

28th March 2025

Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Dates



March

31st Parent Teacher Consultations, 15.00-18.00

April

1st Year 4 Visit to Mont Orgueil Castle

1st Year 2 & Year 6 visit to VCP for Year 6's Production of

'Wind in the Willows', 12.45-14.45

1st PTA Meeting, 18.30, Meeting Room

2nd PTA Cake Sale

3rd Year 6 Swimming Gala, 13.10-14.30, Langford

3rd Parent Teacher Consultations, 17.00-19.00

4th 'You be You' dress down day for World Autism Acceptance Day

4th End of Spring Term

22nd Staff INSET day - school closed to pupils

23rd Summer Term Starts

30th JCP Open Day, 16.00-18.30



May

5th Public Holiday - school closed 8th JCP Liberation Celebrations 9th Liberation Day - school closed 15th Year 4 Assembly, 14.00-14.45, School Hall 15th Year 5 Theatre Workshop, Les Quennevais 18th JCP & VCP PTA Fun Run/Walk, 13.30-15.00, Les Quennevais

19th - 23rd Year 6 Assessment Tests 22nd Year 3 Assembly, 14.00-14.45, School Hall 26th Public Holiday - school closed 27th - 30th Half Term Break

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

^{*}Date change

Headteacher's Message

We've had a wonderfully busy week here at school. Our Year 2 students had a fantastic time visiting St Catherine's RNLI station, where they learned all about the important work of the lifeboat crew and even got to see the lifeboats up close. It was an inspiring trip that left many of them dreaming of becoming lifeboat heroes themselves!

Meanwhile, our Year 6 students were treated to a magical event at the Jersey Opera House, attending a ballet performance that captivated their imaginations and introduced them to the beauty of dance. The grace and skill of the performers left a lasting impression on everyone.

Year 3 had the opportunity to explore their creative sides at an art exhibition, where they admired a variety of artworks and even tried their hand at some sketching. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and budding artistic talents.

Headteacher's Message

Across the school, children participated in the first of our Outdoor Learning lessons with the National Trust. They enjoyed exploring nature, learning about local wildlife, and engaging in hands-on activities. More children will have the chance to take part next week, and we look forward to seeing their excitement and curiosity grow.

Lastly, if you're out and about this Saturday, please pop into Les Ormes to cheer on our Netball Team as they compete in a tournament with teams from the UK. Your support means the world to our young athletes, and we know they'll appreciate seeing familiar faces in the crowd.





Thank you so much for all the generous donations for Red Nose Day last week. We raised a fantastic £891.46 for Comic Relief.







School Reminders

No Clubs Next Week

Please note there are **no** clubs during or after school next week. All clubs have now finished for this term.

Parent Teacher Consultations

Parent Teacher Consultations are being held in your child's classroom on **Monday 31st March** 15.00-18.00 & Thursday 3rd April 17.00-19.00

Year 6 French Trip



Please could parents of those in Year 6 return the following to their child's class teacher to confirm their child's participation:

- Colour photocopy of child's passport
- Initial deposit due today Friday 28th March

Bus Bay Parking



Parents are kindly reminded not to park anywhere in the bus carpark between 3.15pm and 3.45pm.

These bays are designated for buses, and it is essential that they and the immediate surrounding area remain clear during this time to allow buses to safely enter and exit the area.

When cars are parked in or near these spaces, it not only prevents buses from accessing their designated bays but also restricts their ability to safely park. This creates a significant safety hazard for both pupils and the general public, especially when buses are forced to stop and park in alternate locations, potentially disrupting traffic and pedestrian flow.

We kindly ask that all parents respect this parking request to ensure the safety of our all and the smooth operation of our bus services.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Jèrriais Club



Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 are invited to join a weekly Jèrriais Club which takes place at lunchtimes from 12.30-1pm in the Library. The Year 4 Club is on Mondays, and the Year 5 and 6 Club takes place on Thursdays.

Learning is fun, active and communicative. Children learn through playing games, hearing stories and singing songs. There is no cost to attend this club.

If your child would like to join Jèrriais Club, please get in touch with Susan Parker at the Jèrriais Teaching Service by email at s.parker@jeron.je



Please can cakes provided by Reception Cartmel, Reception Le Maistre, Le Sueur & Dupre Houses be brought to the school foyer before school that day. Please ensure cakes do not contain nuts and that shop bought cakes do not state that they 'may contain traces of nuts'.

Each class will be taken to the cake sale during the morning. Please could children have the right change where possible and bring a container to take cakes home.

World Autism Acceptance Week

REMINDER

You Be You' for Autism Acceptance Week – Friday 4th April

Next week, on **Friday 4th April**, JCP will be celebrating World Autism Acceptance Week. Instead of the previously communicated 'Wear Blue' theme, we will instead be changing to a theme of **'You be You'** where we invite all pupils to come into school on that day wearing whatever makes them feel happy, comfortable, and reflects their unique individuality. This change comes as a result of some incredibly valuable parental feedback where we learned of some organisations involved in the "Wear Blue" campaign, who have views on autism and inclusion that do not align with our school's core beliefs and values.

Our focus remains on promoting acceptance, understanding, and support for all neurodivergent learners, and we hope this new approach will better reflect our commitment to inclusion and celebrating our diverse school community.

PTA Meeting - Tuesday 1st April



13TH JUNE 2025

Are you interested in helping with our Summer Fayre this year?

Come along to our next PTA meeting dedicated to the planning of the Summer Fayre on Tuesday 1st April 2025 at 6.30pm at JCP to find out more!

We need help with:

- Stalls
- Setting up / packing down
- Donations
- Organisation

For more information contact: icpreppta@outlook.com

Outdoor Learning Fun



This week pupils from Year 2, 3, 4 and 6 have enjoyed lots of 'Outdoor Learning Fun in the Sun' - in Forest School, on our school field and on our playground. They happily abandoned their classrooms to use natural resources to stimulate their learning.

We have been dissecting owl pellets to explore the topic of animals including humans, creating simple keys to learn about Classification Adaptation and exploring rocks and soils - in Science, and recognising and finding and forming fractions to explore Maths in our outdoor environment.

It has been lovely to hear a real buzz around our school grounds and it has been a real inspiration to us as teachers to plan more curriculum-based lessons outdoors!



What are the benefits of getting our pupils outdoors?

- Increased physical fitness and reduced levels of childhood obesity
- Reduced stress and mental illness
- Increased confidence
- Increased vitamin D from time spent in sunlight
- Improved problem solving and increased ability to assess risks
- Increased concentration

It's cool to be an Eco School!







Clubs

Please note there are no music clubs during or after school next week. All clubs have now finished for this term.

SPO Fixtures

Saturday 29th March

Netball A Team Tournament v Gayhurst School	16.45-18.30	Les Ormes
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Tuesday 1st April

Year 5 Tag Rugby Tournament	9.30-12.30	Jersey Rugby Club
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Wednesday 2nd April

Year 6 Tag Rugby Tournament	9.30-12.30	Jersey Rugby Club
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<u>Please note</u> there are no sports clubs during or after school next week. All clubs have now finished for this term.

Swimarathon





Last Friday, 64 children from JCP (Years 3-6) took part in the Swimarathon, which took place at Les Quennevais. JCP took over the whole pool for an hour, in an event which had a fantastic community feel. The children represented JCP extremely well and we are all so proud of how well the children swam and how much enthusiasm they showed throughout the whole morning. Each team swam a large number of laps - ranging from 40-54. Well done to all those that took part in this wonderful event.

Thank you very much to the children, their families and their friends, for raising so much money for the local charities that will benefit from all of the money raised at this years event, including Jersey Oncology, Jersey Hospice and ABC Breast Cancer Support Jersey. The JCP community alone, raised a staggering £2,764!! Well done to all involved.







Year 5 Swimming Gala



On Tuesday, Year 5 took part in their annual inter-house swimming gala at Langford. It was an afternoon full of fun, endeavour and great swimming. There was amazing House spirit on display from all of the Houses, but also, lots of support for each other, regardless of which house they were in. Well done Year 5!

The event included a range of traditional stroke races, as well as lots of fun, team races. The Houses competed against each other in these races, to win points. All of the children showed great enthusiasm, determination and dedication throughout the afternoon.

Congratulations to **Grandin**, who were crowned the winners of the Year 5 swimming gala.

Results

1st - Grandin 2nd - Du Pre 2nd Gilbert 4th Le Sueur 63 points60 points50 points





A massive thank you to the PTA for funding our new sound system for PE and other events. It made a huge difference, and we really appreciate their support.

Pictured here are the winning house, **Grandin**, with the new sound system.

Thank you so much PTA!



Netball



A Team

In a closely contested final match, JCP A faced Grouville, with the score close until the final third. Despite strong defence and good team play, JCP A struggled with shooting accuracy, struggling to capitalise on their opportunities in the shooting circle. Grouville took advantage of their more consistent shooting and managed to edge ahead, winning 14-5. The loss was disappointing, but JCP A can take pride in their efforts throughout the season, and the massive improvement that they have made.

Final Score: 14-5 win to Grouville Players of the Match: Orla and Elizabeth



Netball



B & C Team

On Monday, the JCP B & C Netball teams played their final match of the season against Grouville. We mixed the teams up for this final match, to give everybody the chance to play one final Netball match for JCP. It was a very close game overall, with some good quality Netball on display from both teams. JCP led 2-1 at the end of the first third thanks to some accurate shooting from Annabel and Maddie. The second third was a little more scrappy, with possession being won and lost often by both teams, with the third ending 3-3. JCP came out strong in the final third, where they tried hard to maintain possession of the ball. This created more goalscoring opportunities, and in the final seconds of the match, Lia managed to score a goal, resulting in a 4-3 victory for JCP.

Final Score: 4-3 win to JCP Player of the match: Alice H



Year 4 House Football





The Year 4 House Football event was an exciting display of teamwork, energy, and determination, with new teams eager to make their mark. All teams showed immense effort and enthusiasm throughout the competition, and it was clear that every player was dedicated to doing their best for their house.

In a thrilling finish, Gilbert and Le Sueur ended up tied for first place, showcasing their skill and teamwork in every match. Both teams demonstrated impressive coordination, making for an exciting and closely contested battle for the top spot. Du Pre finished in a strong third place, putting up a valiant effort, while Grandin, despite their best efforts, took fourth place.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for these young players to come together, learn, and develop their skills in a competitive yet fun environment. Every player showed great sportsmanship and worked hard, and it was wonderful to see such a high level of enthusiasm and spirit from all involved. Congratulations to Gilbert and Le Sueur for sharing the top spot, and a big well done to all the teams for their hard work and dedication!

As the Year 4 students move into Year 5, it will be exciting to see more of them make the most of new opportunities available to them at Football Club. We hope that this event has sparked a passion for the game, and it will be fantastic to see even more talent and enthusiasm in future competitions!







Hockey



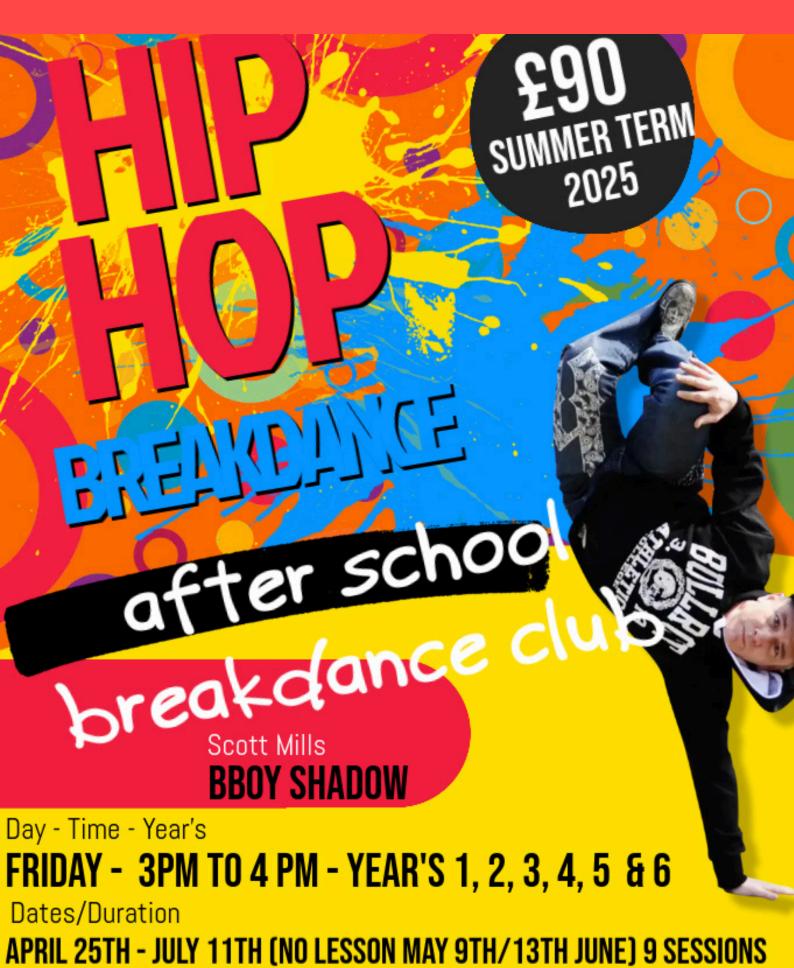






On Thursday, JCP and VCP combined forces on the sports field, taking part in a mixed hockey tournament at St Michael's school. JCP and VCP entered 2 teams into the tournament and it was great to see the children working so well together. There was some great hockey on display, and the teams grew in confidence throughout the afternoon. Both teams won, drew and lost some of their games against some very strong teams. JCP/VCP team 1 finished in 4th place, whilst JCP/VCP team 2 finished in 7th place. Well done to all involved. A special mention must go to Taashi for her tenacity and bravery in goal.

Breakdance Club



Email: MILLSBOMB@HOTMAIL.COM to register place & payment details



Just a reminder on Tuesday 22nd April, Little Leopards is closed due to the JCP inset day.

We are also closed on the Wednesday 30th April due to the JCP Open Evening.

Creative Minds Camp

Calling all budding spies and scientists!

Get ready for an Easter break adventure you won't forget! JCG Foundation's Creative Minds Camp is back with two exciting themes.

Spy Camp (Monday 7th to Friday 11th April)

- Crack codes and decipher messages
- · Learn the art of stealth and disguise
- Build your own spy gadgets
- Embark on thrilling missions

Science and Discovery Camp (Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April)

- Explore the wonders of science with hands-on experiments
- Build your own volcano and planet
- Construct a bridge that can hold the weight of a grownup
- Create a mini-ecosystem in a wormery
- Experiment with acid rain

Don't miss out on the chance to unleash your creativity and have a blast!

Click **here** for more information and to register.



Summer Term Courses for Parents



To register your interest in any of the above courses, please contact the Children and Families Hub by email on **childrenandfamilieshub@gov.je**.

For more information on each of the courses, please click **here** to see the Live Timetable of Courses for Parents

Home Language Lessons

Mother tongue lessons are available for students in Jersey who speak a language other than English at home.

These lessons provide valuable opportunities for students to develop their heritage language skills, which can support their overall academic progress and cultural identity.

Currently, lessons are offered in French, Portuguese, Romanian, Chinese, and Polish. Here are some useful links below:

French - click <u>here</u>

Portuguese - click <u>here</u>

Romanian - click <u>here</u>

Chinese - click <u>here</u>

Polish - click <u>here</u>