



Maltese Road Primary School

NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Maltese Families

We would like to remind parents and carers to please make any outstanding payments for Year 5 and 6 Lets Talk Trash trip as soon as possible. School trips provide wonderful opportunities and experiences for our children, but they can only go ahead when we receive sufficient contributions to cover the costs. For future trips, if we do not receive enough payments, unfortunately we may have no option but to cancel. Thank you for your continued support and for helping us to provide these valuable experiences for our pupils. Payments will be open until Sunday evening on Arbor, so we would be very grateful if these could be made before the deadline.

Climbing Frame

Please be advised that children are not permitted to use the school climbing frame before or after school hours. The climbing frame may only be used during the school day when children are appropriately supervised by school staff. Outside of these supervised times, the school's insurance does not provide cover in the event of an accident or injury. We therefore kindly ask all parents and carers to support us by ensuring that their children do not access or use the climbing frame at drop-off or collection times. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us to keep all children safe.

Staff Car Park

For the safety of our pupils, families and staff, parents and carers are not permitted to drive into or park in the school staff car park when dropping off or collecting children. The car park is for authorised staff and visitors only. Please help us to maintain a safe environment by parking responsibly away from the school site.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair will be open next Monday and Tuesday from 3.15pm to 3.30pm, under the canopy outside Year 6. Please pop along to browse the selection and purchase any books that catch your eye.

As with previous years, this is a cashless Book Fair, so all payments must be made by debit or credit card only.

We look forward to seeing you there!

School Photos

Exciting news! Carmel Jane Photography will be visiting our school on 01 October 2026.

All parents/carers are requested to pre-register for instant access to their child's photographs as soon as they are ready. Please note that

pre-registration is required for every photo shoot.

Register in 3 easy steps – it takes less than a minute:

1. Visit www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk
2. Enter your unique code: JRT6YCSZ6G
3. Enter your child's full school register name.

****Don't miss out – pre-register today!****

Non Pupil Day

Please remember that Friday 2nd October is a non-pupil day and the school will be closed to children. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th October.

Year 5 & 6 – Let's Talk Trash Day

Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic time at Great Braxted Park for Let's Talk Trash Day. They joined children from other local schools and thoroughly enjoyed getting involved in the day. It was a brilliant opportunity to think about how we can all play our part in looking after our environment.  

Year 5 & 6 Cricket Trip

Our Year 5 and Year 6 children had a fantastic time at Essex County Cricket, where they enjoyed watching a cricket match. During the break, the children also had the opportunity to take part in some cricket activities themselves. A brilliant experience for our young cricket fans!

Bikeability – Those Year 6 children that are taking part have all now had their letters with their course dates. As per the letters sent home on behalf of Essex Safer Roads, all bikes must be road safety compliant and **ALL CHILDREN** are required to wear helmets.

Reception & KS1 Harvest Festival

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for our Reception and KS1 Harvest Festival at the church on Maltese Road on Monday 12th October, starting at 9.00am. We are looking forward to welcoming you and sharing this special celebration together as a school community.  

Key Stage 2 Harvest Festival

Parents and carers of Key Stage 2 children are warmly invited to join us for our Harvest Festival at the church on Maltese Road on Wednesday 14th October at 9.00am. We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating Harvest together.

Harvest Festival Donations

As we prepare to celebrate our Harvest Festival, please see the below list from Chelmsford Food Bank for donations, if families are able to contribute. Tins, packets and other non-perishable food items would be greatly appreciated. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. You are welcome to bring these to school on the week of Monday 12th October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Date	
• 28th September • 29th September • 1st October	• Book Fair • Book Fair • Individual School Photos
• 2nd October	• Non Pupil Day
• 5th October • 6th October • 7th October • 8th October • 9th October • 12th October • 14th October	• Bikeability – Selected Children • Bikeability – Selected Children • Bikeability – Selected Children • Bikeability – Selected Children • Hello Yellow • Harvest Festival - EYFS & KS1 Parents Invited at 9am Church of Ascension • Harvest Festival – KS2 Parents Invited at 9am Church of Ascension • Year 3 Parents Invited to Lunch
• 26th – 30th October	• October Half Term
• 6th November • 10th November • 12th November • 13th November • 23rd November • 1st December • 3rd December • 8th December • 15th December • 16th December • 17th December	• Goodleigh Dental Talk – Parents Invited at 2:30pm • Year 4 Viking Day – Details to Follow • Year 5 Duxford Imperial War Museum • Flu Immunisations • Goodleigh Dental to See EYFS and Year 3 – Details to Follow • Parents Evening – Details to Follow • Parents Evening – Details to Follow • KS2 Panto Workshop • Cinderella Pantomime – Details to Follow • Christmas Dinner • Last Day of Autumn Term
• 18th December • 21st December – 1st January 2027	• Non Pupil Day • Christmas Holidays
• 4th January 2027 • 25th January • 9th February	• First Day of Spring Term • Essex Road Safety – EYFS Parents Invited at 9am – Details to Follow • Year 4 Superstars at CSAC – Details to Follow
• 15th – 19th February	• February Half Term
• 11th March • 17th March • 22nd March	• Year 2 Marsh Farm Dinosaur Adventure – Details to Follow • Year 3 Colchester Castle – Details to Follow • Year 2 Music Festival – Details to Follow • EYFS & Year 3 Goodleigh Dental Flip the Lip – Details to Follow
• 26th March – 9th April	• Easter Holidays
• 12th April • 16th April • 3rd May • 13th May • 18th May • 23rd – 26th May	• First Day of Summer Term • Year 1 Mountfitchet Castle – Details to Follow • May Bank Holiday • Reception Class Boydells Farm – Details to Follow • Year 5 Go Ape – Details to Follow • Year 6 Residential to PGL Overstrand Hall
• 31st May – 4th June • 7th June	• May Half Term • Non Pupil Day
• 29th June • 7th July • 20th July • 21st July	• Year 2 Mini Games at CSAC – Details to Follow • Year 4 Wilderness – Details to Follow • Last Day of Summer Term • Non Pupil Day

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



This October half term kids will meet Essex Therapy Dogs, learn about their special work, and enjoy some Halloween fun together.

Primary school
children 6+

10:30am-3:30pm | Kids Inspire HQ, Hollycroft, Great Baddow, CM2 7FW

With limited spaces for our free activities, we aim to prioritise lower income families.

Scan to
register:



www.kidsinspire.org.uk



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

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HARVEST SHOPPING LIST 2026

Thank you for your continued support

UHT fruit juice
UHT milk
Fruit squash
Breakfast cereal
Tinned soup
Cup soups
Tinned meat meals eg chicken/
beef in sauce/hot dogs
Tinned pulses
Tinned vegetables and potatoes
Instant mash
Ketchup and mayo
Jelly and packet desserts
Sponge pudding
Tinned rice pudding
Jams, spreads and preserves
Savoury biscuits
Cereal and biscuit bars eg KitKat
Washing up liquid
Laundry pods/tabs (only)
Male and female toiletries & toilet rolls

We have sufficient pasta, thank you

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

www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk
For updates follow us on Facebook

Asthma Newsletter

Winter 2026

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

**Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:**

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.