

ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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We are delighted to start the new term with some lovely school news.

After finishing work at the end of last term, Miss Titley gave birth to her baby in the holidays. Harry Robert was born safe and well and both Mum and baby are now at home. Well done to Seb who guessed the name Harry and Lila who guessed his birth weight correctly in the class fun competition.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

When we take children on school trips we use different minibus providers depending on which is available.

The Bus Vannin minibuses do not have booster seats or booster cushions in their vehicles so school have now purchased a set of booster seats (Cozy Safe) to be used in the minibuses.

Bus Vannin minibuses have seatbelts that are adjustable and sit on the child's shoulder.

Some parents may still want to send in a full booster seat (with a back) if this is what their child still needs.

PE / GAMES / SPORTS

In the summer term when there are no swimming lessons, each class does an extra PE/games/sport session each week.

MSR coaching sessions carry on but we have altered the days.

Wednesday afternoon is for Shearwater and Puffin children and Friday afternoon is for Raven, Peregrine and Robin children.

It is important that all children have a PE kit in school all term, every day, as the teachers may swap the day of the sports lesson depending on the weather so that the field can be used whenever possible.

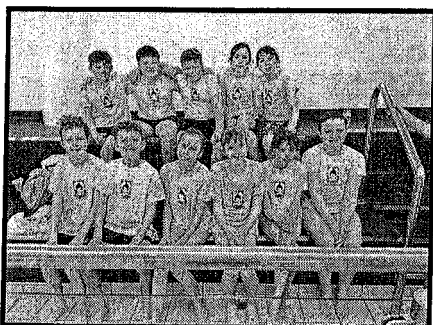
PE kit is a t-shirt, shorts or skort (not long leggings in the summer) and a pair of pumps or trainers. Trainers should not be the same footwear that the child wears all day in school.

The clubs this term are football on a Monday lunchtime with Mr Chalk, Netball for Years 4, 5 & 6 on a Wednesday after school with Dan our MSR coach and cricket on Friday lunchtime with Dan for children in Years 5 & 6.

Super Swimmers

Well done to our swim squad who took part in the Western Gala and came in third place behind Peel Clothworkers and Marown.

We had some great swims with several second and third places. Special mention goes to Noah who won the Year 5 boys backstroke and Erin who won the Year 6 girls backstroke.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 1st May - Fairtrade Conference.

Monday 5th May - Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 7th May - Year 6 at QE2 for CSI Day - separate letter with details.

Thursday 8th May - SUMT Assembly.

Thursday 8th May - Dolphin Swimming Gala.

Week beginning **Monday 12th May** - Year 6 at The Venture Centre

Thursday 15th May - Open the Book Assembly.

Friday 16th May - visit to school of external validators.

Monday 19th May - start of sponsored "Walk and Talk" week.

Monday 19th May - friendly football match against Dhoon School.

Monday 19th May - Parent talk for new children starting September 2025.

Thursday 22nd May - Class Photo morning.

Thursday 22nd May - Puffin, Shearwater and Flamingo children visit by Manx farmers' Union.

Monday 26th May - Bank Holiday.

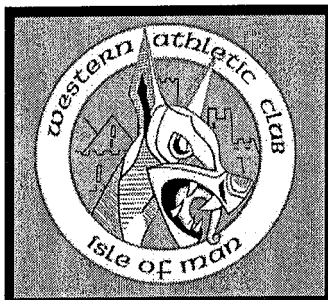
Thursday 29th May - SCHOOL CLOSING for children

LUNCH COSTS - Summer Term

The cost of school dinners up to TT Week half term is £66-30 and for the full term until school closes in July it is £140-25

Milk is £14-30 for the term.

If your child is in year 6 and is going to the Venture Centre the lunch cost is reduced by £12-75.



Information from Western Athletic Club.

The Junior Summer League, started on Thursday 24th April on the QE2 field and the club would welcome any new children who would like to take part.

This exciting initiative is designed to introduce children to a wide range of track and field events in a fun, inclusive and supportive environment. Events include long jump, standing long jump, javelin, discus, shot put and various running distances from 75m to 1200m,

Benefits for pupils include:

- Promoting physical health and well-being
- Encouraging teamwork and sportsmanship
- Developing confidence and resilience
- Offering a fun, structured activity outside school hours
- A low weekly cost of just £2, with a modest annual membership fee.

The events will run weekly on Thursday evenings with sign on from 6pm with events starting at 6.30pm.

Parents are welcome and we are also seeking parent volunteers to help support the sessions.



Peel Promenade and Headlands
Running Series
In Memory of Dave Phillips

25th April, 16th May, 20th June and 11th July 2025
(All Fridays)

Signing on from 6.15pm at Roots By The Sea for a 7pm prompt start

Juniors Classes
Under 9 years- 1 Small Prom Lap (approx 800m)
9 + 10 years- 2 Small Prom Laps (approx 1600m)

Senior Classes
1 Large Lap (approx 3km) minimum age 11 yrs on day
2 Large Laps (approx 6km)

Juniors £2 Seniors £7 Unattached £10 per race
or
Juniors £8 Seniors £25 Unattached £40 for the series

3 races to qualify for the series and t-shirt

Entry forms and maps available at www.westernac.org
(pre entry by bank transfer appreciated, info on entry forms)

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