



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Maltese Road Families



The children loved their Greek Feast! I was so impressed at how adventurous some children were at trying new foods. I was blown away at the end of the day when children came over to personally thank me for the food tasting because they enjoyed it so much which was lovely!

Parent Governors – Election Results

We are delighted to announce that **Mr Sebastian Salaforis and Mrs Emma Cruse** have been successfully voted in by parents to serve as our new **Parent Governors**.

On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to offer our warmest congratulations to them both. We greatly appreciate their willingness to take on this important role and to represent the voice of our parent community.

We look forward to working with Mr Salaforis and Mrs Cruse in future Governing Body meetings and are confident that they will make a valuable contribution to the continued development and success of our school.

Thank you to all parents who participated in the voting process.

Lockdown Practice

Following our recent correspondence during the Autumn Term, and a recent message shared via Class Dojo, we would like to remind parents that our annual lockdown practice will take place next week. As you are aware, just like regular fire drills, schools are required to practise lockdown procedures annually to ensure that staff and pupils know how to respond safely and calmly in the unlikely event of an emergency.

I will be leading a child-friendly assembly on **Tuesday 3rd March** to explain the process to the children in a reassuring and age-appropriate way. The lockdown practice will then take place on **Wednesday 4th March**.

Thank you for your continued support.

Scrapstore PlayPod

A Scrapstore PlayPod is a wooden shed installed in school playgrounds and filled with “loose parts” — clean, safe, reclaimed industrial materials — designed to transform playtime. These resources encourage children to build, create, design, invent and collaborate using their imagination.

The project is specifically designed to enhance children’s wellbeing by providing imaginative, creative and active unstructured play opportunities. Research shows that this type of play supports problem-solving skills, teamwork, resilience and communication, while also promoting physical activity and enjoyment during breaktimes.

We look forward to seeing the wonderful creations and collaborative play it will inspire!

Exciting News

We are delighted to share that our PlayPod shed has now been filled with materials and is ready for the next stage of implementation.

Staff training will take place on **Monday 2nd March** and **Tuesday 3rd March**, ensuring that the PlayPod can be introduced safely and effectively. Following this training, the children will begin using the PlayPod in a playwork and risk-supervised manner, allowing them to explore, create and collaborate while being supported by trained staff.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful parents and the FOMS team for their fundraising efforts. Your support at FOMS events has made this exciting opportunity possible for our children.

We cannot wait to see the creativity, teamwork and imagination the PlayPod will inspire!

Sublime Science

On Thursday 12th March, Sublime Science will be coming into school to carry out a range of fun, hands-on and educational science workshops with each class. This is a wonderful and exciting opportunity for the children and one not to be missed!

We are asking for a contribution of £4 per child, to be paid online via Arbor under Trips. Please make payment by Wednesday 4th March 2026.

Parking Reminder – Please Support Our Local Residents

We have recently received further complaints from local residents regarding parents parking across and blocking residential driveways at drop-off and pick-up times.

Although this matter has been addressed in previous newsletters and messages, and individual letters have been sent home where we have been notified of inappropriate parking, the issue unfortunately continues.

We fully understand that these times of day are busy; however, parking across a resident’s driveway, even for a short period of time is unacceptable and causes significant inconvenience and frustration for those who live nearby.

We respectfully ask all parents and carers to ensure that they do not park over or block residents’ driveways under any circumstances.

As a school, we are committed to maintaining positive relationships with our local community, and we appreciate your cooperation and consideration in helping us do so.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards
Mrs White

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES: 

Date	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd March • 4th March • 5th March • 5th March • 12th March • 13th March • 16th March • 18th March • 19th March • 24th March • 25th March • 27th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole School Dance Workshop • Lockdown Practice • World Book Day – Dress Up as Your Favourite Book Character • FOM Maltese Bars • Sublime Science • FOM Mother’s Day Daffodil Sale – After School outside the Hive • Goodleigh Dental – Flip the Lip, Reception Class & Year 3 • Parents Evening – 15:30pm – 18:30pm • Parents Evening – 15:30pm – 18:30pm • Year 3 and Year 4 Performance – Parents Invited – 1:45pm – 2:45pm • Year 3 and Year 4 Performance – Parents Invited – 9:15am – 10:15am • 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 • 20th April 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Day of Summer Term • Year 1 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle • Year 6 Visit to Chelmsford Theatre – Details to Follow
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Bank Holiday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 19th May 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class Photos – Wear full school uniform
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25th – 29th May • 1st June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Half Term • Non Pupil Day
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8th – 10th June • 19th June • 1st July • 17th July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 6 Residential to PGL Overstrand Hall • Sports Day • Year 2 Mini Games at CSAC – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th July • 21st July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day • First Day of Summer Holidays

2025-2026 Term Dates

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 27th March 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last Day of Spring Term
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st June 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non Pupil Day
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Family Support Worker Melanie Pointon contact Mon-Fri on: 07562 111 932.

2026-2027 Term Dates

Date	
• 1 st September 2026	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 nd September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 2 nd October	• Non Pupil Day
• 26 th – 30 th October	• October Half Term
• 17 th December	• Last Day of Autumn Term
• 18 th December	• Non Pupil Day
• 21 st December – 1 st January 2027	• Christmas Holidays
• 4 th January 2027	• First Day of Spring Term
• 15 th – 19 th February	• February Half Term
• 25 th March	• Last Day of Spring Term
• 26 th March – 9 th April	• Easter Holidays
• 12 th April	• First Day of Summer Term
• 3 rd May	• May Day Bank Holiday
• 31 st May – 4 th June	• May Half Term
• 7 th June	• Non Pupil Day
• 20 th July	• Last Day of Summer Term
• 21 st July	• Non Pupil Day

WORLD BOOK DAY



'MALTESE' BAR RAFFLE



Do you have what it takes to uncover the Maltese Bar Golden Ticket?

Step right up for a once-a-year chance to win exclusive Maltese-inspired prizes.
1 in 10 chance to win!

HOW TO ENTER

Purchase as many tickets as you like online, using this link or the QR code below!
<https://pta.events/wonka>

On Thursday 5th March, your ordered Maltese Bar(s) will be delivered to the classroom before the end of the day.
Open your Maltese Bar to see if you have found a Golden Ticket inside!

✦ GOLDEN TICKET PRIZES INCLUDE ✦

- 📖 Wonka-Inspired Books
- 🎮 Toys
- 👤 Become the Headteacher
- 🍷 Treat for the Whole Class
- ✦ Plus many more magnificent prizes!
- 🎉 DON'T MISS OUT!



Get your tickets before **Sunday 1st March** - this is your last chance to step into a world of pure imagination!

⚠️ **ALLERGIES:** We are committed to ensuring that all children can take part in this exciting event. All allergies and dietary needs will be considered so that everyone can enjoy the fun safely!





Easter Raffle

Spring is here and we're celebrating with the return of our
Easter Raffle!

We have some amazing prizes waiting to be won!

Prizes include:

£100 cash

Colourful Rainbow Hampers

**Layer Marney Tickets, Ongar Railway Tickets, Beauty Products,
Ride on SUV car & more!**



Tickets on Sale Now!

£1 per ticket

£20 worth available to buy in your child's bag.

How to Enter:

1. Complete the slip below & return with cash to the FOM post box or transfer via BACS to: Maltese Road Primary School PTA & Friends, Acc No: 44727068, Sort Code: 30 98 97.

Please enter your child's full name and yr group as reference e.g. Andy Smith 2 in order to track payments.

2. Please remember to tear off any tickets purchased and return with your form, writing your child's name on the back of the tickets. Please remember to keep the other half as a reminder of which tickets you have purchased.

Draw Date: Friday 27th March 2026

All proceeds go to Maltese Road Primary School to support our children—so while you're having fun, you're also making a difference!

Let's make this Easter extra special – grab your tickets before
Wednesday 25th March.

Please pay by cash or BACS returning this slip to the FOM mailbox for the Easter Raffle!

Please ensure you have completed steps 1 & 2 outlined above.

Ticket Number(s)	Ticket Colour	Child's Name	Year Group