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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Summer 1 half term, I would like to thank everyone for another positive and productive few weeks in school. The children have worked incredibly hard, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning across the curriculum. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned half-term break.

Looking ahead to the next half term, we have a very busy and exciting period coming up. Sports Days will be taking place, along with a range of summer events that celebrate the children's achievements and wider school life. We are also very much looking forward to our PTA Summer Fete, which will take place after school on **Wednesday 1st July** – a fantastic opportunity for our community to come together and support the school.

The second half of the summer term also brings important transition opportunities, as children begin to prepare for their new classes in September. These experiences are carefully planned to help pupils feel confident, excited, and ready for the next stage of their learning journey. We have been recruiting for a couple of new teachers this week, so we will inform parents and children of who their new class teacher will be when we return after half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for an action-packed final half term of the year.



Samares Showcase – well done!

We were delighted by the incredible response to this term's Samares Showcase, with an amazing 65 entries submitted! The range of imaginative and creative interpretations of this term's theme, Celebrating Liberation, was truly wonderful to see and a real credit to the children's enthusiasm and independence. Thank you to everyone who came along on Friday to enjoy the showcase and celebrate the children's work.

We're already looking forward to next term, when we launch our Autumn theme: What makes us Samares? Our website has been updated with photos of some of the amazing work on display.

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=Samares+Showcase&pid=131>

Zones of Regulation:

Today's tool is 'Calling on Connections'. It is a tool that encourages leaning on your connections to help regulation. No matter how you are feeling, you don't have to go through it alone. Connecting with somebody you trust can help you brainstorm solutions, gain another perspective and feel supported.

Here are some sentence stems you could use and model at home with your child:

- I'm having a hard time. Can we talk?
- I need some advice.
- Have you ever felt _____?

Talk with your child about who they trust and who they could call on when they need support. Remember to positively praise your child/ren when they use this tool.



What is on next week:

As always, there's lots happening alongside our usual learning in class straight after half term. Y5 are surfing and going to padel tennis, Y6 are welcoming Hive Hackers computing, Year 2 have whole class music lessons from Jersey Music Service, Lighthouse class are going swimming, Healing Waves surfing session. Our Samares Sunrise Friday morning session takes place at 8.15am (gates open at 8.10am) – all welcome!

Samares stars:

This half term, we were delighted to celebrate an incredible 158 Samares Stars! It continues to be a real highlight of our week; seeing learning from across the school and hearing about the outstanding attitudes pupils are demonstrating. Well done to every child who has been recognised for their fantastic learning, positive attitude and excellent behaviour.

Sports Day dates

Please see the dates below for Sports Day, where parents are welcome to attend:

- Key Stage 2 and Year 2 (Year 2 to Year 6) – Friday 10th July 9.15am – 11.15am (approx. timings)
- Year 1 – Thursday 9th July 1.45pm – 2.45pm
- Reception – Tuesday 7th July 2pm – 3pm
- Nursery – Thursday 25th June 1.45pm – 2.30pm
- Reserve date (in case of any inclement weather) – Wednesday 15th July

Term Dates

Our May half term is from Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May and school is closed during this time. We look forward to welcoming families back to school on Monday 1st June.

Our INSET Dates for 2026/27 have been confirmed:

Monday 7th September 2026, Thursday 10th September 2026 (Battle of Britain Day), Friday 11th September 2026 and Friday 5th February 2027.

Term dates for the next academic year can be found here:

[Term Dates - Government of Jersey](#)

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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