



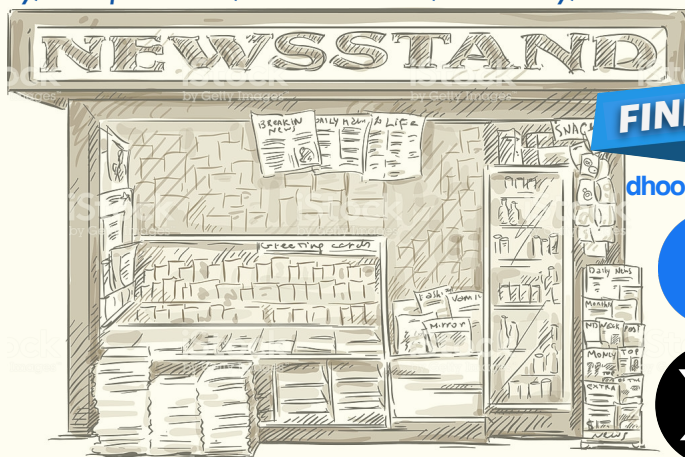
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Dates for Your Diary

- 16.06.25 New Starters Briefing
- 17.06.25 Sound of Mann
- 25.06.25 Life Path Trip Y5
- 25.06.25 RGS Parents Evening at RGS
- 26.06.25 Cricket Tournament at RGS
- 27.06.25 Sir Mark Cavendish Event at NSC
- 28.06.25 Millennium Football Tournament
- 02.07.25 RGS Taster Day #1
- 02.07.25 News Starters Morning in School
- 03.07.25 RGS Taster Day #2
- 03.07.25 New Starters Afternoon in School
- 03.07.25 End of Year Reports Published
- 04.07.24 Y6 End of Year Reports Published
- 04.07.25 DhoonFest
- 10.07.25 Y6 Edge Hill Aspiration Trip
- 14.07.25 Y6 Leavers' Event
- 18.07.25 Last day of academic year 24-25

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

RGS Taster Days for Year 6

Y6 children moving on to Ramsey Grammar School will attend their taster sessions on Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd July. Pupils do not need to attend Dhoon School on those days. It's a perfect opportunity to rehearse their journey to RGS, particularly if they plan to use public transport. We wish them a brilliant couple of days exploring their future school.

Celebrating Sir Mark Cavendish – Cycleway Renaming Ceremony

The Isle of Man will soon honour one of its greatest sporting heroes, Sir Mark Cavendish, by renaming the National Sports Centre (NSC) cycleway in his honour. This high-profile event will recognise Sir Mark's extraordinary cycling career and his contribution to Manx sport and culture.

As part of this celebration, there is an island-wide open invitation for confident cyclists in Years 4 to 6 to participate in the ceremonial opening ride with Sir Mark himself. This is a remarkable opportunity and will undoubtedly be a moment to remember.

If you would like your child to take part in the ride, that is entirely your choice as a parent. Children participating in the ride do not need to attend school that morning. Instead, they should go directly to the NSC with their bicycle and helmet, under the supervision of their parent(s).

Please note the following important information:

- Parents are fully responsible for transporting their child (and bicycle) to the NSC between 9:00am and 10:15am for a 10:15am start, locating the correct drop-off point, collecting their child after the event, and ensuring their child returns to school in the afternoon.
- This is not a school-organised event. The school will not be conducting a risk assessment or providing supervision. All responsibilities remain with individual parents.
- Children returning to school in the afternoon should either eat beforehand or bring a packed lunch with them. Again, this is the responsibility of parents.
- Parents must inform the school office in advance if their child will be attending the event. An email is sufficient. This ensures we can record their absence correctly and avoid an unauthorised absence mark.
- If you do not wish your child to attend the event, simply send them to school as usual. Normal lessons will take place that morning.

In addition to the cycling element, the school has been invited to send a small group of four non-cycling pupils to attend the event as official spectators and ambassadors. These pupils will be selected at random. If your child is selected for this honour they should come to school as normal in the morning and will then be transported to the NSC by staff car, accompanied by two members of school staff. These pupils will remain under school supervision throughout, following standard procedures for educational visits. If you have any questions, please contact Mr Kelly.

End-of-Year Reports

End of year reports for all pupils will be sent home on Thursday 3rd July, with the exception of our Y6 pupils, who will receive theirs on Friday 4th July following their RGS transition days. Reports will be handed to children in sealed envelopes at the end of the school day. If your child is absent on their report day, we will post the report home that evening and you should receive it in the next day's delivery.

End of Year Information

We're finalising class allocations for September, and these will be shared officially before the end of term. As always, we'll be holding a "moving up" session so that children can spend time in their new classroom and meet their teacher. This is an important part of helping everyone feel confident and excited for the year ahead.

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will take place on Monday 14th July at 2pm in the school hall. All Year 6 parents and family members are warmly invited to join us for this very special farewell. More details will follow soon — but for now, please save the date!

Staffing Update

At the end of this term, we will be saying farewell to two valued members of our teaching team. Mr Davis has made the personal decision to relocate to Northern Ireland, and Miss Kirk will be moving on to take up a substantive teaching post at Kirk Michael School following the successful completion of her probationary year with us. While we are naturally sorry to see them go, we are incredibly grateful for the energy, warmth, and professionalism they have brought to our school. The recruitment process to appoint their successors is already underway, and we will communicate confirmed staffing details in due course. We would like to reassure families that Mr Kelly, Mrs Shimmin, Mrs Corlett, Mrs Gower-Jackson, Miss Oates, Mrs Kennaugh and Mrs Bromley all remain in post and are looking forward to continuing their work with our pupils in September.

#DhoonFest

Get ready for an unforgettable afternoon at Dhoon Fest on Friday, 4th July! Our school's festival-themed summer fair will be bursting with excitement, featuring face painting, fun games, delicious refreshments, fantastic music, lively dancing, and creative festival-style crafts.

Dhoon Fest is happening with the wonderful support of our Families Task Team, and we're incredibly grateful for their help in making this event special. If you'd also like to get involved and lend a hand, we'd love to hear from you!

Special festival wristbands will be available soon—so be sure to grab yours and join the celebration. Picnic blankets, chairs, and your own picnics are all welcome, making it the perfect way to relax and soak up the festival atmosphere.

School Dinners vs Packed Lunches

We've had a few children swapping to packed lunches for the day, which can confuse things for our kitchen team. If your child wishes to switch to packed lunches, please make this change for the full term. Thank you for your understanding & support.

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