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# Arbory School News



## Dates

### School Closes

Friday 18th July

### School opens for children

Wednesday 3rd  
September

### Venture Centre Trip for Y6

Monday 8th September  
to  
Friday  
12th September

**Slane Lhiu!**

15th July 2025

### Dear Parents

#### Disco

The disco was a real success, thanks to Mrs Hickey for her DJ skills! The children had great fun and the event raised £ 418.37 for school funds.

#### School Fair

Thanks to everyone who helped out and attended the school fair. The weather was hot and sunny for a change and the children had a very enjoyable time. Altogether the amount raised was £845.50.

#### Shoes

If you are buying new school shoes over the summer, please ensure that they are black and have black soles rather than trainers which often have white or coloured flashes. Children in KS2 are allowed to change into trainers at lunchtime playtime but must change back into school shoes at the end of break.

#### Yn Chruinnaght - Celtic Gathering

Some of our dancers will be taking part in displays for the Chruinnaght this year. They will be performing at the House of Manannan at 12pm on Tuesday 22nd July.

#### School Dinners / Parent Pay

Please ensure that your Parent Pay dinners account is not in debt at the end of term. School meals cost £2.55 per day and this is likely to stay the same next term.

The Free School Meal applications are live for the next academic year <https://desc.gov.im/education/education/free-school-meals-and-travel-card/>

The deadline for applications is the 31<sup>st</sup> July and you must reapply each year, even if your child is currently in receipt of Free School Meals.

#### Mrs Ayres

As you may know, Mrs Ayres has been teaching Year One for the first half of the week since the beginning of February. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for everything she has done over the past two terms, going above and beyond what was expected of a long-term supply teacher. I know that she has developed a good relationship with the children and has worked tirelessly to ensure that they were settled and that they made good progress. I would also like to thank Mrs Weeks for agreeing to take on a different role from February to take on responsibility for the class at the end of the week. As Mrs Ayres is leaving at the end of term, I would like to wish her all the best for the future and I am sure that you will see her in Arbory at some point in the coming year. Mrs Weeks will be staying at Arbory and I wish her well for her new role in Year 5.

#### Goodbyes

It is that time of year when we say goodbye to a number of families, mostly with children in Year 6.

We wish them all the best for the future and hope that their time at Arbory has given them the grounding that they need to flourish at High School. A big 'thank you' to all the families who have worked with us to support the children on their learning journey.

It is also 'goodbye' from Mrs Collister and myself. We both want to thank everyone for the gifts, cards and kind words that you have given us. The retirement tea was a very special event for us and it was good to see a number of children and parents come along together with colleagues from schools and services where we have both worked; French Team, Onchan, Laxey, Willaston, Ballacloan, St. Thomas' CE and Rushen. It was also a great farewell send off after the many cherished years we have both spent at Arbory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **everyone** in our school community both now and in the past for making Arbory such a wonderful place to teach, work and learn. Feedback from the recent validation commented on Arbory being a very Manx school at the heart of the local community. That community has surrounded the school, held it dear and has always been ready to provide opportunities, support, advice and practical help in order to ensure that children here have the best learning experiences that we can provide.

Enjoy the summer, stay safe and please come and say hello when you see us - probably around Peel and Kirk Michael!

Yours sincerely,

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