

ST JOHNS SCHOOL



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PE / GAMES / SPORTS

In the summer term 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 skirt (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

Friday lunchtime football with Dan - years 5 & 6.

Tuesday after school Netball with Dan - years 4, 5 & 6 starting on 19th May

Eco Club - every Thursday after school.

FORSET SCHOOL AREA

During the Easter holidays Mr Connolly and Mrs Douglas spent a lot of time clearing the bushy, wooded area on the left hand side of school - next to Key Stage One / SPC / nursery play grounds.

This area is now our Forest School space and is being used weekly by the Peregrine class for this purpose. We hope to roll out more Forest School provision in September to more classes.

Parents need to be aware that if children are in this space after school they **must** be supervised. The area is not overgrown any longer and it means the children can get into new spaces, climb up much higher (there is a steep bank) and access trees.

During Forest School the children have very clear boundaries in place for what they are allowed to do and where they are allowed to go - we have risk assessments in place for the use of this space as a Forest School area.

However, if your child is playing in this area outside school hours it is the responsibility of parents to ensure they are safe.

Guild

A big congratulation to all the children who took part in the Manx Music Festival. They all performed with confidence, a clear voice and great expression. A particular well done to Jensen who won the class - Reading from the Bible up to year 6.

Cake Sale

On Friday we are holding a cake sale arranged by Eco Club. Any donations of cakes would be much appreciated and should be sent to school on Friday morning. - Cakes will be sold at Tuck Shop (30p as usual) and any remaining will be sold outside school at the end of the day.

Mr Duff

Some people may have seen Mr Duff in school a couple of times as he has been shadowing Mrs Astill and learning about our school routines. He will be starting his full time role from Monday 11th May.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Wednesday 6th May - Year 6 at QE2 for CSI Day

Thursday 7th May - Assembly by Scripture Union

Thursday 7th May - Year 5 visit the Outdoor Learning Centre at Ard Whallan

Thursday 7th May - Puffin class visit Garey ny Cloie (Woodland Wonders workshop).

Friday 8th May - ECO CLUB - Charity Cake Sale

Monday 11th to Friday 15th May - Year 6 at The Venture Centre

Thursday 14th May - Open the Book Assembly

Thursday 14th May - Island Cricket Tournament

Friday 15th May - 4 children from Year 5 attend Fairtrade Conference with Miss Hanley.

Monday 18th May - Year 6 attend Crucial Crew event

Wednesday 20th May - Peregrines and Ravens visit Wildlife Park

Thursday 21st May - SCHOOL CLOSSES

Monday 8th June - SCHOOL OPENS

Tuesday 9th June - Class Photo morning

Tuesday 9th June - Western District Football at Kirk Michael

Tuesday 16th June - Peregrine Class - Under the Sea workshop from Manx Wildlife Trust

Tuesday 16th June - Year 6 to visit Castle View for gardening activity

Thursday 18th June - Year 6 intake day to QE2

Don't just commute: **CONNECT!**



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**BETTER
JOURNEYS
WEEK** 18th to 22nd
May 2026

The Jersey, Guernsey & Isle of Man challenge to use better ways of getting about for a week in May.

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Get involved



Our school is supporting **Better Journeys** Week on 18 – 22 May, an Isle of Man-wide campaign encouraging small, positive changes to how we travel each day. **Better Journeys** focuses on everyday actions such as walking, cycling, scooting, using the bus, or car-sharing where possible. We know that alternative and active travel can help improve our fitness health, mental wellbeing and productivity. It's also better for the environment, saves money and reduces traffic, which in turn increases safe access to our school.

As part of the week we will be doing a daily 'walk and talk' every morning around the school playground starting at 8.45. All children are encouraged to join in and parents, grandparents, carers can walk with us too. Children from the robin and Puffin classes should come into the main playground each morning that week to join in with the activity.

After TT week The Friends of St Johns will be holding a sponsored walk and talk week so please look out for the sponsor forms in your child's reading bag.

FREE BOOKS FOR MANX CHILDREN

Inspired by her father's inability to read and write, Dolly Parton started her Imagination Library in 1995 for the children within her home county, in East Tennessee. This scheme has gradually spread all over the United States, Canada, Australia and was introduced into the United Kingdom in 2007.

The Isle of Man Imagination Library is a registered charity, to bring this programme to Manx children.

Parents or carers register their child with the Isle of Man Imagination Library and **every month from birth until their fifth birthday** the child will receive a book. The books are addressed to the child and delivered to their home by Isle of Man Post. A child enrolled from birth will build their own home library of 60 books. Imagination Library books are published by Penguin Random House and are selected by experts in early childhood education and literacy to be **informative, age-appropriate and inspiring**. With the convenience of free books delivered right to their door, parents and caregivers are gently nudged to engage in the magical world of storytelling with their child. Studies show that Dolly Parton's Imagination Library creates a long-term return on investment, improves educational outcomes, and strengthens family and community bonds.

The charity are working hard to secure funding to unlock areas across the island.

Visit imaginationlibrary.im/register or scan the QR

Registration is now available in Patrick!



FREE BOOKS!



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting programme that posts free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income.

Our objective is to bring Dolly Parton's Imagination Library to the Isle of Man.