



Rushen Primary School

Newsletter



November 2025



As promised, the first few weeks of November have been jam-packed with learning, events and visits.

'World Kindness Week' and 'Odd Socks Day'



Remembrance Day

Thank you to all our pupils for behaving in a thoughtful and respectful manner during our two-minute silence to mark Remembrance Day and to Mr Astill for playing the 'Last Post'.

Our thanks also go to parents for your donations in support of the Poppy Appeal and to Georgia, Declan and George for representing the school and laying our wreath on Remembrance Sunday.



Year 4 Scooter Training

Members of the IOM Road Safety Team came to teach Year 4 how to be safe on the roads with their scooters. Our children learnt about control, crossing roads safely and riding on the pavements.



It was a very enjoyable morning for them all.



Football Festival

On Wednesday 12th November a group of Year 2, 3 and 4 girls represented us at the annual Football Festival at the Bowl in Douglas.

A total of 25 Island schools were represented and organised into groups. Each team played 6 games of football, lasting 8 minutes each.



We won 4 games and lost 2.

Our girls played well and showed great character and team spirit to support one another and keep going, including when they were trailing.

Well done girls!

You represented both yourselves and school so well!

We would like to also thank all the parents who came to support throughout the afternoon.



Our continued thanks to Mrs Faragher for her ongoing, and much valued, support both on a Tuesday night and at the Festival itself. This is much appreciated!

Year 3 'STARS' Trip

Year 3 had a great day attending the 'STARS' trip on Tuesday 18th November. The children discussed and explored what 'Stars' means to them.

They attended four workshops exploring:

1. Special days - what special days mean to the children
2. Special choices - making the right choices even though this can be difficult at times
3. Special people – thinking about who the children look up to, expressing that everyone is a 'star', important and valued
4. Special beliefs - understanding that everyone has different beliefs and opinions, that this is ok and should be respected.



The children were fantastic role models, showing great listening and engagement throughout the day. Thank you to them and to all the adults who supported this trip.



Sorrel Class Assembly and 'Stay and Learn' Session



Thank you, Sorrel Class for a lovely assembly and snapshot of your learning so far this year.



You clearly demonstrated an understanding of literacy skills in your poems and how to carry out column addition and subtraction.....



..... as well as singing clearly and explaining all about solids, liquids and gases.

Well done!



Thank you, parents, for your continued support in attending class assemblies and staying to learn with your child.

We hope you found the session on column addition and subtraction useful.



Buddy Learning

White Clover Class have been learning how to plan, draft and write reports over this half term. Recently they visited Bluebell Class to share their 'Endangered Animal' reports.



The Year 3 children were confident and enthusiastic about sharing their final pieces and it was a great way for them to celebrate what they had learnt with others.

Year 2 showed great listening skills, and it was an opportunity for them to learn new information and ask questions of other pupils.

They were clearly engaged with the reports and the buddy learning session. Thank you to Year 3 and well done to both year groups!



Children in Need

£219 was raised for the charity - thank you so much for your donations!



Come and join us for a



Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off!

Monday 1st December 2025



Please support us by:

- baking a **SHOWSTOPPER!**
- baking or buying cakes which we can sell!
- coming along to enjoy the atmosphere, yummy cakes, tea, coffee or hot chocolate!
- trying to win a showstopper! (pre-sale raffle tickets available – details to follow)



Speaking of baking expertise, here is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your skills amongst a wider audience!

We have received the following information from a member of the casting team for The Great British Bake Off....

**Calling Home Bakers of the Isle of Man!
Apply for The Great British Bake Off!**



Have YOU got what it takes to be the next Star Baker?

Love Productions are looking for a new batch of bakers for the next series of The Great British Bake Off and they want to hear from you!

If you or someone you know is a talented home baker, then apply now at www.applyforbakeoff.co.uk or email us on applyforbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk or call 0117 456 8530 for an application form.

Closing date for applications is 1pm on Monday 15th December 2025.

Southern Befrienders' Stocking Appeal



We are again taking part in the Southern Befrienders' Christmas Stocking Appeal! This year, they hope not only to bring joy to older, lonely members of the community but are working with other organisations to ensure as many isolated people in the South as possible are given a gift.

We'll be making the stockings available to the children during the school day - at no cost. You could either fill one of these for someone with a range of small items or donate individual small gifts, such as candles, socks, gloves, chocolates. All donations are always appreciated and can be left in the labelled box outside the school office.

A Christmas card with your donation always has a huge impact. These can be addressed to 'A Friend', with your child's first name and our School.

We ask that donations are given in by the morning of Friday 12th December.

This simple donation makes a huge difference to someone spending the festive period alone – knowing they are not forgotten means more than you can imagine!

Key Stage 1 Colouring Competition

If your child still plans to take part in the Cherry Godfrey Christmas Colouring Competition.... Entry closes Friday 12th December

Winners from Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 will each receive a goodie bag. The overall winner will get a £250 donation for school.



Entries should NOT be returned to school but should be labelled with the child's name, school and class and...

Posted to

Christmas Colouring in Competition
Cherry Godfrey
25-27 Victoria Street
Douglas
Isle of Man
IM1 2LG

OR

Emailed to

amcgrath@cherrygodfrey.com

OR

Tagged in

<https://www.facebook.com/cherrygodfreyiom>

As we head into winter, there are many illnesses and viruses around. To help keep everyone healthy and safe, if your child is ill please keep them at home until they are well again and able to manage the busy school day. Thank you.



'Christmas Jumper Week'



**Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper during the final week of this term
(week beginning Monday 15th December).**

**This will be the week of our Christmas party celebrations
(details of which you'll find below).**

Jumpers should be worn instead of school sweatshirts, along with their usual school uniform.

Thank you! We look forward to seeing the display and variety!



**We very much look forward to welcoming you to our range of upcoming Christmas events and celebrations!
For further information on dates and times please see below.**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 25th Badminton Festival Yr 4 /5 /6

DECEMBER

Monday 1st The Great Rushen Christmas Bake Off 3.20pm

Tuesday 9th KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Wednesday 10th KS1 Christmas Performance 10am
& Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 2pm

Thursday 11th Yr 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 9.30am
& Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 2pm

Friday 12th Yr 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 9.30am

Note - no tickets required for any performances

Monday 15th Party for Juniper (Yr R) Class

Tuesday 16th Party for Daffodil & Fuchsia Classes (Yr1)

Wednesday 17th Party for Bluebell Class (Yr2)
& Disco for Yr 5 & 6 (4.30 - 6pm)

Thursday 18th Party for White Clover & Sorrel Classes (Yr 3 & 4)

JANUARY

Now on Thursday 15th Hawthorn Class Assembly

