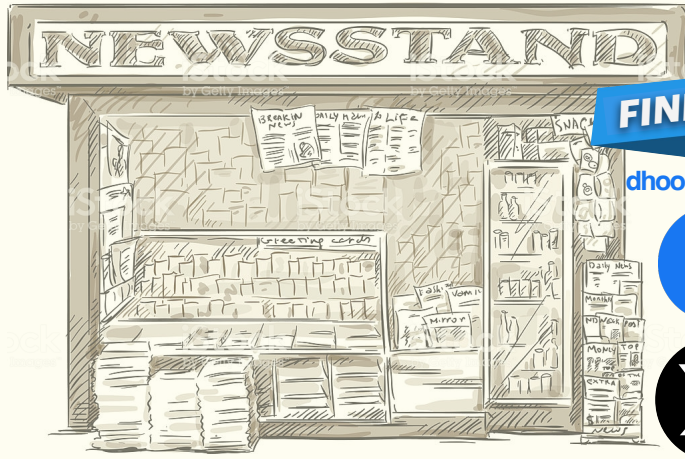




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**NEWSLETTER**  
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### Dates for Your Diary

- 04.04.25 School Council Wacky Hair Day
- 04.04.25 School closes for Easter at end of day
- 22.04.25 School reopens for Summer Term (Please note this is a Tuesday!)
- 05.05.25 School closed for Bank Holiday
- 08.05.25 World War II Concert
- 12.05.25 Y6 Shropshire Trip commences
- 16.05.25 Y6 Shropshire Trip concludes
- 22.05.25 Y5 Venture Centre Trip commences
- 23.05.25 Y5 Venture Centre Trip concludes
- 26.05.25 School closed for Bank Holiday
- 29.05.25 School closes for TT break at 3.30pm
- 30.05.25 INSET day for staff only
- 09.06.25 School re-opens for final half-term

**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

As we arrive at the end of another busy and productive term, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our pupils, families, and staff for everything they've contributed to school life over the past few weeks. Spring always feels like a time of renewal and energy - and that sense has certainly been reflected in the pace and positivity seen across our classrooms, corridors, and wider school communities.

This term has seen exciting learning take place across all age groups, as well as memorable enrichment experiences - from themed days and local visits to guest visitors and creative projects. As ever, the children continue to impress us with their enthusiasm, kindness, and curiosity. They make us proud every day, and we're so lucky to work with such bright young minds. We've also spent time this term preparing for some of the major events coming up in the summer term - sporting events, residential trips, performances, and celebrations. The calendar is shaping up to be full of highlights, so we'd encourage everyone to keep an eye on our usual communication channels to stay up to date. We'll make sure to share more details as the weeks go on.

As we now head into a well-deserved two-week break for Easter, I hope you're able to enjoy some quality family time together. Whether you're staying close to home or heading further afield, I wish you a peaceful and refreshing holiday. Let's all take the chance to rest, recharge, and get ready for the final term of the school year - it's always a good one!

Wishing all our families a joyful Easter and a wonderful break. *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.**



### Returning High Five Badges!

After the break, we'll be continuing to celebrate our High Five Badges each week - a lovely way to recognise children who consistently show our school values and learning habits. Please remember to bring badges back into school every week so we can keep the celebrations going!

**A quick reminder to keep your ParentPay account in credit if your child has school meals. Your support helps us keep everything running smoothly - thank you!**

### Year 6 Trip to Shropshire

Thank you to everyone who attended the recent Parents' Webinar. Apologies again for the tech hiccup at the end - unfortunately the recording didn't save. If you've got any follow-up questions, drop the office a line. Don't forget to return those medical forms!



### A Right Royal Visit to Forest School!

We're absolutely thrilled that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor will be visiting Maughold on Wednesday 21st May at the invitation of the Parish Social Club. As part of his visit, he'll be joining our Forest School session to see outdoor learning in action. *Fingers crossed for glorious Maughold weather!*

**We're already looking ahead to Sports Day, and we can confirm the date will be Tuesday 10th June. More details will follow in due course, but for now, make a note in your diaries!**



### Year 5 Venture Centre Reminder

Please let us know if your child would like to join the trip. Contact the office by Tuesday 22nd April. Ideally, the £150 payment can be made that day, though full payment isn't due until the end of May. You're welcome to pay in instalments:

- £75 by Friday 25th April
- £75 by Friday 23rd May

### REMINDERS

**Please ensure children bring a refillable water bottle each day. If they travel by bus, they'll need either a bus card or money.**



### WWII Concert at the Villa Marina

We're incredibly proud that Dhoon is one of only two schools on the Island invited to take part in a special concert to commemorate the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. The concert takes place on Thursday 8th May. KS2 children have received information - if your child is interested, please contact the office. Keep an eye on ticket sellers if you'd like to go and support us! 🎵🇬🇧



**Bank Holiday Reminder**  
School will be closed 5th May and 26th May for the Bank Holidays.

