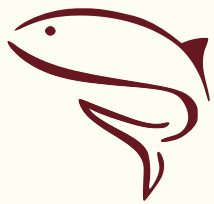


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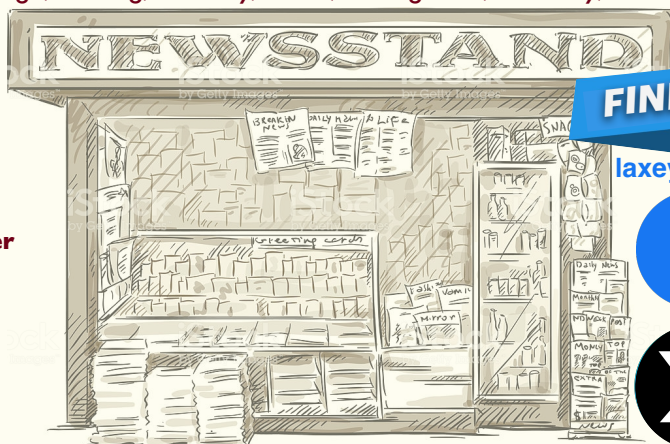
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Dates for Your Diary

- 12.01.26 Open The Book Assembly
- 13.01.26 Police Dog (puppies) visit
- 26.01.26 Isle Listen Visits to classes
- 27.01.26 IQM Flagship Assessment
- 09.02.26 Open The Book Assembly
- 10.02.26 Police Day (details to follow!)
- 13.02.26 MSPCA Dress Like An Animal (details to follow)
- 13.02.26 School closes for half term at 3.30pm
- 23.02.26 School reopens for half-term (2)

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

Message from Mr Kelly

Can you believe it is now 2026?! Allow me to extend my best wishes for a prosperous, successful, and healthy new year to everyone. The children have settled back into school routines quickly and eagerly, and there have already been lots of super learning activities taking place in each of our classes. New learning themes are being explored with great enthusiasm, and I'm sure you'll hear further details about these from your children in the coming weeks.

Keep your eye out for our Learning At Laxey information sheets, which will detail the topic or theme being studied in each class. These will be sent home shortly.

It was an incredibly busy and productive end to the last term, and I hope you all enjoyed our Christmas productions. I thought the children were magnificent, and it was a real privilege to watch the performances.

School really couldn't do everything it does without the wonderful support of the parent community! I hope you find all the information in the newsletter useful. Don't forget we publish newsletters on the first Friday of the month throughout term time. You can also find information on our website and via Facebook/Twitter. 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.



September 2026 Admissions

Do you have a little one ready to start school this September? Now is the time to secure their place at Laxey School! Early registration allows us to plan effectively and ensure a smooth transition for all our new pupils.

If you know families in the local area with children turning school age this year, please encourage them to get in touch with the school office as soon as possible. We are excited to welcome new faces and continue building our warm and inclusive school community.



Festive Gratitude

A huge thank you to all the families who sent in cards, gifts, and well-wishes to staff over the Christmas period. Your kindness and generosity were truly heartwarming and greatly appreciated by our team. We are incredibly lucky to have such a supportive school community, and your thoughtfulness means so much to everyone here at Laxey.

A quick early heads-up that we will be taking part in **Dress as an Animal Day on Thursday 13 February**. Pupils can start thinking about their animal-themed outfits now. Further info will be shared with families closer to the date.

School Swimming Lessons - Update

From February through to July, Key Stage 2 swimming sessions will take place on Wednesdays at the NSC. A separate reminder will be shared about swimwear and expectations for lessons. Swimming is an important part of the curriculum and supports both physical development and water safety, and we appreciate your continued support in ensuring pupils are prepared for each session.

We would like to remind families, following parent feedback, to avoid using Quarry Road at busy times where possible. This helps reduce congestion and improves safety for pupils and families arriving and leaving school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school environment safe and respectful for everyone.



Pay Dinner Money!

A gentle reminder to pay for your child's school lunches (inc. those who enjoyed a Christmas Dinner last term) if you haven't already done so. Avoid getting a debt letter - please settle your payment now.

Laxey School will be welcoming an external assessor from the UK on 27 January as part of the review of our Inclusion Quality Mark (Flagship Status). This visit is an important opportunity to reflect on our inclusive practice, and we look forward to sharing the outcome with our school community after the review.

Head Lice Checks

We ask all families to carry out regular head lice checks at home. This simple step makes a big difference in preventing spread across school and helps maintain attendance and wellbeing.

