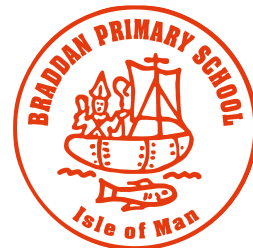


NEWSLETTER 1- September 2026



Welcome Back: We are delighted to see all the children return looking so smart in their uniforms. A warm welcome to all our new Reception children and parents, as well as all our new starters in other year groups. Please can we ask that parents ensure that all clothing items and shoes are named. Please ensure all items in PE kits are labelled. Any item with a name in can be returned!

School Newsletters: All parents will receive a half-termly newsletter containing important school information and a list of key dates. We always endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible regarding events, dress-down days and other activities. You will also receive a class letter specific to your child's class. This will detail key dates and the exciting learning taking place through their projects. Every half term, each class will have either a visit out of school or a visitor into school to enhance their learning.

Website: We have a school website which is continuously updated with school blogs, information about classes and key policies. You can also download holiday absence forms and administration of medicines forms from the website. It is a great source of information and a useful way to keep up to date with what your child is doing in class.
<https://braddan.sch.im/>

Staffing: Welcome to Mr Elliot, who is teaching Year 6. We also welcome back Mrs Kelly from maternity leave and Miss Kearsley from her secondment.

I will remain as Acting Headteacher for the 2026-27 academic year. I am delighted to be staying and continuing to work with this fantastic school community.

Collecting Children: We ask that all Reception and KS1 children (Years 1 and 2) are collected from school by an adult. If your child is being collected by somebody new or unfamiliar, please let the office know that morning. It is important that we know who the children are going home with. Children in Years 3 to 6 will also finish school at 3.20pm and can either be collected from the main playground or walk home independently.

Consents: Please ensure that all your child's consents are up to date via the Arbor Parent Portal. If consents are not in place, this may result in your child being unable to attend trips and other activities. Please check that your address, contact details and all consents are correct. New consents may have been added and will need your approval for this academic year. Consents must be updated annually, so please ensure they are checked for the new school year.

Snacks: Children may bring a snack to school each day. Suitable snacks include fruit or plain biscuits. Children may also bring a drink that can be accessed throughout the day in class. Please do not send sweets, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks into school. In addition, no snacks or food items containing nuts are permitted. Please also ensure that packed lunches do not contain nuts.

Medicines: If you require school to administer medicine to your child, please complete the appropriate permission form available from the school office and ensure your child's class teacher is aware. If your child requires an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure it is in school and within its expiry date. A new annual inhaler consent form will be sent home and should be signed and returned. If your child requires short-term medication to be administered during the school day, please bring it to the office and complete the relevant form.

Milk and School Dinners: For those children who have paid for milk, it will commence on Monday 7 September. School dinners cost £2.55 per day or £94.35 for the half term. Milk costs £9.10 for the half term and must be paid for by 11 September. Parents are asked to make payments through ParentPay. If you have misplaced your login details, Mrs Brookman will be able to reissue them. New parents will receive their ParentPay login details from Mrs Brookman this week.

Attendance: Should you need to request a leave of absence for your child, please submit your request in writing to me. Forms can be collected from the school office or printed from the school website. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, you will be informed by email and their attendance will be monitored. Holidays will not be authorised if your child's attendance is below 90%. Absence from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances.

- 90% attendance equals 19 days (approximately 4 weeks) absent from school.

•80% attendance equals 38 days (approximately 8 weeks) absent from school.

Lateness: Children may enter school from 8.50am. School starts at 9.05am. Any child arriving after 9.05am must enter through the main entrance and report to Mrs Brookman. To keep children safe, the gates are locked at 9.05am. A late mark will be recorded if a child arrives after 9.05am. Please ensure your child arrives on time. Children begin the day at 8.50am with handwriting activities, and morning maths starts at 9.00am. Children who are consistently late miss essential learning.

Relationships and Values: We will continue to embed our school values of Aspiration, Kindness and Honesty and encourage our school community to live by these values in everything we do. Our school expectations ensure that we are all Respectful, Ready and Safe at all times.

Uniform: A reminder that school shoes or trainers should be completely black. Children should wear school red jumpers (not hoodies), polo shirts, and grey or black trousers, shorts or skirts.

PE Kits
Please ensure that all PE kits are in school this week. PE lessons started today.

Pupil Phones: Children do not need to bring mobile phones to school. Exceptions may be made for older children who travel home independently or by bus; however, phones must be handed into the school office upon arrival. Where possible, please keep phones at home.

Reading Books: All children will be bringing home a reading book and reading planner today. We would love every child to read regularly at home. Every child will read with an adult in school at least once a week. A reading objective will be written in the planner so that you know how best to support your child at home. Please sign the planner or write a comment each time your child reads at home. All children should bring their reading book and planner to school every day so that we can hear them read.

Refurbishment: Over the holidays, the school has undergone significant improvements. We now have new KS2 toilets, a new outdoor canopy for the Reception outdoor area, new flooring and furniture, and an updated Reception and Key Stage 1 area. Almost all the classrooms have been repainted and updated. The school is looking fantastic.

Curriculum: The school is introducing a new curriculum this week that is centred around an enquiry question and linked through philosophical concepts that children will explore throughout their learning. In the first term across the school, children will participate in a termly CREATE project, centred around the arts.

School Improvement Priorities: School improvement will continue to focus on writing and embedding the new DESC entitlement, alongside further development in reading. We will also be working towards implementing a new vision for the school that provides a long-term strategic direction for Braddan School. An inclusive and ambitious curriculum for all learners will be delivered across all year groups.

Sporting Events: We will continue to enter teams into as many sporting events as possible and encourage children to participate in any clubs we offer within school.

Choir: As you are aware, Mrs McDowell, who led the school choir, has now left the school. If there are any parents, grandparents or members of the community who would be interested in running a school choir, please let me know.

Parents' Evening: Parents' Evening will be held during the week beginning 9th November, giving you the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher.

Christmas Performances:
To give you plenty of notice, please see the dates below:

- Reception Nativity: 15 December at 10.00am
- Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play: 16 December at 10.00am
- KS2 Christmas Play (Years 3, 4, 5 and 6): 17 December at 2.15pm

Finally, If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Mrs Martin - Acting Headteacher

Autumn 1 Dates for you Diary

DATE:	EVENT:
Thursday 3rd September	All P.E. Kits in school All medications in school - medical forms filled in and returned to school
Tuesday 8th September	MSR Club - Year 5 and 6 Badminton at 12pm Woodwind Lessons start
Thursday 10th September	Guitar Lessons start Manx Lessons Year 5 Wild Day Trip - see email - packed lunch required
Friday 11th September	Strings lessons start Class letters home
Wednesday 16th September	Love TECH - STEM Assembly PC Lou Sessions with Y6 and Y4/5
Thursday 17th September	PC Lou Sessions with Year 1/2
Monday 21st September	PC Lou Sessions with Reception and Year 3
Tuesday 22nd September	SCHOOL PHOTOS
Wednesday 23rd September	Flu Vaccinations (if you have returned forms to Manx Care)
Tuesday 13th and 20th October	KS2 Isle Listen Sessions
Friday 23rd October	LAST DAY OF HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	BACK TO SCHOOL
Week Beginning Monday 9th November	Parents' Evening
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