Year 1 & 2 Production to Parents – 1:30pm • Christmas Jumper Day – Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform • Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at the Church – Parents Invited – 9:00am • Last day of Autumn Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd December – 2nd January 2026 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Holidays
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th January 2026 • 12th January • 26th January • 9th February • 10th February 	<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 • Year 6 Cyber Bullying Workshop • Year 4 Super Stars Event at CSAC – 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 • 17th March • 27th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodleigh Dental – Flip the Lip, Reception Class & Year 3 – Details to Follow • Year 3 Trip to Colchester Castle – 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 • 17th April • 4th May • 25th – 29th May • 1st June • 8th – 10th June • 19th June • 1st July • 17th July • 20th July • 21st July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • Year 1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle – Details to Follow • May Bank Holiday • May Half Term • Non Pupil Day • Year 6 Residential to PGL Overstrand Hall • Sports Day • Year 2 Mini Games at CSAC – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term • Non Pupil Day • First Day of Summer Holidays

2025-2026 Term Dates

Date	
• 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



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

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Zones of Regulation

Online Course

This engaging two-week course is designed to give parents and carers valuable insight into the Zones of Regulation framework. You will learn practical strategies to help children and young people:

- Recognize and understand their emotions
- Develop self-regulation skills
- Build resilience and emotional intelligence
- Strengthen communication and relationships

Date: 02/12/2025

Time: 09:45 - 11:45

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website acessex.com and type "ZONES" in the 'Find a course...' box



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Community & Family Learning Courses



COURSE TITLE	VENUE	START DATE	START TIME	END TIME
<i>FL ZONES OF REGULATION</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>02/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>09:45</i>	<i>11:45</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING AND MANAGING ANGER</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>4/12/2025 (2 WEEKS)</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:00</i>
<i>FL MANAGING BIG EMOTIONS</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>19:00</i>	<i>21:30</i>
<i>FL UNDERSTANDING DYSLEXIA</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>10/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>14:30</i>
<i>FL ROUTINES RULE</i>	<i>ONLINE LIVE</i>	<i>12/12/2025</i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>15:00</i>

If you would like to enrol on to a FREE course please Visit our website acessex.com and type the course title in the 'Find a course...' box

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**Thank you for continuing to support us
These items are most needed at present:**

- Small jars instant coffee and hot chocolate
- Long-life fruit juice and fruit squash
- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned fish
- Instant mashed potato sachets
- Tinned vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes
- Tinned pulses, tinned spaghetti, tinned soup
- Rice
- Pasta sauce
- Ketchup and mayo
- Cooking oil
- UHT milk
- Tinned fruit
- Sponge puddings and tinned rice pudding
- Instant custard sachets and tinned custard
- Jam and spreads
- Packets of biscuits
- Chocolate biscuit bars/cereal bars/sweets/savoury crackers
- All toiletries inc: washing up liquid, toilet rolls, deodorant,
shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, shaving foam,
laundry tabs/pods Nappies sizes 5 to 7

Items can be delivered to our warehouse at
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk

See also weekly Top 5 most needed items updates on Facebook

FOM news

WREATH MAKING

Wow! What a wonderful evening! We were delighted to welcome over 30 parents, teachers and members of the local community to our second wreath making event.

Thank you to everyone who helped with foraging for foliage and the other bits that made it all possible.

We are so impressed by everyone's creativity and can't wait to spot all those beautiful locally sourced and hand-crafted wreaths on neighbourhood doors!



ELFRIDGES

A reminder to pre-buy those tokens! This will help Team Elf make sure the right amount of presents are available for children to choose from!

Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations. The Elves are now merrily preparing now for the magical day.



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!).

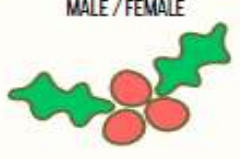
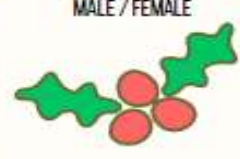
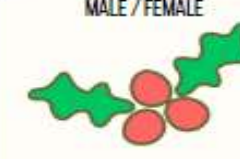
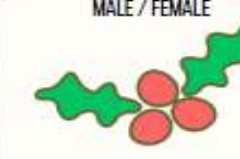
Please only complete & return if you are paying cash as all the information is gathered online. If you would like to purchase Elfridges gift tokens by cash, please complete the following:

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



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