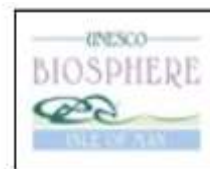




Rushen Primary School

Newsletter

September 2025



It is hard to believe we have only been back at school for a couple of weeks, so much has already happened!

Outdoor Learning Centre

Year 5 have already enjoyed a trip to the newly refurbished Outdoor Learning Centre at Ardwhallan. Set in the hills above the West Baldwin Reservoir, the OLC is jointly run by DESC and the Manx Wildlife Trust.



The children spent the day with specialist instructors learning about different outdoor skills and local wildlife. Outdoor skills covered included making a simple bread dough, lighting a fire with a flint and steel and shelter building.



The children had to use their absorbing and collaborating muscles to succeed. With the Manx Wildlife Trust instructor, the children found out about the make-up of soil, they had to use their noticing muscle to collect and classify different insects and other bugs.

Finally, they made wild bird feeders packed with all the nutrients needed for the upcoming winter.



Everyone had a fantastic time and benefitted greatly from experiencing and learning these practical skills.



Swimming

Years 4 & 6 have started their swimming lessons – well done to our pupils and staff, as their attitude and behaviour was well received by our new swimming teacher - Mrs Barnes. She is looking forward to teaching you all.



Year 1 and 2 have started their COOL curriculum learning. Parents should have received an information sheet at either this week's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings or, if you were unable to attend, via your child's reading book bag. Further updates will follow during the year.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Thank you for your support at our recent 'Meet the Teacher' sessions. These were well-attended, and we hope the information shared was useful.



Curriculum overviews for the term, and other learning information, can be found on our school website. These suggest ideas for supporting learning at home.

Please sign and return the AUP form for ICT as soon as possible so that your child can begin to use the equipment.

As in previous years, appointments can be made for Thursday mornings, between 9 and 9.30am, to speak to your child's teacher.

For Reception and KS1 children these can be made directly with the teacher if you see them at the end of the day, or by contacting school.

For KS2 children these can be made via use of the appointments system in Arbor. If you can't make these times, please contact school to arrange a time when the class teacher is available.

If you feel you need to speak to a teacher urgently, please contact school with an outline of the issue and we will endeavour to get in contact as soon as we can.

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Recent weather has shown us that Autumn is well and truly here. It is very helpful if your child has a coat with them every day, as we often go outside if it is slightly damp. Last week many children got quite wet as they were outside with no coat and the rain came on very suddenly and heavily.

WALK AND TALK

Friday 26th September 1.45-3pm

Children to come to school in warm comfortable clothing with a coat, ready for our afternoon of walking. All donations received will be split equally between school funds and Macmillan Cancer Research.

Families are most welcome to walk around with the children!



SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Monday 6th October

All children are to come to school in smart school uniform on this day. Any planned PE will be adapted to be done in school uniform.

For families wanting photos with Pre-School and / or High School children, please arrive at school from 8.30am and queue up in the Sports Hall using the chairs provided.

All children present in school will have a photograph with their school age siblings, as well as on their own and with their class.

Once the proofs are received, these will be sent home with details of how to order.

SNACK

To help us keep in line with eating, please send in fruit snack.

Packed lunches need to be unaware, we have several food brought into school

It would be supportive if lunches. Some children spillages from milk products are cleared up quickly to avoid cross contamination.



DESC promotions supporting healthy or 100% fruit-based products for a morning

healthy too. For those who may have been children with severe nut allergies, so all for snack or lunch should be **nut free**.

chocolate bars could be avoided in packed also have severe dairy allergies, so all



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER

Friday 26th WALK & TALK 1.45pm

OCTOBER

Monday 6th School Photo Day

Tuesday 14th MSR Hockey Festival Yr 3 & 4 (hockey team)

Thursday 23rd White Clover Class assembly 9am

NOVEMBER

Thursday 13th Sorrel Class assembly 9am

Tuesday 25th Badminton Festival Yr 4 /5 /6 (badminton team)

DECEMBER

Monday 1st Rushen Christmas Bake Off 3.25pm

Tuesday 9th KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Wednesday 10th KS1 Christmas Performance 10am

Wednesday 10th Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 2pm

Thursday 11th Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Thursday 11th Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 2pm

Friday 12th Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Week beginning 15th Christmas Parties and Yr 5 & 6 Disco (days tbc)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We will do our best to avoid any last-minute changes.

Assemblies will start at 9am, followed by a 'Stay and Learn' session until approximately 10.15am.

23.10.25 White Clover (Year 3/4, Miss Merriman)

13.11.25 Sorrel (Year 3/4, Mrs Parry)

22.1.26 Hawthorn (Year 5/6, Mrs Cherry)

12.2.26 Blackberry (Year 5/6, Mrs Dunajewski)

12.3.26 Bluebell (Year 2, Miss Smith)

19.3.26 Gorse (Year 5/6, Mr Astill)

7.5.26 Fuchsia (Year 1, Mrs Jones)

18.6.26 Daffodil (Year 1, Mrs Griffiths)

2.7.26 Juniper (Year R, Mrs Stewart)

We look forward to seeing you there!

Mr Murphy, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Shaw and Rushen Staff

