



Rushen Primary School



Newsletter

March 2026



It is beginning to look like Spring; daffodils, crocuses and snowdrops are springing up all around, as well as lighter mornings and evenings.

Two weeks into the half term and everyone in school has been busy engaging in lots of different learning activities and events.

Public Speaking Competition

Well done to all our Year 5 and 6 pupils who took part in our annual Public Speaking Competition. It was a fantastic morning where the pupils showcased their skills in speaking clearly, delivering speeches to an audience and working as a team, as well as writing in a formal manner.

There were many commendable efforts, leading to a very close competition.

Our overall school winners for 2026 were Emmy Rogerson, Georgia Whyman and Victoria Perils with a speech entitled 'Does Social Media Do More Harm Than Good?'



World Book Day

We're not sure what time some people got up on this particular day but it must have been early, given the amazing array of book character costumes. Creative, imaginative, novel ideas were everywhere!



A huge thank you to pupils, parents and families alike for the time and effort put into these.

Our assembly parade drew gasps of astonishment and admiration! We may magpie some of your ideas and use them as our own inspiration next time around!



During the day all children enjoyed book related learning, whether that be guided reading sessions, quizzes, making story and character related items or buddy reading around school. Children enjoying and sharing books with another year group is a valuable experience.





Junior Achievement

Year 6 had a great learning day with visitors from Junior Achievement.



“We learnt about how to advertise Manx products.”

“I really enjoyed the trading game, when we had to work to earn money for our country, trade for items with other countries and try to bank as much money as possible.”



“The game got quite stressful, having to make the exact shapes or they were rejected! It was difficult to take criticism.”

“It was a really good day. I learnt about world trade and advertising to other countries.”



“We learnt more about collaborating, had to discuss ideas and listen to each other to manage the game.”

“I didn’t know anything about loans and negative money before this.”

Changes

After 20 years of dedicated teaching at Rushen Primary School — and several years prior to that in other schools — Mrs Shaw will begin a very well-deserved retirement at Easter.

Throughout her time at Rushen, Mrs Shaw has given an extraordinary level of service to our school community. Alongside her classroom teaching, she has led Key Stage 1 and EYFS, supported the development of teaching and learning across the school, and helped shape our curriculum.

Her influence reaches far beyond her own classroom. Many children will remember the clubs she has run — particularly those rooted in art — where creativity flourished and confidence grew. She has inspired countless pupils to explore new artistic skills and express themselves with imagination and pride. Some of this has appeared in the School Gallery, organised by Mrs Shaw.

Mrs Shaw has also been central to so much of school life beyond lessons: Sports Days, Themed Events, Spring Fairs and the many moments that bring our community together. She has consistently given her time, energy and care to ensure these occasions were special for children and families alike.

Schools are not simply buildings or systems — they are people. Over 20 years, Mrs Shaw has quietly and consistently left her mark on Rushen Primary, and on the many children and families she has supported.

We thank her sincerely for her commitment and dedication, and we wish her every happiness in this next chapter. We very much hope that retirement will not mean goodbye, and that we will continue to see her in school, supporting us in new ways in the future.

Your help and support would be appreciated with

.... children bringing water to school in their water bottle.

.... children entering school at 8.50 by the classroom door (in KS1) or KS doors from the playground (in KS2).

..... Public Health have recently launched a survey looking for service user feedback on the Island's vaccination programmes. They have identified a gap in childhood vaccination uptake and are hoping the survey can shed some light on the reasons for this.

They are particularly keen to hear from parents/carers as this has been identified as a key group to target.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZTPXH27>

RUSHEN PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING FAIR 2026



When? Thursday 26th March

Where? Rushen Primary School

Time? 3.25pm-5.00pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*Please send any donations for the stalls at any time but by
Friday 20th March*

Perhaps you're able to help run a stall? Please let us know!

Bottles for the Tombola eg. sauce, shampoo, bubble bath, drinks ...

Chocolate for the Tombola eg. bars or boxes, Easter eggs...

Children's books or jigsaws in good condition

Other items that would be nice to win

Cakes for the Easter Bake Off – delivered on the day

**Please support by bringing along small change on the day if
possible.**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you very much for your support!





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

Thursday 12th Bluebell Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Friday 13th Dress Down Day – bring a chocolate donation for the Spring Fair
(ie. bars, boxes, Easter Eggs)

Thursday 19th Gorse Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Friday 20th Toast and PJ Day – bring a money donation (minimum of £1) to be
shared between school funds and Red Nose Day

Thursday 26th Spring Fair and Easter Bake-Off

FUTURE EVENTS

Thursday 7th May Fuchsia Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Monday 18th May Sports Day (games in the morning, races in the afternoon)

Thursday 21st May Juniper Class Assembly & Stay and Learn (change of date)

Thursday 18th June Daffodil Class Assembly & Stay and Learn

Wednesday 22nd July Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 1.30pm

NB. Please contact the School Office if you're able to help at the Spring Fair.

As always, many thanks in advance for your support - it is always so appreciated!

