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We are now in the first week of February, and whilst in some ways January seemed to last forever, it does mean that we are heading towards lighter evenings and hopefully better weather.

You will all I am sure have seen how muddy our field is in places and we are currently reminding the children to avoid the muddiest parts as much as they can. Most of the children love playing on the field and are free to do so as long as they have a change of shoes with them.

Swimming

School swimming has now finished for this academic year. We had initially thought that it carried on until Half Term, as we assumed that was half way through the year. However as the Autumn term is slightly longer than the Summer term, the actual half way point was Friday, 30th January. We anticipate swimming re-starting in September for children in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6, but will confirm this in July or September.

Parents Evening

Our second parents evening of the year will take place on Tuesday, 17th and Wednesday, 18th of March. As usual appointments will be made on a first come, first served basis, using the parents portal on Arbor. Bookings will open at 5.00pm on Friday 27th February and close at 9.00am on Monday 16th March. A reminder letter will be sent out nearer the time with further details.



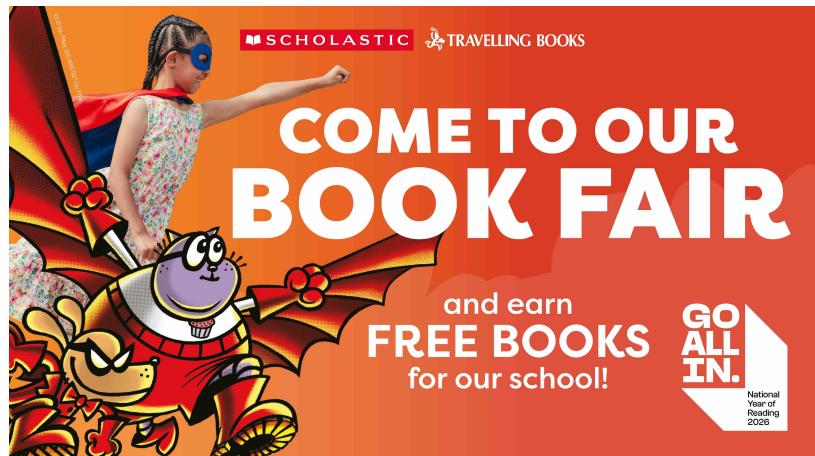
Second Hand Uniform

We have a large stock of second hand school uniform, all of which is available to purchase for just 50p per item. We will have it all out for you to look through in the main corridor from the end of the day on Monday 23rd February for the rest of the week. Please do pop in and grab a bargain.

Allergies - Please continue to let us know if your child's snack or lunch contains nuts or dairy so that we can keep all of our pupils safe. Thank you for your help with this.

Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual book fair will be taking place from Monday, 2nd until Friday, 6th March. This is an opportunity for you to purchase books for your child to read at home. School receive commission from the sale of the books which we use to buy more books for the school. The books will be out on display in the main corridor all week and orders can be placed either online at any time that week, or in person at the end of school each day. More information about this event will be sent home after half term.



Mud Kitchen - Can you help us?

The mud kitchen in our Reception playground reached the end of its life recently and is being greatly missed by the children. We have looked at purchasing a new one, however were shocked to discover that they range in price from £500 to well over £1,000 for a good quality one. We have kept the metal sink that was part of our old one and have a good supply of outdoor timber and wondered if we had a talented parent, grandparent, or friend of the school who would be willing and able to make us one. School are happy to cover the cost of the materials needed. If you think you can help us, please speak to Mrs Hawkins or Mrs Stewart in Reception.



Research on Barriers to Sports Participation for Children with Disabilities (Isle of Man)

We recently received the message below from Aimee Christian, a student at UCM, asking us to share the information below about her research project. The survey is aimed at parents of children with any form of disability and includes the parents of children with neuro diverse challenges as well as physical disabilities. Please note that school is simply sharing the request and we are unable to answer any questions about it. The school will not see any of the results or information from the survey.

My name is Aimee Christian, and I am currently completing my Level 6 undergraduate dissertation in Sports at University College Isle of Man, awarded by the University of Chester.

I am conducting a research study exploring the barriers that parents and carers of children with disabilities (0–18) face when accessing sports and physical activity opportunities on the Isle of Man in the post-COVID period (2020–2025).

I am writing to kindly ask whether you would be willing to share my anonymous survey with the parents/carers you work with. Their insights are vital in helping develop more inclusive and accessible sports provision across the island.

Key details:

- *The survey is completely anonymous*
- *It takes approximately 5–10 minutes*
- *Participation is entirely voluntary*
- *Ethical approval has been granted, and all data will be stored securely under university GDPR guidelines*

The survey can be accessed using this link: <https://forms.gle/BJzt2L963dQpxGty8>



Future Dates

Friday 13th February – Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February – Half Term

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day - come to school dressed as a character from your favourite book.

Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March -

Parents Evenings

Friday 27th March - Charity Day

Thursday 2nd April - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term

Summer Term

Monday 20th April – First Day of School

Monday 27th April – Friday 1st May - Y6 Venture Centre Trip

Monday 4th May – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 19th May – Sports Day

Thursday 21st May – Reserve Sports Day, Non uniform Day and Last Day of the Half Term

Friday 22nd May – Friday 5th June – TT Holiday

Monday 8th June - First day of school

Friday 3rd July – Manx Concert – A Celebration of our learning through the Manx Passport

Monday 6th July – School Closed Tynwald Day

Monday 13th July – Charity Day

Tuesday 21st July – Y6 Leavers Assembly at 2.00pm

Wednesday 22nd July – Whole School Day Out

Thursday 23rd July - Non uniform Day and Last Day of Term



Autism & Social Communication Service



Phone Surgery

February 2026

Tuesday 3rd February 9.30am-11.30am
Monday 9th February 1.30pm - 3.30pm

I invite you to join me for a conversation, **no prior appointment necessary**. Each session will last a maximum of 15 minutes and is intended for parents and caregivers of autistic children or those with social communication challenges. If you have any concerns or topics you would like to discuss, please feel free to reach out to me.



Jenny Cawte

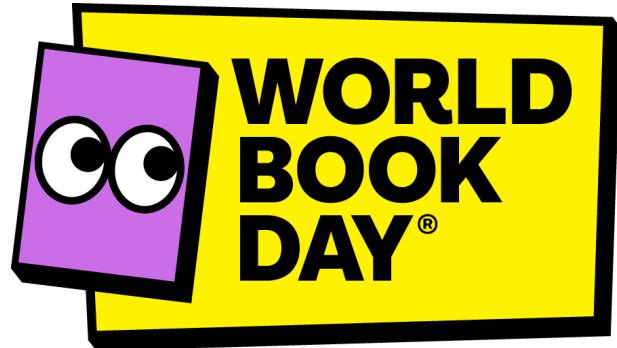
Autism & Social Communication Liaison Officer
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Support for parents of Neuro Diverse Children

Jenny Cawte is the Autism and Social Communications Liaison Officer for DESC and as part of her role she is offering 15 minute phone appointments for parents to have an initial conversation about their child.

Information about these sessions can be found opposite. Please note that these times are the same for all parents across the Island and are not exclusive to parents of children at our school.



World Book Day

World Book Day is rapidly approaching on Thursday 5th March. As part of this we always allow the children to come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book and ask that if possibly they bring a copy of the book with them. If you don't have a copy at home, please ask as we may well have a copy in school.

February Holidays 2026
PLAYINGOUT

Supported by **Hartford HOMES**

Completely free - No need to book

All ages and abilities welcome - just turn up and play

OPEN ACCESS POLICY - children must be signed in and parent/carer for children under 8yrs should stay.

Children are encouraged to manage their own **RISK**.

If you are unsure of your child's ability, we advise you to stay and support them

Staff are **NOT** responsible for supervising children's return home.

Most venues do not have toilet facilities available!

	10am-12pm	2pm-4pm
MONDAY FEB 16TH	AUTISM IN MANN & MANX MENCAP SESSION	PT. ERIN - RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
TUESDAY FEB 17TH	FOXDALE SCHOOL	ANDREAS SCHOOL
WED FEB 18TH	WILLASTON SCHOOL	JURBY SCHOOL FIELD
THURS FEB 19TH	RAMSEY - CORONATION PARK	BALLASALLA SCHOOL
FRIDAY FEB 20TH	PEEL - RAGGATT	LESTERS YARD

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CRAFTS

DANCING

**WED 11TH FEBRUARY
6:00-7:30PM ANDREAS SCHOOL**



Tickets available on the door. Children in Years 2–6 may attend without an accompanying adult, money may be needed for lucky dip and snacks (50p each)
All money raised in aid of Andreas School!