

Dhoon School News

September 2025



Welcome to a New School Year!

It's been wonderful to see our children return to school in such high spirits, with lots of smiles and a spring in their steps! We've enjoyed hearing all about the adventures of summertime and been so impressed with how quickly everyone has settled into their new classes - especially our newest pupils in Reception class! It's been an excellent start to the school year, and we have lots to look forward to as well!



Coffee and a Chat plus School Photographs

We're excited to invite you to our first *Coffee and a Chat* session of the new school year, taking place this Friday afternoon (19th September). Please feel free to come along to the school playground from 3pm for a warm drink and a friendly catch-up. It's a lovely opportunity for families and staff to connect, chat, and ease into the weekend together. *If the weather isn't kind, we'll move into the hall - so don't let the forecast put you off!*

Photographer Andrew Barton will be visiting school on Thursday 25th September to take individual, sibling groups and class photos.

If you'd like a pre-school sibling included in a photo with their school-aged brother or sister, please pop along to the school hall any time after 8:30am.

Permissions and Consents

The start of a new school year is a good time to make sure we are all up to date with our permissions, consents and contact details. If you have a new phone number, if you've moved house, or if you would like to make sure we have the right permissions etc for your child, please do take some time to log into your Arbor app and check that the information there is correct.

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Parents' Evenings

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October - with Class 1's evening taking place a few weeks later, after Miss Leach has settled in with the class. You'll be able to book your slot as usual through the Arbor app - we'll let you know when the 'booking window' is open nearer the time.

Rainy Days

As we head into Autumn, it's just possible that we may see some wetter weather! With that in mind, here is a little reminder that if the weather is particularly bad, we open up the doors earlier than usual at 8:50am, and all children can enter via the ramp entrance where they will be greeted by the member of staff on duty.

Holiday / Special Leave Requests

If you need to take your child out of school during term time I'd be grateful if you could complete a 'Leave of Absence' Request Form and give that in to the school in advance of the absence. You can ask for a form at the school office, or you can find it on our school website too.

Parent Helpers

We are always so pleased and grateful to welcome you into school to help us out! From listening to readers to sharing your artistic skills, we have a hugely talented community of people to help us!

If you would like to come along and share your skills with the children, or can give up your time to help out in the classroom, please just let your child's teacher know! More information about our Families' Task Team will follow shortly!

Please be aware that all helpers in school will be asked to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) form, which can sometimes take just a little while to be approved.

Scarecrows and Hop tu Naa!

As ever, the last day of the first half-term will be Hop tu Naa Day here at Dhoon! With a conker competition, Hop tu Naa dance and games, it's always a great day of fun celebrating one of our favourite times in the Manx calendar!

And in the build up to that we're holding our annual scarecrow competition for families and/or friends to join in, as well as sending home a turnip with each child so you can enter our turnip carving competition! More details on the way soon.

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Dates for your diary

SEPTEMBER	
Thursday 25 th September	School Photographs with Andrew
Friday 26 th September	Author Kyle Withington visits
Tuesday 30 th September	Flu Vaccinations in school
OCTOBER	
Thursday 2 nd October	RGS Y6 Open Evening
Wednesday 8 th October	Isle Listen in Key Stage 2
Monday 13 th October	Year 3 and 4 Hockey Tournament
Tuesday 14 th October and Wednesday 25 th October	Parents' Evenings for Reception Class, Class 2 and Class 3 <i>NB Class 1 Parents Evening will be held with Miss Leach after the</i>
Friday 24 th October	Hop tu Naa Day (including Conker Championship)
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st October	HALF TERM WEEK