

# ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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Welcome back to everyone after our half term break. This next few weeks will pass very quickly as Easter is so early this year. Dates for March are opposite so please make a note of anything that applies to your child and their class.

## TESCO

WOW - what a fantastic piece of news to start this half term.

### **Tesco Stronger Starts - St John's Primary School - Peter Rabbit's Patch**

Congratulations! On behalf of the Tesco Stronger Starts scheme, I am pleased to offer **St John's Primary School** a grant of up to a maximum of **£1,000.00**. This grant is specifically for the purpose of **Peter Rabbit's Patch**.

Well done and thank you to Mrs Jones who applied for this funding stream and to the staff who have worked so hard to get the garden pond sorted in the half term holidays.

## CLUBS

Football for children in Year 5 & 6 - Wednesday after school - in preparation for the Western Football Competition after Easter.

Friday lunchtime - there is a multi sport club for children in the Shearwater class.

Eco Club starts again after school on a Thursday - running through to the summer holidays (with the exception of 28th March).

Choir is Wednesday lunchtime.  
Girls Football is Tuesday lunchtime.

## LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the entrance area. Lots of jumpers and cardigans - all unnamed.

If you have lost anything please have a look. These items will all be going to charity at the end of this term.

## NON UNIFORM DAY

Our "Wear something bright for Cruse bereavement" raised £105-42p Thank you for supporting this charity.



## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 4th March** - school public speaking competition at 3.45pm - parents welcome to watch.

**Tuesday 5th March** - Raven Class visit The House of Mannanan

**Thursday 7th March** - author visit for World Book Day

**Thursday 7th March** - Cross Country event at Nobles Park

**Tuesday 12th March** Girls Football event at The Bowl

**Wednesday 13th March** - Peregrine class assembly - Climate Change - 3pm - parents invited.

**Thursday 14th March** - Open the Book Assembly

**Monday 18th March** - Rotary Club Public Speaking Competition at Arbory School.

**Thursday 21st March** - Beach Buddies Great Big Spring Clean event in St Johns village - helpers needed.

**Sunday 24th March** - Friends of St Johns - Easter Egg Hunt

**Thursday 28th March** - Robin and Puffin Classes visit Knockaloe Beg for Lambing Live

**Thursday 28th March** - - SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR EASTER

**Monday 15th April** - SCHOOL OPENS

**Tuesday 23rd April** - Western Swimming Gala at Peel Pool

**Wednesday 24th April** - Western Football



## **The Friends of St Johns Upcoming Dates**

**Sunday 24th March - Easter Egg Hunt** - this is a fun-filled event for any age of child including pre schoolers. This event is also open to wider family members, not just the children who attend St Johns.

### **Friday 26th April - Film Night**

As always, we're keen for any extra help anyone can give at events - please don't hesitate to get in touch via Mrs Astill if you're available.

### **SPC Flamingos News**

We make a grateful acknowledgement of upleashed.com's generous donation to St Johns Flamingos SPC.

We are thrilled to announce that St Johns SPC Flamingos has recently received a donation of £500 from upleashed.com, a company deeply committed to fostering community growth and empowerment in the Isle of Man.

This contribution will significantly enhance our efforts to provide quality care and educational support in the SPC.



### **Year 6 - Maths Olympiad at QE2**

Congratulations to our Year 6 team of super mathematicians who won the Western Maths Olympiad at QE2 just before half term.

Joe, Isla, Callum, Finlo and Max worked really well as a team and successfully completed some very tricky problem solving activities



Please don't forget to keep an eye on the school's website photo gallery with news about things that are happening in school

<https://stjohns.sch.im/gallery/albums/index/page/1>

Community Service work groups, part of the Isle of Man Prison and Probation Service, have been continuing to work with partners around the Island to revitalise spaces and assist with projects.

Recently they were invited to St Johns School to install a pond in the 'Peter Rabbit Patch' garden.

The school have been regenerating their derelict garden over the past year and the pond is one of the three core projects for the renewal of St Johns School Eco-School award in 2024. The aim is to increase the biodiversity (number of plants and animal species) of the school grounds and give the children the opportunity to observe and learn about wildlife.

The Manx Wildlife Trust have kindly donated native pond plants to grow in and around the new pond, and over the next few years the school hopes to attract frogs and other pond life and provide water for wildlife.

The garden will be used by the School's Eco-Club, Nurture Class and for science lessons.



School dinner costs up to half term £57.60.