



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2023

Weekly Newsletter

15th December 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**MONDAY 18th DECEMBER - THURSDAY 4th JANUARY**

Christmas Holiday

**FRIDAY 5th JANUARY**

INSET day

**MONDAY 8th JANUARY**

Children Return to School

No Clubs this Week

**FRIDAY 12th JANUARY**

Swimming Starts for Forms 1 and 2

**MONDAY 15th JANUARY**

Clubs Commence

**FRIDAY 19th JANUARY**

Form 4 Cake Sale

**WEDNESDAY 24th JANUARY**

Forms 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Tournament

Drapers Farm

## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Isla Berryman

KS2 Sophia Nguyen



KS1 Wilfred Smith

KS2 Austin Procter



KS1 Rudy Carter

KS2 Aliya Procter

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Apollo, Rose Hodges, Charlie Allen,  
Katherine Boustead,  
Gabriella Mazhawidza,  
Jack Kitterhing-Best, Harry,  
Jacob Simpson, David Rabi,  
Isabella Russell, Isabel Dunkin,  
Mrs Callaghan and Miss Oxford  
a very Happy Birthday



Dear Parents,

Our final week before Christmas is always such a happy and exciting one filled with so many super festive activities. On Monday and Wednesday, the children visited the ever popular Christmas pop up Shop. It is always such a hit with the children and they love picking a present for their loved ones. I hope you like the presents that they picked! Thank you to FOMCS for giving up your time to run this event.

On Tuesday, we enjoyed our traditional whole school Christmas lunch. This is always one of my favourite events of the year. The children have such a lovely time and we have the Christmas songs on for everyone to sing along to. Staff serve the children and then enjoy a meal together with them. The crackers are always a huge hit and gets everyone in the festive mood. The children looked fantastic in their jumpers which topped off what was a brilliant time had by all. A special thank you to Miss Reeves and Miss Crockett for their huge amount of hard work to make the lunch such a success.

On Thursday, our school choir performed at URC as part of their annual Christmas concert. We are always delighted to be invited to ask to be a part of such a wonderful community event. The children surpassed themselves with their exceptional singing. It was lovely to see so many of other parents there too. I was so proud of the children – it is clear that they love performing and the audience most certainly loved listening to them.

Finally, we finished our term with our Christmas service at All Saints' Church. What a special way to end the term. As always, the children excelled themselves with their readings and songs. A special well done to Mia Tolhurst for her solo performance of Once in Royal David's City. We always finish with our Maldon Court Christmas Song which was superb. I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas break with your family and friends. Have a really special time, enjoy making memories and I will see you on 8<sup>th</sup> January for the start of the Spring term.

**HEADTEACHER'S AWARD** - Congratulations to Mabel Rota who won the Headteacher's award this week for always displaying enthusiasm for every subject, always trying her hardest and always willing to help others. Well done, Mabel.

**NURSERY** - Nursery have had a lovely festive week. On Tuesday, we all wore our Christmas jumpers and joined the whole school for a very delicious Christmas dinner. On Wednesday, the children and staff were invited to wear cosy clothing, we then had a fun filled day, listening to Christmas music, playing games, watching Christmas cartoons and drinking hot chocolate for snack! We are certainly ready for Christmas and would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. For optional homework, please create a winter picture to hang on our wall and to link to our first topic in January – Winter.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**RECEPTION** - Reception have enjoyed a very festive week! We created some beautiful 2024 calendars by drawing penguins and painting a snow scene. We were very proud of our wonderful masterpieces. Well done Reception!

*Miss Wayman*



**FORM 1 AND 2** - Forms 1 and 2 have had such a fantastic week, completing lots of different Christmas activities such as Christmas quizzes, biscuit decorating, Santa handprints, Christmas card making, calendar creating and so much more. The highlight of the week was when the children made their own Christingles. We spoke about what each part of the Christingle represented, which was closely linked with our RE topic this half term. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2024!

*Miss Vaughan and Miss Broadbridge*



**FORM 4** - Form 4 completed their DT project this week. They made a sandwich for a family member that took account of food intolerances, allergies and likes and dislikes, whilst trying to include healthy ingredients from each food group. The results looked great and the feedback from the recipients was glowing. We are definitely more proficient cutters, slicers and spreaders, not a blue plaster in sight! A huge 'thank you' must also go to Miss. Reeves who has supported our lessons with her expertise, resources and washing up; we could not have done it without her. *Mrs Baron*



### PE Timetable - W/C 8th JANUARY

Day	Form	Lesson
Wednesday	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	<b>No Sports Club for Forms 5 and 6</b>	
Thursday	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE
Friday	Swimming for Forms 1 and 2	Off site

**Wishing you all a lovely Christmas holiday**  
**Mrs E Mason**  
**Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - FOMCS would like to wish all our children and their families a very merry Christmas and a thank you to everyone who have supported us this busy term with all our festive events. It was wonderful to see the children at the pop up shop this week and we hope you enjoy the gifts they have chosen for you. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
*Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey*

### MENU W/C 8th JANUARY



Day	Main	Dessert
Mon	Sausage rolls served with potato puffs and baked beans	Flapjack or fruit
Tues	Roast gammon served with roast potatoes, carrots, Yorkshire pudding and gravy	Yoghurt or fruit
Weds	Lasagne served with sweetcorn and salad	Apple crumble and custard or fruit
Thurs	Chicken tikka masala served with rice and naan bread	Orange jelly or fruit
Fri	Crispy coated fish bites served with chips, peas and salad	Pancakes and golden syrup or fruit

