



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2026

Dear Maltese Families

As we come to the end of another fantastic academic year at Maltese Road Primary School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful children, dedicated staff, supportive families, and governors for making this year such a memorable one.

It has been a year filled with learning, growth, achievement, and opportunity. Our children have made excellent progress, not only academically but also in developing confidence, resilience, and kindness. Every child should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

Throughout the year, children have embraced a wide range of exciting experiences beyond the classroom. From Sports Day and inter-school sporting competitions to educational visits, performances, themed learning days, fundraising events, celebrations, clubs, and special visitors, our children have demonstrated enthusiasm, teamwork, and a willingness to try new things. These experiences help to create lifelong memories and enrich the learning that takes place every day at Maltese Road.

A very special farewell goes to our wonderful Year 6 children. Watching you grow into thoughtful, capable, and caring young people has been a privilege. As you move on to the next chapter of your education, remember to always be kind, be brave, and believe in yourselves. There will be challenges along the way, but there will also be countless opportunities waiting for you. Carry with you the friendships, values, and memories you have made at Maltese Road, and never stop asking questions, discovering new interests, and striving to be your very best. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success and happiness in the future. Once a Maltese Road pupil, always a member of our school family.

To our Reception children, what an amazing first year you have had! You arrived with excitement, curiosity, and perhaps a few butterflies, and you have grown into confident learners who have embraced every opportunity with smiles and enthusiasm. As you continue your journey through primary school, keep your curiosity alive, continue asking questions, exploring the world around you, and enjoying every new adventure. We look forward to watching you flourish in the years ahead.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a happy, restful, and safe summer holiday. Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another exciting year of learning, friendship, and success.

Have a wonderful summer.

Governors Update:

The Maltese Road Local Governing Body met on 13th July 2026. Please find below a short update from our meeting:

- The Chair and Safeguarding Governors attended Safeguarding training on 30 June which was run by the local LA.
- The LGB now has a Community Governor in place, which is good news for our school governing board.
- Mrs White let us know that 87% of Year 1 children met the standard for Phonics, an excellent result.
- We are pleased that the water issue was resolved, following the school closure on 10 July.

Our next meeting will be in the autumn term, dates TBC by the Trust.

Previous Governors Update:

The Maltese Road Local Governing Body met on 4th March 2026. Please find below a short update from our meeting:

- *I would like to extend our thank you to Amelie Ellis who served as a parent governor for the last 3 years. Amelie and family have now moved out of the area, we wish them the best of luck. In particular Amelie took on the role of safeguarding governor, which is always a valuable role to serve.*
- *We were delighted to welcome two new parent governors to our governing body, Seb and Emma.*
- *Governors will attend Governor training on 23 March, which will be run by the Trust.*
- *During our meeting we had updates from Mrs White and Mrs Almond on school data results and how the Hive SEN provision is working. We were glad to hear both are going well, with school achievement data showing we are in line with National standards. As always, there are some areas where our school exceeds National data and some areas slightly below to focus on.*

Lucy (Chair of LGB)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
• 1 st September	• Non Pupil Day
• 2 nd September	• First Day of Autumn Term
• 16 th September	• Year 5 & Year 6 Essex Cricket – Details to Follow
• 22 nd September	• Year 5 & Year 6 Lets Talk Trash – Details to Follow
• 28 th September	• Book Fair – Details to Follow
• 29 th September	• Book Fair – Details to Follow
• 1 st October	• Individual School Photos
• 2 nd October	• Non Pupil Day
• 14 th October	• Year 3 Parents Invited to Lunch – Details to Follow
• 26 th – 30 th October	• October Half Term
• 12 th November	• Year 5 Duxford Imperial War Museum – Details to Follow
• 13 th November	• Flu Immunisations
• 15 th December	• Cinderella Pantomime – Details to Follow
• 16 th December	• Christmas Dinner
• 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

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



Friends of Maltese - End of Summer term update

And just like that we are at the end of another academic year! And what a year it has been.

We are delighted to announce that we raised over **£18,000 this year**. This brings the total raised since FOM was formed in October 2024 to **£32,000!** This is incredible! A huge thank you to everyone for supporting the events, responding to pleas for donations and volunteering. We couldn't do this without you.

From discos, tuck shops, the Wonka Golden Ticket event, Easter and Halloween trails, the Mini-Marathon, fun runs, sponsored walks, bake sales and Indian treats. Culminating in the second annual Maltese Festival at the end of the year which after the initial panic over the inflatables was a fabulous family day for everyone!

The funds raised have been used to provide much needed resources for the children of Maltese Road. From new water play tables, sports and music equipment, props for productions, contributions to themed days, teacher 'wishlists' of resources for their classrooms, the year 6 leavers event and so much more.

This year we were also thrilled to be able to make some more significant purchases including the much-loved PlayPod which has been a huge hit with children, the mobile kitchen and most recently the outdoor classroom and storage shed which was installed just in time for the heatwave providing a shady place for year groups to learn.

As you know the FOM is powered by a small but mighty team of individuals who despite having full time jobs, give up their time to help organise events and ensure that we can provide the resources our children need to learn and grow. A special thanks also goes to our regular volunteers who consistently put their hands up to offer help.

As many of you will know, this marks the end of my term as the Chair of FOM. Laura, our Treasurer, and Alex, our Secretary, are also standing down after two years of hard work and dedication. So much of what they have done has happened behind the scenes, often without recognition, but without their commitment we simply wouldn't have achieved everything we have. Beyond the fundraising initiatives, we officially became a registered charity which allows us to apply for grants and other initiatives. To continue with this, we need to fill the roles of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary to carry on.

We've come so far and it would be a shame to see the FOM have to fold. The rest of the committee, Emma, Jess, Gemma and Lianne have agreed to stay on but if we are to continue the good work we have been doing and capitalise on the foundations we have spent two years putting in place, they need some help!

Family Support Worker Melanie Pounton contact Mon-Fri on: 07562 111 932.

Being part of the FOM is lots of fun and we all manage to make it work around our work commitments, children, family life and everything else! We love being able to host the events our children enjoy so much and get great satisfaction from being able to raise money to support the school for our children.

We would love for new members to join for the new term. If you are interested, please do contact your class rep and we can have a chat. There is no minimum commitment – just the desire to help and get involved!

For now, all that's left for me to say is a huge thank you for your all support and encouragement over the last two years. Leading the FOM has been an incredible honour and I am extremely proud of everything that we have achieved together.

I leave you in the hands of the very capable team and look forward to seeing new faces joining the committee in September.

Most of all, I hope you'll continue to support FOM as generously as you always have, so together we can keep making a difference for the children of Maltese Road.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful summer.

With best wishes,

Nicola James
Chair, FOM