



'Learning and Growing'

Newsletter

September 2026

We have had a busy and exciting start to the new school year, with a number of visits and visitors already taking place. As always, we thank you for your continued support of our school. It is very much appreciated.

Year 5 and 6 World War II Immersion Day

Gorse, Hawthorn and Blackberry classes launched their World War II topic with an exciting day of hands-on learning. Equipped with gas masks and ID cards, the children walked to the train station and experienced gas mask drills during their journey. They visited the Aviation Museum to learn about the Isle of Man's role during the war, before exploring Janet's Corner and comparing historic photographs of HMS Urley with the area today. The children were fascinated to see original camp pillars and an authentic Anderson shelter, which inspired plans to build their own classroom versions. Their final activity challenged them to imagine they had been evacuated to the countryside, using natural resources in Poulson Park to create and play traditional games. After travelling back to school on the steam train, the children reflected on their experiences and evaluated the strength of their homemade gas masks. It was a wonderful trip and a fantastic start to their World War II topic.



Class assembly and Stay and Learn

We would like to thank all our families who took the time to complete our recent survey. Your feedback is greatly valued and will help us continue to shape and develop our school. This year, each class will have the opportunity to share their learning with families through one class assembly and two Stay and Learn sessions. These sessions will be spread across the three terms, with one opportunity taking place each term. Further details and dates will be shared with families soon.

Adventure Trail

We are delighted to see our new Adventure Trail already being enjoyed so much by the children and families at school. The children had a fantastic time celebrating the "opening" of the trail during lunchtime and were excited to explore all it has to offer. This is a wonderful addition to our school, and we know it will provide lots of fun, adventure and opportunities for the children to enjoy.



Kate Summerville visited Sorrel Class

Sorrel Class were very excited to welcome artist Kate Summerville, who shared her artwork and inspired the children to create their own eye-catching underwater watercolour scenes. The children explored different techniques, including washes, blending colours, adding shades and fine details, to create beautiful artwork full of movement and interest. They were incredibly enthusiastic to share their artwork and had a wonderful afternoon.



Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9th October	School Photograph Day – school uniform
12th and 13th October	Smile of Mann – Fluoride Application
13th October	Hockey Festival at KWC
19th-20th October	Quality Assurance
20th October	myHappymind Parent Workshop
23rd October	Hop Tu Naa Celebration – children may come to school in fancy dress
26th – 30th October	Half Term