

# ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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Welcome back to everyone after the slightly extended Christmas and New Year break. We hope that everyone had a restful time and managed to steer clear of winter bugs and illnesses.

## PUNCTUALITY

Please can parents make every effort to ensure that children arrive at school before 9am. Our doors open at 8.50am and children can come straight into school. At 9am registers are completed and then lessons start. If your child is late for school (arriving after 9am) they will miss the introduction to their first lesson and the late arrivals also cause disruption to the learning of other children in the class.

## ENROLLING PUPILS

September may seem like a very long way off but it is important that we know as early as possible the number of children we expect to start in September. Please do not assume we automatically register siblings. If you have a child due to start September 2026 (or 2027) or if you know of anyone who needs to register their child please let Mrs Astill know as soon as possible - ideally before the end of January.

## FUND- RAISING

Thank you to everyone who donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal last November - we have just received the amount our school raised - £102.

Also, a huge thank you to everyone who sent in an item for Foodbank Tuckshop - our trolley was full to overflowing and these items were delivered before school closed in December.



Please don't forget to look at the St Johns photo gallery, which has some lovely pictures of the Nativity and Carol Service, the school Christmas Lunch, Eco Club Christmas special crafts and the Shearwater class Beach Buddies beach clean.

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

## KIT

All children should have a PE kit in school at all times. PE kit is shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of pumps or (for older children who cannot get pumps to fit) non-marking trainers. All children in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 should swim every Wednesday until the end of January.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

This term will be the school entry for The MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL and preparations for the SCHOOL PUBLIC SPEAKING competition so please look out for letters and information about these two events.



## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 6th January** - Tag Rugby Club re-starts

**Thursday 8th January** - QE2 staff member to visit Year 6 + parents from 3pm in main hall

**Thursday 22nd January** - Open the Book Assembly

**Wednesday 28th January** - last swim session

**Thursday 29th January** - Year 6 team to take part in Western Maths Olympiad at QE2

**Wednesday 4th February** - Young Engineers sessions start (weekly) for Shearwaters, Peregrines and Ravens.

**Thursday 5th February** - Manx Dance Day - all classes have sessions - PE kit needed to take part.

**Tuesday 10th February** - Tag Rugby event - timings to be confirmed.

**Friday 13th February** - SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM

## SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS

The cost until February half term will be £76.50

Milk cost for the term until Easter is £15.34  
Please speak to Mrs Astill if you have any questions.