

NEWSLETTER 5 - April 2025



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<u>Summer 1 Half Term:</u> Welcome back after the Easter break as we begin the beginning of the third and final term of the school year!

Congratulations to Miss Slater on the birth of her son, who made an early appearance last month! We welcome Mrs Helen Moyer who takes over as inclusion leader and will be teaching in Y3, three days a week. Last half term we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Oates.

<u>Pope Francis:</u> After hearing the sad news yesterday about the passing of Pope Francis, we will be holding a short assembly and remembrance prayers to celebrate his life, work and legacy.

<u>Uniform:</u> As we are now in the summer term, polo shirts can be worn in the juniors. No ties are required to be worn with the polo shirt. School shorts can be worn by all pupils. Summer dresses are also part of the summer uniform. Polo shirts and cardigans do NOT need the school logo on. **All black trainers** or shoes, as normal. There have been some variations on this lately, please ensure they are all black. No open toed sandals please, as they are not suitable for the playground. We don't want any toes being run over by the bikes!

Don't forget in the Chill Room there is lots of pre loved uniform that can be swapped. There are lots of summer items on the racks. Please help yourselves. Thank you to the Friends who keep the racks tidy and updated.

As the weather (hopefully) gets warmer please ensure clothing is labelled - even shoes and hats. The children have a habit of leaving their items outside!

If you wish your child to wear sun cream - please apply in the morning before coming to school. They should not need to bring it in to school to apply during the day.

<u>Swimming:</u> Swimming has now finished for the year and will recommence in September for Year 3 upwards. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have helped each week. We would not be able to take the children without you all. It is very much appreciated that you give up your time each week.

<u>Projects this half term:</u> Please see your child's class letters with information about what exciting learning will be taking place this half term. They will be emailed out by Friday. Don't forget to check your child's class page on the school website which has lots of photos of the learning that takes place in school. The whole school moves to the Explore part of our curriculum and the focus for the whole term is on Geography. The whole school continues to develop P4C and Thinking Moves.

<u>News Team:</u> We have a great News Team who produce a very professional broadcast for the school, each week. The weekly broadcasts are uploaded on to the school's website. Keep up to date with what's happening in school by watching.

<u>Dinner:</u> Dinners this half term are £2.55 per day. Can any outstanding dinner monies be paid by the end of the week please, via Parent Pay. Please ensure that if your child brings a drink each day that it is in a named bottle. Please check that any packed lunch items and snacks contain NO NUTS due to allergies at school.

<u>Parents Evening:</u> Parent appointments will be held after school from Monday 9th June.

<u>Reports:</u> Your child will receive an end of year report next half term. Details of new classes and teachers will also go out with final reports. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher at any point, please phone or email the office to make an appointment.

Children are off school on Monday 5th May and Monday 26th May for BANK HOLIDAYS and Friday 30th May for an INSET day.

Holy Communion: Our Year 4s are making their First Holy Communion on Saturday 3rd May at 10.30am at St Mary's Church. To celebrate the occasion with their peers Year 4 will be holding a communion Mass in school on **Wednesday 7th May at 9.30am** - parents and families are welcome to attend. The children can come to school in their communion attire and will get changed after the assembly.

<u>Snacks:</u> Please ensure that children are provided with a morning snack and a drink which can be refilled in school.

<u>Sporting Events:</u> Last half term we took part in Sports Hall Athletics, Netball, Girls Football and Cross Country. Our children were a credit to our school at all of the events. Thank you to Mrs Quinn for organising and accompanying the children.

<u>Field:</u> Over the Easter holidays work was completed on the next stage of the field development. As part of our commitment to sustainability our Eco Club wanted to create a community garden and growing area. The children designed the area and met with companies to get the project priced and organised. The children will be planting their own vegetables to grow, prepare and eat. We are also hoping to get some flowers planted in large pots around the area.

A **huge** thank you to Mr Wylie (Addison's and Mathew's dad) who donated the fabulous patio tiles from his business Warren Keys Tiles.

It is great to see so many children playing on our school field after school and they treat the grounds with respect and care. If they are staying after school to play please reiterate at home that the school expectations still apply.

Attendance: As stated in the last newsletter; if your child's attendance has fallen below 90% term time holidays will not be authorised. An email will be sent home this week if attendance has fallen below 90%. Only ten days can be authorised for extraordinary circumstances.

Many Thanks, Mrs Martin









Summer I - Dates for your Diary

DATE:	EVENT:
Every Tuesday lunchtime MSR Cricket Club	KS2 (Y3-6) - just turn up
From Thursday 24th April and every Thursday	Isle Listen in Years 4/5
Friday 25th April	Year 5 & 6 Football Match against HBN (in school time). Every Friday during Golden Time Y5/6 football club (bring kit, shin pads and suitable footwear - no studs).
Tuesday 29th April	Year 4 Reconciliation at St Mary's Church - First Hol- Communion preparation (parents not needed).
Thursday 1st May	Fairtrade Conference Year 3 trip to Manx Museum Netball club starts 3.30 - 4.15pm
Saturday 3rd May	Year 4 Holy Communion at 10.30am
Monday 5th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 7th May	Year 4 Communion Mass @ 9.30am - come to school in Communion clothes. Parents welcome
	Year 3/4 Football Tournament - details to follow
Wednesday 7th May	Year 5/6 Dolphin Swimming Gala at NSC
Friday 9th May	Sponsored Danceathon - OWN CLOTHES
Thursday 15th May	Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament - details to follow
Wednesday 21st May	New Reception Parents' Intake Session
Friday 23rd May	Open the book assembly
Monday 26th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 30th May	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 2nd June - Friday 6th June	TT WEEK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday 9th June	School Re-opens
Wednesday 2nd July	SPORTS DAY at 2pm
Wednesday 16th July	Year 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY





