



NEWSLETTER 4 - April 2026



Summer 1 Half Term: I hope you have all had a lovely Easter break. The first half of the summer term is a short one but a very busy one. Please see the second page of the newsletter for key dates, including Sports Day and the Leavers' Assembly.

Staffing News: During May, we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Looney, who is embarking on a new career outside of education. We thank her for all the help and support she has provided to many children and to Braddan School over her time with us.

My secondment as Acting Headteacher has been extended until July 2027, allowing us to continue building on school improvement following our validation visit in February.

Summer Uniform: As we are now in the summer term, school shorts may be worn by all pupils. Summer dresses are also part of the summer uniform. Polo shirts and cardigans do not need to have the school logo. All pupils should wear all-black trainers or shoes, as usual. There have been some variations recently, so please ensure footwear is completely black. Please note that open-toed sandals or Crocs are not suitable for the playground and should not be worn. Year 6 pupils may wear their leavers' hoodies. There is a large selection of pre-loved uniform available at the office, which can be swapped. There are lots of summer items on the racks, so please help yourselves. As the weather (hopefully) becomes warmer, please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled, including shoes and hats, as children often leave items outside.

If you would like your child to wear sun cream, please apply it at home before school. Children should not bring sun cream into school for application during the day.

Projects This Term: Your child's half-termly class letter will be emailed on Friday 24th April. This will outline the exciting learning planned for the half term, along with key dates.

Dinners and Milk: Dinner costs this half term are £2.55 per day. Please ensure any outstanding dinner monies are paid by the end of the week via ParentPay.

If your child brings a drink to school, please ensure it is in a named bottle. Children may also bring a daily snack such as fruit or biscuits.

P.E. Kits: Please ensure all children have the correct P.E. kit in school this week, as P.E. lessons have taken place since the first day back.

Parents' Evening: Parents' evenings will be held after school this week in your child's classroom. If you have been unable to book an appointment, please contact the office so a time can be arranged with the class teacher.

Reports: End-of-year reports will be sent home next half term. Information about new classes and teachers will be included with the final reports.

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher at any point, please phone or email the office to make an appointment.

Reading: We have seen a significant increase in reading at home using the new reading books, particularly in Key Stage 2. It has been wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic. Please ensure that reading books are brought into school every day so your child can read with adults in school.

Swimming: Key Stage 2 swimming continues each Wednesday until the end of the school year. Please ensure your child brings the correct kit each week.

Sporting Events: Last half term, we took teams to the Sportshall Athletics and Inter-Schools Cross-Country competitions. The children were fantastic and represented the school with pride. Thank you to Miss Ward for accompanying and supporting the children at both events.

Folk Awards: We also entered the Manx Folk Awards for Manx Spoken Recitals and our KS2 Choir. The children performed excellently once again. Thank you to Mrs McDowell and Mrs Davies for preparing the children.

This half term, the KS2 Choir will perform at The Guild on Saturday [date to be confirmed].

Year 6 Residential: In May, our Year 6 pupils will attend their UK residential trip. A huge thank you to Mrs Ward, Miss Ward, and Mrs McDowell for accompanying the children and giving so generously of their time.

Forest School Clothing: Reminder: each class attends Forest School weekly. The field is still very muddy, so please provide suitable outdoor clothing, including spare clothes and coats. This will help keep children warm and prevent school uniforms and shoes from getting muddy.

Football: In June, the Millennium Football Tournament will take place. If any parents are willing to run an after-school football club to help prepare a team, please contact the school. We would be very grateful for support with a weekly club and accompanying the team to the event.

Attendance: If your child's attendance has fallen below 90%, term-time holidays will not be authorised. An email will be sent home this week to families where attendance is below 90%. Only up to ten days may be authorised, and this will be considered only in exceptional circumstances.

Please see below for important dates for your diary this half term.

Also - all information on our website: <https://braddan.sch.im/>

Kind regards,
Mrs Martin

Summer 1 - Dates for your Diary

DATE:	EVENT:
Monday 20th April	All P.E. Kits in school
Tuesday 21st April	MSR Club - CRICKET 3.20pm - 4.20pm. Years 5 and 6. Please register your child via Parent Pay. Bring a sports kit and drink.
Every Wednesday	Swimming for Key Stage 2
Every Thursday	Guitar Lessons and Manx Lessons (Y4&5)
Friday 24th April	Half Termly class letters to be emailed home Strings Lessons
Tuesday 28th February	Girls Football Competition Y4/5/6 at NSC. Parents to pick up at NSC at 3.30pm (see email)
Tuesday 28th February	Isle Listen in KS2
Tuesday 28th February	Year 5 Trip to Outdoor Learning Centre
Wednesday 29th February	Year 2 Trip 'Woodland Wonders'
Friday 1st May	Year 5 and 6 Trip to Tynwald Chambers
Saturday 2nd May	KS2 Choir at the Guild
MONDAY 4th MAY	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday 6th May	QEII CSI day for Y6s who will attend QEII
Thursday 7th May	PE transition session at SNHS for Y6 who will attend there. SUMT Assembly
Saturday 9th May	Chess Competition - 9.30am at Vallajeelt School
Monday 11th - Friday 15th May	Year 6 Residential Trip - Mrs Mowle teaching Year 5 this week
Tuesday 12th May	Year 3 and 4 Trip to the Manx Museum
Thursday 14th May	KWIK Cricket Competition at Cronkbourne - details to follow if selected
Friday 15th May	New Reception Parents' Intake Session
Monday 18th May	Year 6 Crucial Crew Day
Friday 22nd May TT Fortnight	INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN SCHOOL REOPENS MONDAY 8th June
Thursday 11th June	Sports Day at 2pm on school field
Friday 17th July	Reports and new class letters home
Wednesday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.15pm

The brilliant Cross Country Team.



Our fabulous Athletics Team.



Our Recital entries at the Manx Folk Awards.