



# Ballacottier Primary School

'Bright futures begin here.'

## Spring Term 1

Welcome back, and a very Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a lovely festive break, enjoying time with friends and family and making special memories together. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Christmas concerts last half term; it was so special to see the venues filled with families and friends. The children were absolutely fantastic and put on truly wonderful performances. Their confidence, enthusiasm and hard work shone through, and we were incredibly proud of every single one of them. Having completed my first full term, I want to express how lucky I feel to be leading such an amazing school. Our community is a very special one, and it is a privilege to be a part of it. We are all really looking forward to an exciting half term ahead, with lots of great learning and events planned, and key dates can be found on the following page. Miss Davies

### Remembrance Day

On Remembrance Day, Emilie and Georgie joined me at Kirk Braddan Church for the Remembrance Service, where they represented our school beautifully. They did us all proud as they laid the wreath with such respect and maturity.

### Badminton

Our fantastic badminton team also took part in the Island Schools competition this half term. It is a very competitive event, and the team played exceptionally well, showing great determination and super teamwork throughout. We are incredibly proud to say that they came away victorious, winning the competition overall.

### Swimming

Swimming will continue on Thursday afternoons throughout this half term, so please ensure children come to school with a full swimming kit each week. The final session will take place on Thursday 12th February.

### Fond Farewell

We ended the term by saying goodbye to Mrs DeBruin, who retired after 24 years at the school. Sincere thanks to everyone who gave so generously towards her leaving gifts, your kindness and thoughtful words meant a great deal to her. Miss Qualtrough and Mrs Hollis will now take the reins, teaching the Reception class.

### Car Park

A polite reminder to please respect the restricted zones during drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of the children is of paramount importance to us and parking or stopping in restricted areas can put them at risk.

### Coats

As the weather becomes colder, please ensure children come to school with a warm coat each day. We will continue to get the children outside to enjoy fresh air and outdoor play whenever possible, even in cooler conditions.





# Key Dates



Date	Activity
Monday, 5th January	Start of Spring Term
Tuesday Mornings	Year 2/3 Tag Rugby
Thursday Mornings	Year 4/5/6 Athletics
Wednesday, 7th January	PC Lou Visit Rec & KS1
Wednesday, 28th January	Manx Birdlife KS1
Tuesday, 10th February	Year 2/3 Tag Rugby Competition
Thursday, 12th February	KS2 Final Swimming Session
Friday, 13th February	Half-Term Break
Monday, 23rd February	New Half-Term Begins



Respect

Resilience

Ambition