



# MALDON COURT

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2023

Weekly Newsletter

8th December 2023

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### MONDAY 11th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop  
KS2 Choir Rehearsal URC

### TUESDAY 12th DECEMBER

Christmas Service Rehearsal  
Whole School Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day

### WEDNESDAY 13th DECEMBER

FOMCS Christmas Pop up Shop

### THURSDAY 14th DECEMBER

KS2 Choir Performance URC 1pm

### FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER

Christmas Service  
All Saint's Church 9.15am  
School Closes at 3.25pm

### MONDAY 18th DECEMBER -

### THURSDAY 4th JANUARY

Christmas Holiday

### FRIDAY 5th JANUARY

INSET day

### MONDAY 8th JANUARY

Children Return to School  
No Clubs this Week



## STARS OF THE WEEK



KS1 Grace Outlaw

KS2 Meghan Knight



KS1 Gabriella Mazhawidza

KS2 Mya Chambers



KS1 Oscar Hicks

KS2 Lottie Lamont

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Maldon Court wishes  
Beatrice Cowell  
a very Happy Birthday

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful week full of Christmas festivities. On Monday, our Nursery, Pre-Reception, Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 children had their Christmas parties. What a wonderful time they all had and it was amazing that Santa had the time to visit them all too! On Tuesday, our KS2 children went on their traditional visit to the pantomime in Chelmsford. This year it was Jack in the Beanstalk. It was a fantastic performance and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I would like to thank FOMCS for all of their hard work and dedication to ensure that the children have had such a fantastic few days.

On Wednesday, the parents of Pre-Reception and Reception were treated to a wonderful nativity performance of Whoops a Daisy Angel. The hall was full and there was a wonderful festive atmosphere as the children sang their songs and spoke their words beautifully. We most definitely have some very talented children in our school! Well done to each and every child who performed so well in front of such a big audience. I am so proud of you.

On Thursday, our Form 5 children went on a school trip to Braintree Museum where they had a super day learning about WWII. Further information about the trip is later in the newsletter.

Finally, I look forward to seeing you all next week for the Christmas Service at 9.15am at All Saints' Church. It is a really special way to end our term and the children and staff have all been working very hard to make it a lovely morning. We look forward to celebrating with you.

## FOMCS Christmas Jumper Competition Winners

Nursery	Felicity Pudney-Fitness	Pre-Reception	Rose Hodges	Reception	Katherine Boustead
Form 1	Ayla Mahar	Form 2	Francesca Russell	Form 3	Gracie May Thorogood
Form 4	Millicent Smith	Form 5	Eva Gibbins	Form 6	Isabel Dunkin

**NURSERY** - Nursery have really got into the festive mood this week. We all had such fun at the party on Monday. The children made Christmas crafts together, sang and danced throughout the afternoon. They were very excited to see Father Christmas and receive a present from him. The role play zone became a Christmas workshop this week. The children pretended to be elves, making toys for Father Christmas to deliver on Christmas Eve. For optional homework, please create a decoration to hang on our tree.

*Mrs Kim Callaghan*



**PRE - RECEPTION** - For the last two weeks of term the topic in Pre-Reception is Christmas and the children are enjoying many festive activities. The children were amazed to see the elf brought them an igloo which they have enjoyed decorating using a range of media such as pens, pencils, crayons, stickers and paint! We've had so much fun and have loved playing in the igloo too!

*Mrs Kennedy and Miss Hansell*



**FORM 5** - Form 5 had an amazing day at Braintree Museum on Thursday. They enjoyed an immersive experience as part of their WWII topic. To start the day off, the children scribed on slates in a 1940's classroom: they calculated shillings and pennies, wrote letters home, chanted times tables and finished off by singing the National Anthem. In the next session, they acted out an air raid and practised packing up their things and being evacuated to the country. The adults in our group also got involved as countryside villagers that had to choose their evacuees- there were plenty of giggles! Finally, we finished off the day by handling genuine documents objects and uniforms from the time period. We had a fantastic day!

*Mrs Warman*



**KS1 CHRISTMAS PARTIES** - The children in Reception, Form 1 and Form 2 had the most fantastic day on Monday afternoon for the well-loved KS1 Christmas Party! They were joined by Wacky Science - Professor Bunsen who provided them with the most fantastic, entertaining afternoon. When I asked the children to reflect on the party, they said: "The party was so fun, we danced all afternoon! My favourite part was when the Scientist did the cool science experiments!"

"I loved the party, it was amazing. I won a special prize as well, I could not believe it!"

"It was very satisfying to see fire!"

Miss Vaughan



**KS2 PANTOMIME** - On Tuesday, KS2 went to the pantomime. When we came into school our teachers instructed us to gather our stuff and wait in the hall alongside the rest of KS2. An excited atmosphere quickly formed. A short while later, we were registered and got ready for the trip on the coach. Everyone was excited as it was double a decker! The trip seemed long but we eventually arrived in Chelmsford. Everybody was guided off the bus and directed to the theatre. Once we were seated everything went quickly from there onwards. As the curtains opened and the lights dimmed, we all burrowed into our mountain of sweets and chocolates. A wonderful version of Jack and the Beanstalk was upon us, jam-packed with humorous jokes and quips. The actors performed the first part of the theatre production; then it was lunch! We had a choice of filling in our sandwich, crisps, popcorn and another snack. Yum! We then enjoyed the final part of the show. Finally, we returned back to school after a brilliant day. *Daniel Baker and Isabel Dunkin - Form 6*



**PE Timetable - W/C 11th DECEMBER**

Day	Form	Lesson
<b>Wednesday</b>	Forms 3, 4, 5 and 6	Off site PE
	Sports Club for Forms 3 and 4 collection at 4.15pm	On site
<b>Thursday</b>	Pre-Reception, Forms 1 and 2	On site PE


**Wishing you all a lovely weekend**

**Mrs E Mason  
Headteacher**

**FOMCS** - Afternoon Parents. What a wonderful Christmas Fayre we had last Saturday. It was amazing to see so many of you attend and enjoy the festivities with your families and we raised a profit of £1000 to give back into the children and school! Thank you so much. This week the children have enjoyed their Christmas parties and pantomime trip provided by FOMCS and we have held a Christmas jumper design competition and raffle - well done to all our winners. Next week we have our Christmas pop up shop for the children with many gifts available to choose from. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Tsai and Mrs Jeffrey.*

**MENU W/C 11th DECEMBER**



Day	Main	Dessert
<b>Mon</b>	Macaroni pasta served with garlic bread and salad	Flapjacks or fruit
<b>Tues</b>	 Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings	Yule log or fruit
<b>Weds</b>	Crispy chicken wraps served with potato wedges and salad	Toffee mousse or fruit
<b>Thurs</b>	Chilli con carne served with rice and warm tortilla chips	Strawberry jelly or fruit
<b>Fri</b>	Brunch—Sausage, bacon, hash brown and baked beans	Rice crispy cake or fruit

