Laxey Primary School

'Bravery, Challenge, Smiling, Honesty, Effort, Failing Well, Positivity, Reflection'



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Dates for Your Diary

- 08.10.25 RGS Open Event for RGS
- 010.10.25 Online booking opens for Parents Evenings
- RockKidz Visit (date to be re-arranged) 16.10.25 17.10.25 Bright For Sight Awareness Day
- 21.10.25 Y3 Stars Trip
 - (St. Ninians High School)
- 22.10.25 Hop Tu Naa Day
- (Details below) 22.10.25
- Parents' Evening (1)
- 23.10.25 Parents Evening (2) 24.10.25
- Last day of the first half-term 03.11.25 First day of the second half-term
- 07.11.25 Remembrance Service in School

Christmas Production dates are listed below too!

This is not an exhaustive list! The homepage of our school website has a live calendar of events - check it out!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our new School

Council was

unveiled in

today's

Celebration Assembly! Check

our socials to see

this year's

representatives.

Message from Mr Kelly

The first month of the new school year at Laxey has been full of energy, learning, and smiles. It has been wonderful to see our children settle so quickly into their new classes, routines, and friendships.

Looking ahead, October begins one of the busiest stretches of our calendar, carrying us right through to the festive season. Dates for our Christmas productions are already confirmed, and you'll find more key events listed in this newsletter. These weeks are always full of sparkle, excitement, and opportunities to come together as a school family.

As always, I'd encourage you to keep an eye on our school website, where our diary is regularly updated, and to follow our Facebook and Twitter (X) pages for real-time updates and celebrations of school life. Parents' evenings are also just around the corner, and our online booking system will open early next week. Please do take a moment to book an appointment - these conversations are such an important opportunity to reflect on how your child has settled and how we can continue to support them.

With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

In the interest of the well-being of our school community, we wish to remind parents of the 48-hour rule. If your child experiences symptoms such as vomiting and/or diarrhoea, it is imperative that they stay home and are symptom-free for 48 hours before returning to school. This measure helps in curbing the spread of infections and ensures a healthier environment for all.

Christmas Productions Save The Date

It may feel a long way off, but Christmas has a habit of sneaking up quickly! Our productions will all take place in the school hall: Thursday 11th December - Reception (10.30am) & Y1/ Y2 (2pm); Friday 12th December – Y3/Y4 (2pm); and Monday 15th December - Y5/Y6 (2pm). We're giving you this early notice so Please remember to keep your ParentPay accounts in credit, as you can mark your calendars!

DON'T FORGET

Parents Evenings ...

Parents' Evening is scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd October (3.40 pm - 7 pm) and Thursday, 23rd October (3.40 pm - 5.30 pm). Bookings can be made via our online service on Arbor (https://login.arbor.sc). Please be reminded that bookings are on a first-come-first-served basis. While we are encouraging face-to-face meetings, if this arrangement doesn't suit you, feel free to reach out, and we'll accommodate your needs. (Online booking opens on Friday next week!)

school dinners must be paid in advance, not retrospectively.

Toast Club

Bright For Sight Awareness

On Friday, 17th September, we will be supporting Sight Matters' 'Bright for Sight' appeal. Please help us support this great cause by wearing bright clothing for the day and, only if possible, bring £1 to help their appeal.

Remembrance Assembly

We warmly invite all members of our school community to join us for the Laxey School Remembrance Assembly on Friday 7th November at 10:00 am. This special assembly is hosted in partnership with the Royal British Legion Isle of Man. Following the assembly, we invite everyone to stay for a cuppa and a chat in the school hall. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible, especially our Y6 families, as their children will play a lead role in the assembly.

Hop Tu Naa Day

We are embracing the Manx tradition of Hop Tu Naa on the last Wednesday of half-term, 22nd October, Children are invited to come to school dressed in themed costumes, though we advise against overly scary or gory outfits. Witches, black cats, and skeletons are much more apt for this occasion. This fun day will be enriched with Hop Tu Naa activities, at no extra charge. We'll also send home a turnip with each child the week before, and they can come back carved on the day with prizes for the best.





A HUGE thank you to the kind benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous for sponsoring our Toast Club! Every Wednesday (Years 6, 4, 3, 1) and Thursday (Reception, Years 5, 2), children can enjoy a free morning snack, thanks to their generosity. We're so grateful for this heartwarming gesture! Thank you for your

incredible support!

Along with this newsletter, the children will be bringing home proofs from the School Photograph Pay shoot along with a letter re the class photographs. All information as to how to order the pictures you want will be included.

We're excited to confirm that Y6 will once again be heading to Shropshire for a week of outdoor activities (w/c 11th May 2026). This is always a highlight of the school year, packed with challenge, adventure, and memories to last a lifetime. Look out for a letter with all the details coming home next week.





