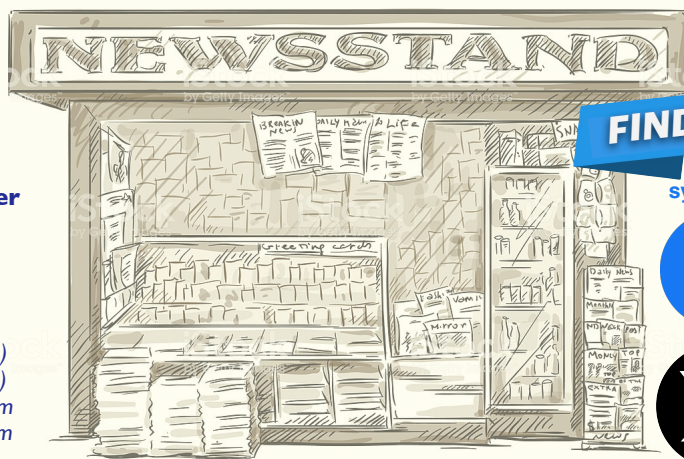




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Dates for Your Diary

- 12.01.26 Restorative Practice parent / carer session workshop, 4 – 5.30pm
- 19.01.26 Pedestrian Skills Y1
- 20.01.26 Pedestrian Skills Y2
- 26.01.26 Scooter skills, Year 4 (a separate letter will be sent out with all of the details.)
- 30.01.26 Parent Governor Election (Voting details to follow.)

Swimming will start on Thursday 5th February for our junior children – a separate letter will be sent out with all of the details.

This is not an exhaustive list! Keep your eye on our website and social sites for all the latest dates & events!

Message from Mr Kelly

Welcome back everyone, and a very happy New Year - welcome to 2026. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable Christmas break, and that our children have returned ready for another exciting year of learning. As I reflect on my first term as Headteacher at Scoill yn Jubilee, I honestly cannot believe how quickly it has passed. One of the highlights of the term was having the opportunity to watch all of our children perform in their Christmas concerts and performances. Their confidence, enthusiasm and pride shone through, and I could not have been prouder of them. As we move forward into 2026, learning continues at pace, and there is much to look forward to. Please take time to read this newsletter for important updates, including information about the upcoming Parent Governor election. Dates for your diary are included opposite, and I encourage you to keep an eye on our ever-growing Facebook page for the latest news and celebrations - including photographs - from Scoill yn Jubilee.

With best wishes, Max Kelly, Headteacher

If you know of any families with a child due to start in Reception in September 2026, please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible so that they can register. Thank you for helping us spread the word within the community.

Welcome back to all of our children. We are very excited for another great year of learning at SYJ!

ParentPay
A gentle reminder to keep your account in credit for school lunch payments!

Upcoming Extra-Curricular Opportunities

If your child would like to attend Athletics Club on a Friday morning (8.15 - 8.45am) with Mrs Smith, please complete this form. This club will commence on Friday 6th February until Friday 20th March. Please drop your child off at the front entrance. We will only contact you if the club is oversubscribed. We will NOT confirm their attendance. Thank you



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

We are delighted to share an exciting opportunity from the Isle of Man Imagination Library. This wonderful programme gifts free, high-quality books every month to children from birth until their fifth birthday, regardless of family income. Registration is currently open for children living in Douglas, including some of our younger Reception children and siblings at home. Research shows strong links to improved early reading outcomes, so we would strongly encourage eligible families to register and take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all parents who expressed an interest in the Parent Governor role following our December newsletter. We are pleased to confirm that we have two candidates for the position: our current Parent Governor, Mr Macfarlane, who has put himself forward for a second term of office, and Mr Gleave. Later this month, parents will be invited to take part in a formal vote to select their preferred candidate, with full details shared shortly. On the reverse of this newsletter, you will find both candidates' statements and photographs to help you begin getting to know them.

Staff Updates

We would like to share some important news from within our Scoill yn Jubilee community. Mrs Worsfold has recently been appointed to a new senior role within the Vision Support Service and will therefore be leaving her post at Scoill yn Jubilee at the end of this term. While this will understandably be a sad moment for many, particularly the Year 6 pupils she currently teaches, this appointment represents a truly wonderful personal and professional opportunity for Mrs Worsfold, and we are all very pleased for her. It is also a powerful reflection of the strength and quality of our school that we are able to contribute experienced senior staff to support learning across the wider Island community. Information about how we will support and cover Mrs Worsfold's Year 6 class will be shared with parents and pupils as soon as possible. We are also delighted to congratulate Mr Bennett and Miss Leeming on the arrival of their new baby, Annie Wren.

Thank you to all the children, parents and families who sent Christmas cards and kind messages over the festive period — they meant a great deal to me. I was also genuinely touched by the unexpected gifts received. Many staff were also kindly thought of, and while never expected, these gestures are always deeply appreciated. Please accept our collective thanks.

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Parent Governor Election - Meet The Candidates



Ewan Macfarlane

My name is Ewan Macfarlane, and I have been part of the Scoill yn Jubilee community for just over four years, since my daughter joined the school in Reception. I currently have two children at the school: my daughter in Year 4 and my son in Year 1. This means I have an insight into both the Junior and Infant sites, including the different opportunities and challenges each presents, from the limitations of the ageing junior building to the ongoing improvements needed at the infant site.

Over the past year, I have had the privilege of serving as a Parent Governor, and I would like to thank those parents who have taken the time to speak with me and share their thoughts, experiences, and concerns. These conversations have been invaluable in helping me better understand what matters most to families across the school community.

Professionally, I am a teacher, with experience in secondary education and now at University College Isle of Man. While this background gives me a strong understanding of education, the past year has shown me that being a governor offers a very different perspective. It has been a year of learning, listening, and developing the confidence to ask questions, challenge appropriately, and support the school in a constructive and thoughtful way.

It has also been a year of change for the school, during which many important discussions and decisions have taken place. I am proud to have played a small part in the collective efforts of governors and staff to support positive change and to ensure the best possible environment for pupils and staff alike.

I am motivated to continue in this role, building on what I have learned, strengthening relationships, and contributing positively to the ongoing development of Scoill yn Jubilee for all children, now and in the future.



Andrew Gleave

My name is Andrew Gleave and I've been part of the school community for over eight years, with my eldest attending Scoill yn Jubilee between 2017 and 2023 and my youngest starting in 2022 and currently in year three.

I also attended the school myself when it was called Murray's Road / Ballaquayle, giving me a perspective on how the school has evolved over the years.

Professionally, I'm a software engineer specialising in educational technology. I build assessment and evaluation platforms used by universities to analyse student performance and support learning objectives.

My work with students, faculty, and educators in different countries has given me practical insight into how educational institutions function, and how transformative good leadership can be for student outcomes.

I'm standing for Parent Governor because I want to support the senior team's goals for Jubilee over the coming year, and believe my prior experience working with teams of educators can be of value.

This school has been good for my children, and I'd like to do my part to make it even better.

Parent Governor Election – Voting Information

The Parent Governor election will take place on Friday 30 January. Every parent or carer is entitled to cast one vote should they wish to participate. Further details about the voting process and how to submit your vote will be shared closer to the date. We appreciate parents taking the time to engage with this important part of school governance.