

10th January 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Dates



January

15th School Council Network Meeting, Highlands College
21st Year 5CJ Zoo Trip (Rainforests)
22nd Year 5P Zoo Trip (Rainforests)
24th PTA Crazy Hair Day
24th Jerriais Eisteddfod, St Ouen's Parish Hall
27th & 29th Child Measurement Programme - Reception
29th Year 3 Egyptian Day
30th Child Measurement Programme - Year 6
30th Big Schools' Birdwatch Workshops - KS2 & Year 2
31st Big Schools' Birdwatch Workshops - Reception & Year 1

February

6th Year 1 Assembly, 14.00, Hall
7th 'Dress for Joy Day' for Children's Mental Health Week
11th Class/Year & Group School Photographs
17th-21st Half Term Break
24th Year 5 States Chamber Visit
26th PTA Bingo

***Date change**

To help working parents we have added the dates for the school year to our website.



March

5th Year 5 & 6 Open Cross Country

6th World Book Day

14th Red Nose Day

21st Swimathon, Les Quennevais

25th Year 5 Swimming Gala, 13.00, Langford

27th Mother's Day Reception Assembly, 14.00, Hall

31st Parent Teacher Consultations, 15.00-18.00

April

1st Year 4 Visit to Mont Orgueil Castle

3rd Parent Teacher Consultations, 17.00-19.00

4th End of Term

22nd INSET day - school closed to pupils

23rd Summer Term Starts

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Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome back to everyone, and a Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, filled with fun and family time.

The children have settled back into class so well and are full of wonderful stories about their Christmas adventures. It's been lovely hearing all about the exciting things they got up to during the holidays!

We have an exciting term ahead, full of new learning, trips, and fun activities. There's so much to look forward to.

Just a quick reminder to all parents that the PTA Crazy Hair Day will be taking place on the 24th of January – we can't wait to see all the creative and wild hairstyles! Also, please do keep an eye on the Diary Dates section in the newsletter for other upcoming events.

Thank you
Mrs Precious

Lost Property & Naming of School Uniform

Once again, we seem to have quite a lot of lost property. We will put tables up in the top entry circle (weather permitting) each day next week for everyone to have a last check. Any remaining unnamed items will be either donated to the PTA 2nd hand uniform shop or donated to a suitable charity.

Please ensure that all school uniform and other items brought into school are clearly named with your child's full name so if they are misplaced, there is a better chance that they can be reunited with their rightful owner!



Autumn Term 2024 Report Online Feedback Form

Further to the report your child brought home at the end of last term, a reminder that our form for any feedback closes at the end of today.

Feedback Form



PTA Crazy Hair Day!

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Day!

24.01.25

SUGGESTED DONATION £2



A JCP PTA EVENT



Following the success of our PTA Crazy Hair Days, our next one is taking place on **Friday 24th January**.

There is a suggested donation of £2. The PTA will have representatives in the top waiting circle collecting cash donations from 8am and will also have QR codes available for online payments.

We look forward to seeing some wacky, crazy hair do's! Please note **uniform should still be worn** on this day.



Dress for Joy Day!

Friday 7th February



Save the Date! Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from February 3rd-9th and to mark this important week, JCP are having a Dress Down Day on **Friday 7th February**. The theme is Wear Something that brings you Joy! Do you feel happiest dressed in your ballet outfit? Does wearing your pyjamas fill your heart with joy? Do you feel fabulous when dressed as your favourite footballer? We want to see you in whatever clothing brings you joy (please only sensible footwear such as trainers). Throughout the week, the well-being team have planned lots of activities to encourage us to talk about our emotions and well-being, such as Mindful Monday, Wellbeing Wednesday Walks, daily mood boosting activities in our classrooms and much more....Watch this space!

The Wellbeing Ambassadors would like to raise enough money to purchase two Hug Dolls, which we will donate to our chosen charity, Dementia Jersey. We would therefore like to suggest a minimum donation of £1 per student.

A HUG Doll is a soft comforter designed for people living with dementia. It has weighted limbs and a soft body that contains a simulated beating heart and music player that can be programmed to play a persons' favourite music. Research has shown that a HUG can improve a person's quality of life by reducing anxiety, agitation and enhancing social interaction. To find out more about Hug dolls, visit <https://hug.world/>



RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

On Monday Neil Singleton from Birding Tours Jersey hosted an assembly to launch the annual Big Schools' Birdwatch. It started this week and 2025 marks it's 30th anniversary! The work of the RSPB is invaluable and our aim is for every pupil at JCP to have the opportunity to get outdoors and survey local and visiting birds in our school grounds. Our results will be submitted to the RSPB to help scientists to create a picture of how birds are faring across Jersey.

Birdwatching not only provides an opportunity to reconnect with nature and rediscover the biodiversity of your outdoor space, it also reveals the challenges facing birds such as threat of disease, habitat loss and climate change – and helps us to investigate the causes of population change.

Look out for details of an exciting eco competition to accompany this event!



Today in assembly Savannah, Ellia, and Ms Guglieri spoke to the children about the Island Identity Project.

As part of the 'Island Identity Project', led by the Minister for International Development, Deputy Carolyn Labey, The Government launched a public consultation on Monday 18th November 2024 to record Islanders opinions on the formal adoption of a national day and Jersey anthem.

Liberation Day and the song "Beautiful Jersey" are culturally significant in Jersey, and the Government is seeking views on whether these should be officially recognised as a national day and the Jersey anthem, ahead of the 80th anniversary of Liberation Day in 2025.

Savannah and Ellia (Year 6) have been working closely with Susan Parker from the Jèrriais Teaching Service to spread the word and ask pupil's opinions on whether Liberation Day should be formally adopted as Jersey's national day and Beautiful Jersey be the island's anthem.

The consultation remains open until Saturday 18th January 2025 and we will be asking pupils in Year 3 up to complete the survey in school with help from their class teachers. We will be sending a form home to all children from **Reception to Year 2 for you to complete with them at home** and return to school by Thursday 16th January. Although the form can be completed online, Susan has asked that we have physical copies as Susan, Savannah and Ellia has an appointment with Deputy Carolyn Labey on Friday 17th to hand over the surveys in person.



When filling out the form please consider the following:

Question 1 – pupils should tick “individual” and complete the box with the name of your school

Question 2 – pupils should think about the fact that currently Liberation Day on 9th May is not automatically a Bank Holiday as this is voted on in the States Assembly every year.

Question 3 – The “Beautiful Jersey” song was originally written by an English composer and has since been translated into Jèrriais. It is usually sung at important events, with the first verse and chorus in Jèrriais, followed by the same verse and chorus in English. Please could students consider if they would like to have Jersey’s native language as part of this song which would help to secure the survival of the language. They can write comments in the box. Please encourage students to write “Please include Jèrriais” or similar, if that’s what they believe.

A screenshot of a consultation form titled 'Island Identity Project'. The form has three main questions with checkboxes for 'Individual' or 'Organisation' and 'Yes', 'No', or 'Unsure'. Question 1 asks if the respondent is an individual or representing an organisation. Question 2 asks if 9 May, Liberation Day, should be formally adopted as Jersey's national day. Question 3 asks if 'Beautiful Jersey' should be formally adopted as Jersey's anthem. Each question has a text box for comments or suggestions. At the bottom, there is a QR code, a 'How to respond' section with contact information for the Government of Jersey, and the 'island identity' logo with the tagline 'Defining Jersey'.

If you would like further information on the Island Identity Project or would like to fill out a form online for yourselves, please use the following links.

<https://islandidentity.je/>

<https://islandidentity.je/news/article/consultation-anthem-and-national-day-jersey>

[National Day and Jersey Anthem Consultation](https://islandidentity.je/news/article/consultation-anthem-and-national-day-jersey)

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Jersey's Sustainable Finance Art Competition



Jersey Finance is proud to announce an exciting opportunity for Jersey's primary school children!

We are inviting them to showcase their creativity and celebrate our Island's unique natural environment.

As part of our Sustainable Finance Summit, we are launching an art competition to highlight the beauty of Jersey's local plants, wildlife and habitats.

Please click the following link for more information and how to enter.

[Art Competition](#)



Music

Clubs Next Week

Monday

Ukulele	15.00-16.00	Garden Chalet
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Tuesday

String Ensemble	12.30-12.55	Music Room
Senior Choir (Year 5 & 6)	15.00-16.00	Hall

Wednesday

Wind Ensemble	12.30-12.55	Music Room
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Thursday

Junior Choir (Year 3 & 4)	12.30-12.55	Music Room
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Friday

JCP Orchestra	8.00-8.45	Music Room
Signing Choir (KS2)	12.30-12.55	Music Room

Music

Music Lessons

Polyphony and Jersey Music Service instrumental lessons start next week. The timetables are displayed in the shared areas in Key Stage 2.

Please contact Polyphony directly with all Polyphony lesson and timetable enquiries at:

Emily.deGruchy@jcgfoundation.com

Year 3 Recorder Lessons

Year 3 have started to learn the recorder in music lessons this week. Please remind you child to bring their recorder to school every Thursday this term.

SPORT

Clubs & Fixtures

Monday 13th

Year 3 & 4 Football Club	12.00-12.30	Hall
Year 6 Netball Club	15.00-16.15	Netball court

Tuesday 14th

Year 2 Dodgeball	12.00-12.30	Hall
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Wednesday 15th

Year 3 & 4 Just Dance Club	12.30-12.55	Hall
Year 5 & 6 Football Club	15.00-16.15	Heathfield
Year 5 & 6 Hockey Club	15.00-16.20	Astro

Thursday 16th

Year 2 Football Club	12.00-12.30	Hall
Year 5 Netball Club	15.00-16.15	Netball Court

Jersey Chess Tournament

Sunday 26th January

Jersey Chess Club are running the first tournament of the year on **Sunday 26th January** at JCP. It's a fast paced 5-minute Blitz event, that the children love! It's open to primary school aged children only.



JERSEY PRIMARY SCHOOLS



CHESS TOURNAMENT

JCP School, Claremont Road, JE2 7RT
Sunday 26th January 2025

Blitz 5+0



TO ENTER

Please confirm full name, date of birth, school & emergency contact number to:

juniors@jerseychessfederation.com

The organisers are responsible for children in the playing hall ONLY.

RUNNING ORDER

10:00-10:15
Registration
10:25-12:15
Rounds 1-7
12:15-12:45
Lunch
Bring a packed lunch - no nuts please
12:45-13:45
Rounds 8-11
14:00
Presentations

Trophies & Medals for U7, U9, overall and top 3 girls.

Pick up no later than 14:30



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Give your child the chance to experience something truly unique with our **FREE Martial Arts Fun Morning** for **Year 1 & Year 2 Students**—an event designed specifically for children with no prior experience!



Sunday, 26th January 2025 - 9:45am to 11:30am



Royal Jersey Showground, La Route de la Trinité, JE3 5JP

Why this event could be a turning point for your child:

- **Learn Essential Life Skills:** Through martial arts, your child will develop focus, discipline, and problem-solving skills—all while having fun in a supportive environment.
- **Boost Confidence:** Our expert instructors will help your child feel capable and proud as they learn new techniques and overcome challenges in a safe and encouraging atmosphere.
- **A Spark for Growth:** For many children, martial arts is the foundation for building self-esteem, physical health, and the mindset to tackle life's challenges.
- **A Morning of Fun and Discovery:** Your child will be part of an inspiring and energetic event, alongside other Year 1 & 2 children from across Jersey. No equipment or prior experience is needed.
- **Participation Medal:** All children will receive a participation medal for entering.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your child's spot today by registering at [**Jersey Portal**](#).