



Ballacottier Primary School

'Bright futures begin here.'

Summer Term 1



Welcome back to what promises to be a short but action-packed half term. We hope you all had a restful break and that the children have returned feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead. We are incredibly proud of the achievements from last half term, including our successful trips, sporting events and musical performances. Thank you to all parents, carers and volunteers who supported these experiences, your involvement makes such a positive difference to school life. There is much to look forward to in the coming weeks, with engaging lessons and activities planned. We are excited to see the children continue to build on their progress and make the most of every opportunity this half term offers. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Further information and key updates can be found in the rest of this newsletter.

Miss Davies



Parent Governor

A reminder that the nomination forms have been circulated, as Mr Fitzpatrick's time comes to a close. We would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank him for all he has done in supporting the school during his time serving as Parent Governor. If you are interested in the role and wish to discuss it further, please make contact with the school office.

Sports Day

We are excited to announce that Sports Day will be held on Tuesday 23rd June, beginning at approximately 1:15pm. Parents are welcome to watch the group activities as well as the flat races, and we hope you can join us for what promises to be a fun and active afternoon.

Trips & Visits

Last half term, pupils enjoyed a range of enriching trips and visits that brought their learning to life. These included STEM Fest, the Outdoor Learning Centre, the Energy Waste Facility and Knockaloe Beg Farm, all of which provided valuable hands-on experiences and deepened the children's understanding across the curriculum.

Clubs

Sports clubs will be running this half term on a Tuesday after school for Year 5/6 Boys' Football, and on a Thursday morning before school for Year 3/4 Boys' Football.

School Site

For the safety and wellbeing of all, please note that as a government site, smoking and vaping are not permitted anywhere on school grounds. We also kindly remind families that dogs should not be brought onto site unless prior permission has been given.

Music & Sporting Achievements

We celebrate some fantastic sporting and musical achievements. At the Manx Folk Awards, our Junior Choir achieved an impressive second place, while our Year 2 choir performed beautifully. In sport, we were thrilled to be victorious in the Sportshall Athletics competition, and our pupils demonstrated excellent resilience and determination during the cross country event. We are incredibly proud of all the children who took part and represented the school so positively.





Key Dates



Date	Activity
Monday, 20th April	Summer Term Starts
Tuesdays After School	Year 5/6 Boys Football
Thursday Mornings	Year 3/4 Boys Football
Monday, 27th April	Reception Forest School Trip
Tuesday, 28th April	Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival
Wednesday, 29th April	Isle Listen in Key Stage 2
Wednesday, 29th April	Reception Starters Sep 26 Parent Meeting
Monday, 4th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday, 13th May	Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip
Thursday, 14th May	Year 5/6 Kwik Cricket
Thursday, 21st May	Last Day of Half Term
Friday, 22nd May	Staff Inset (school closed to pupils)
Monday, 8th June	Summer Half Term 2 Starts



Respect

Resilience

Ambition