



Weekly Newsletter

Upcoming Dates

February

16th-20th Half Term Break

23rd INSET - no school for pupils

24th Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day

27th PTA Meeting, 8.15am, Meeting Room

27th Year 1C Visit to Mont Orgueil Castle

27th Year 6 Visit to The Synagogue

March

3rd Year 1G Visit to Mont Orgueil Castle

5th World Book Day

6th Year 1S Visit to Mont Orgueil Castle

12th Whole School Photo, Bentley Photographic

12th Year 4 Assembly to Parents, 2pm, Hall

13th PTA Cake Sale in conjunction with cakes from Gilbert & Grandin Houses (Reception to Year 6)

Upcoming Dates continued

14th ESFA Football Tournament

19th Year 6 Swimming Gala, 1.15pm, Langford

24th Year 5 Swimming Gala, 1.15pm, Langford

24th Reports to parents

25th Year 4 Visit to Mont Orgueil

25th Parent Teacher Meetings, 3-6pm, Classrooms

26th Reception Assembly to Parents, 2pm, Hall

26th PTA Easter Bingo (Time TBC)

27th Swimathon (Key Stage 2), Les Quennevais

30th Parent Teacher Meetings, 5-7pm, Classrooms

April

1st Last day Spring term

20th Start of Summer Term

29th Open Day

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we reach the end of this half term, it would be impossible not to mention the relentless rain this week. Playtimes have involved plenty of puddles and muddy shoes, and our Reception children have certainly made good use of their wellies. Even so, the weather has not dampened the children's enthusiasm, and school life has carried on as positively and purposefully as ever.

This week has been a celebration of poetry across the school. I have been delighted by the number of children who chose to take part in our poetry recital competition. They have immersed themselves in a wonderfully wide range of poems – some humorous, some thoughtful and moving, and a few that were just a little bit cheeky!

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Class heats began the excitement, followed by semi-finals across the year groups, all culminating in a fantastic final in the hall on Friday morning. The standard was extremely high. The finalists demonstrated excellent oracy skills, confidence and real stage presence. It was wonderful to see children speaking so clearly and performing with such expression.

I will leave Mrs Killick and Mrs James, our English leaders, to announce the winners – although every child who stepped forward to perform should feel very proud of themselves.

As we break for half term, I wish you all a restful and (hopefully) somewhat drier week ahead. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 24th February, refreshed and ready for the next busy and exciting part of the term.

Mrs Precious

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



This week your child will have brought home a Bentley Photographic card from which you will be able to order photos should you wish.

VALENTINE SPIRIT

We had a sprinkle of Valentine spirit in school today, with a few children sporting heart-shaped hair designs. Thank you to Mr Timlin for adding some cheerful decorations, particularly in the staff room.



YEAR 6 SCIENCE LESSON

This week in Science, Year 6 were joined by Kim, a Medical Statistician, who shared her expertise on how medicines are developed. This linked perfectly with our topic on the circulatory system and showed pupils how the scientific process they use in class applies in real life.

Thank you, Kim – we learnt so much!



BIG SCHOOLS BIRDWATCH

The RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch came to a close at JCP this week after all classes took the opportunity to get outdoors, connect with wildlife and monitor species.

Our ultimate aim was to look into how climate change is affecting biodiversity in our school grounds and threatening the island habitat of some of our familiar and visiting birds. The event is also crucial for tracking trends over time, such as the long-term decline in House Sparrows.

Over recent weeks our Eco Team have worked hard to make our school environment more bird-friendly - by regularly making and topping up our bird feeders.

Bird counts and surveys submitted by classes revealed that the most commonly sighted birds at JCP are Seagulls, Carrion Crows, Wood Pigeons and Magpies.

However, there were some lesser sightings of Robins, Blackbirds, House Sparrows and Chaffinches.

All class results have now been submitted to the RSPB to support local scientists and their monitoring of bird population trends, inform conservation efforts to protect habitats and create a snapshot of bird health.



HOUSE REWARDS



Congratulations to Gilbert, who won the House Rewards this half term and enjoyed a fun afternoon of activities and games in the Hall today.



Poetry Competition

Today, we were delighted to host our very first JCP Poetry Performance Competition. Winners from each year group earned the opportunity to showcase their impressive oracy skills in front of the entire school community, as well as two special guest judges from Jersey College for Girls (JCG).

We are incredibly grateful to Mr Vibert and Mrs Moss, who kindly agreed to take on the very difficult task of selecting an overall winner for both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. The standard was exceptionally high, and the judges had a challenging decision to make.



After much deliberation, George from Year 2 was crowned the Key Stage 1 winner with his wonderful performance of The Lighthouse. In Key Stage 2, Rowan from Year 4 took the title with her fantastic rendition of Homework, Oh Homework!



Congratulations to all of our finalists for their confidence, expression, and enthusiasm — we are so proud of every pupil who took part in this special event.

NETBALL MATCHES

On Monday the Year 6 A and B Netball Teams travelled to St Michael's for their fixture. It was always going to be a difficult fixture, with St Michael's wanting to make up for 2 losses last term, so the teams went into the games with courage and determination.

The A team started well, scoring 5 goals in the first third and showing fast, fluid attacking play. In defence the team found it more challenging, with some players needing to play out of position and step up to real pressure from St Michael's. With new formations and strict umpiring, it really challenged JCP to persevere and adapt to the game.

St Michael's managed to keep JCP within reach throughout, and came back in the last minute for a well fought draw.

Final score: JCP A 12-12 St Michael's A

Player of the match: Halle



NETBALL MATCHES

The B team had a much more tentative start, with missed shooting opportunities and scrappy play making it 1-1 after the first third.

They continued to find it difficult to link passes throughout the game, giving away many easy opportunities and going behind heading into the final third.

After a reset and bit of reflection from the team, they managed to pull it together, with much better passing play and confident shooting giving them an eventual win.

Final score: JCP B 7-5 St Michael's B



Player of the match: Alix



NETBALL MATCHES

Year 5 were also in action this week, with a slightly damp, but highly anticipated visit from Helvetia on Tuesday. We wanted to use this game to start to think about positions that players may be suited for, which meant a lot of moving around and asking pupils to play in new positions.

They started off well, with our attackers feeding the ball into the circle with confidence and providing back up play where necessary. Our shooters found their form and JCP were winning 3-1 after the first third. The second third was quieter, with no goals scored at either end. With the rain really starting to come down, JCP managed to take the win in the final third, with sheer determination and confident shooting.

Final score: JCP 7-2 Helvetia

Player of the match: Daisy



PE CLUBS & FIXTURES AFTER HALF TERM

Tuesday

Dodgeball - Year 2 Group 2	12.00-12.30	Hall
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Wednesday

Netball Club - Year 4 Group 2	12.00-12.30	Netball Club
Football Club - Year's 5&6 Group 2	15.00-16.15	Heathfield
Hockey Club - Year's 5&6	15.00-16.20	Astro

Thursday

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

Saturday

Hockey Tournament Year 6	8.30-11.20	Les Quennevais Sports Centre
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MUSIC CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

Tuesday

String Ensemble	12.30-12.55	Music Room
Senior Choir	15.00-16.00	School Hall

Wednesday

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

Wind Ensemble	12.30-12.55	Music Room
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KEY STAGE 2 HOT LUNCHES NEXT WEEK

LUNCH TIME

DOME LUNCH Week 1



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Soup	Leek and potato TN, D	Carrot SD	Tomato and basil D	Spiced celeriac D	Butternut and carrot SD
Main	Pasta with tomato sauce G, E	Mild Indian-style chicken curry C,TN,M,D	Roast beef SD,C	Beef lasagne G,D,E,SD,C	Grilled fish, Fries M,E,D,G,F
Veggie option	Pesto Pasta G,E, D	Mild Indian-style potato chickpea curry C,TN,M,D	"Mac & Cheese D,G or Celeriac 'steaks' C,G,D"	Basil and pumpkin seed 'pesto', parsnip D,G,E	Fried haloumi cheese, tartare sauce, Fries D,G,E,M
and also jacket potato either plain or with Tuna & Onion/ Cheese/ Baked beans					
Sides	Leafy salad, tomato salad, seasonal vegetables				





POLYPHONY

Congratulations

We were delighted to see that some of our Polyphony pupils competed in both the PwC Junior and Young Musician of the Year competitions last weekend.

Huge congratulations go to the Polyphony students who won their classes:

- Bobbi on Flute won the Island Music Woodwind Trophy in the Junior Musician of the Year
- Rosanna on Piano won the Wendy Falla Piano Trophy in the Junior Musician of the Year

Congratulations to everyone that put themselves forward for the competition! Performing requires an enormous amount of preparation and resilience, and we are very proud to contribute towards the development of the next generation of musicians.

We have spaces for the Summer Term in the following disciplines:

Lessons	Teacher	Year Groups
Bass Guitar	Mr Pugh	Y7 to Y13
Classical Singing	Mr Wynne	Y7 to Y13
Double Bass	Mr Pugh	Y7 to Y13
Drum Kit	Mr Willcocks	Y7 to Y13
Music Theory, Practical Musicianship and Composition	Mr Pugh	Y7 to Y13

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Little Leopards

Ad-Hoc session

Little Leopards are now offering ad-hoc Friday sessions for your children. Whether you are registered with the after-school club or not, you can book your child to be looked after from 15:00 to 17:30 for the cost of £15.

The team has planned a variety of engaging activities, including arts and crafts, creative projects, painting, and sensory play, all designed to support learning and enjoyment in a relaxed environment.

[To book your ad hoc session for Friday 27th February, follow this link](#)

Biomed



Bookings for the 2026 Biomed programme are now open. Biomed is for anyone interested in a career in the healthcare field, from doctors and nurses to speech and language therapists, radiologists and all other roles within healthcare. It is also valuable to all those interested in veterinary roles. [To book, follow this link](#)

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