



Rushen Primary School



October 2025



It is hard to believe that the first half term has already come to an end, and our Hop Tu Naa celebrations were a great note on which to finish – photographs can be found further on in this newsletter. There have been so many other events happening during the last few weeks – scroll on down to find out more!

Next half term looks to be just as jam-packed – please see dates for your diary at the end of this newsletter.

The Hockey Festival

During the recent hockey festival, all children who participated and represented the school were an absolute credit to Rushen. Throughout all their matches, they demonstrated good sportsmanship, resilience and collaboration. As a team, they supported each other and celebrated everyone's successes.



They also worked extremely hard to get themselves through to the final.



Many congratulations!



In the actual finals our Rushen team came fourth overall.

A fantastic achievement, well done!

A Fiery Visit from the Southern Fire Station

On a sunny Friday morning, to further develop our links within the community, our Specialist Provision Centre arranged an exciting visit from the Southern Fire Station. The children were fully engaged and thoroughly enjoyed themselves throughout the visit.

They particularly loved exploring inside the fire truck, learning about the firefighters' uniform and equipment, and even had a go at pretending to drive the fire truck! The experience was both fun and educational, giving the children a unique insight into the important work of our local fire service.

We would like to extend our thanks to the members of the Southern Fire Station who engaged so warmly with our children and provided such a valuable and memorable experience.

The children from Juniper Class and Hopes and Dreams Nursery also joined in during the visit, drawn by all the excitement and fun that the children were having!



A Tram Ride and visit to Laxey Wheel by White Clover & Sorrel Classes

Sorrel and White Clover Classes thoroughly enjoyed becoming tourists for the day, beginning with a scenic journey on the historic Manx Electric Tram from Douglas to Laxey.



Upon arrival, the children made their way to the Laxey Wheel. Using their noticing muscle, they were quick to comment upon its impressive size – “It’s humungous!”



They then ventured into the cool, damp mine where their empathy muscle came into play. One pupil remarked, “It must have been horrible to spend all day in there,” showing they were aware of what life might have been like for the miners.



After carefully listening to the safety instructions, the group climbed the 95 steep steps to the viewing platform at the top of the wheel. Their effort was rewarded with stunning views towards Snaefell and over Laxey village.



On the visit, the children sang with enthusiasm, “The Laxey Wheel keeps turning, turning, turning...” although one student noted with a smile, “But it’s stopped turning ten times!”



On the journey back to school, one excited class member suggested, “Next time, we should visit the Taj Mahal!” What a great idea!



A huge thank you to all the enthusiastic helpers who made this trip possible.

A Visit to Cregneash by Daffodil and Fuchsia Classes

On Monday 20th October Daffodil Class and Fuchsia Class visited Cregneash, where there was plenty to see and learn.

“Everyone went to Cregneash on the bus. It was a bumpy ride. We went to a cottage. In the cottage we saw a baby cot without a pillow. We put our bags in a cottage. Then we watched a video.” – Bonnie



“I liked squeezing the pretend cow’s udder trying to milk it like they did in the old days” Georgia

“I liked sketching the flowers on the stained glass window in the church.” Ella

“I enjoyed watching the Loughtan sheep scratching his back on the old machinery. We thought he was stuck but he managed to get himself free.” Solene



“I liked looking in the cottages because there were lots of things to look at.” Frieda

“Where do the children sleep? The bed is really hard!” India

“We learned that hay is grass and straw is barley.” Oscar.



“We found out that grass is stronger than rope when it’s twisted together.” Aaron

On the way home we all became worried that the bus driver was taking us to Ballasalla School by mistake, as he drove past our school without stopping.

He was only turning around and taking us back to school so it was safe to get off the bus! Thank you bus driver!



White Clover Class Assembly with 'Stay and Learn'.

Well done to White Clover Class for starting off this year's round of class assemblies.

Thank you to those parents who were able to support by watching the assembly and to those able to stay and learn in the classroom afterwards. Maths will be the focus for our 'Stay and Learn' sessions this year.



Thursday Assemblies

Our Thursday assemblies are developing into something of a skills showcase – very exciting! Over the past few weeks, various children have volunteered to share their experience and skills in Cheer Dance, Ju-jitsu, piano playing and gymnastics.

Thank you to all those who have taken part so far and to those children who have already volunteered for future assemblies. We really look forward to those!

Swimming



We are looking for volunteers to help support our swimming lessons, particularly beginning in February through to July. Lesson plans and advice will be provided.

Please email school if you think you can help us out from 9-10.30am each Tuesday!

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Various poppies and wristbands will be on sale at school from Monday 3rd November.

Year 6 will visit all classes to sell the various items.

There are no set prices, but if your child would like to support the Poppy Appeal, please could they bring a minimum cash donation of £1 per item to school during the week beginning 3rd Nov.

There are limited supplies of each item but with their donation your child will receive a poppy, select a second item and have a poppy placed into our school wreath, which will be taken to the church service by pupil representatives.

Children are encouraged to wear a poppy on Remembrance Day.

Thank you very much for your support.

Hop-tu-Naa Celebrations

An amazing array of costumes was on display today as part of our Hop-tu-Naa celebrations.



During the day, the children learned about the history of Hop-tu-Naa and the story of 'Jinnie the Witch', as well as taking part in various Hop-tu-Naa themed learning.



Well done to everyone who took part in dressing-up and to anyone who patiently and creatively carved out a moot for our school display.



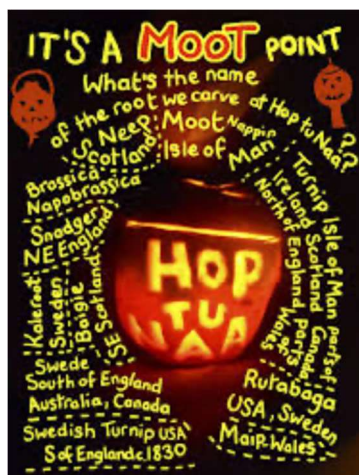
Thank you and congratulations to everyone for your time and effort.



You've given us plenty of inspiration for future celebrations!







Happy Hop-tu-Naa!

Have an enjoyable and safe half-term everyone!

School will reopen on Monday 3rd November.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Monday 10th – Friday 14th World Kindness Week

Monday 10th Odd Sock Day

Wednesday 12th Year 4 Scooter training – details haven been sent to Year 4 via email.

Thursday 13th Sorrel Class assembly / Stay & Learn 9am

Friday 14th Children in Need Non-uniform Day

Tuesday 18th Year 3 'Stars' event - details to be sent after half term

Tuesday 25th Badminton Festival Yr 4 /5 /6 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 Yr R - 4 (days tbc)

Wednesday 17th Yr 5 & 6 Disco 4.30 - 6pm

