



P1 Induction Days

9th & 10th June

2026

Welcome



Purpose of today

- Give pupils the opportunity to spend time in their new classroom and to meet classmates, teachers and staff
- Share some key information with you about St Joseph's
- To give parents the opportunity to meet with one another
- To answer any new questions you may have since your child's application was accepted



Staff

- Principal: Mr Conor Donnelly
- Acting Vice Principal: Mr Ciaran Wright
- 14 class teachers + Newcomer and SEN support teacher
- 31 classroom assistants and growing
- Range of support staff, cleaning staff, support teachers
- Around 60 people on a daily basis

Safeguarding Team



Our Safeguarding Team



Mrs C Herbert



Mrs B McAlister



Mr C Wright



Mr C Donnelly

We are always here for you to talk to.

We all matter, we all belong, we all try to do our best!

First Aid Team



This is our team of trained
and registered First Aiders.



Mr Wright



Miss Crawford



Mr McBride



Mrs Hayes



Mrs McAlister

Medical kits are outside the Newcomer Room.

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Classes & Staff – P1A

Mrs Wilson – Class Teacher



Mrs Nixon – Classroom Assistant



Classes & Teachers – P1B

Miss Crawford– Class Teacher



Mrs Noonan – Classroom Assistant



Ms Pelu – Classroom Assistant



Key People Around the School



Mrs Abram – SENCO



Mrs Magee – Newcomer



Ms Warke - Secretary





Our school uniform

Results of recent consultation: (April 2026)

- 96% of parents feel our school uniform is an important part of our identity
- 86% feel it is comfortable
- 87% feel our uniform is sufficiently warm enough for pupils
- 71% of parents feel our uniform is affordable or very affordable
- 93% feel it simplifies their morning routine
- 86% state that it is easy to wash
- 82% agree that our uniform is durable
- 98% of parents know where to purchase our school uniform

School Uniform

To instil a sense of belonging and a sense of pride in our school, parents are requested to ensure that their children wear the proper school uniform:

Royal blue V-neck jumper with crest

School tie

White shirt/blouse

Grey trousers/skirt

Black school shoes

White or Grey Socks/Tights

PE uniform

Navy Track Top with Crest

Navy Track Bottoms with Crest

White Polo Shirt

Plimsolls/Trainers

Navy School Shorts



*Please ensure that all items of clothing are marked clearly with your child's name.

In St Joseph's Primary School, we are very proud to wear our school uniform. It is a key symbol of our membership of team St Joseph's – we all belong!

Our uniform is hard wearing and affordable. We run regular 'swap-shops' and uniform donations and share old uniforms throughout the school community via our PTA.

Our summer dress, trousers, skirts, shirts and polo shirts are generic and can be purchased in many shops and supermarkets.

Branded uniforms can be purchased at [School Days](#), Newtownards Road, [Tailored Workwear](#), Newtownabbey or at [Truly Fayre](#), Ormeau Road.



Standard

PE

Summer



No jewellery!
Studs only

Newcomer Support



Mrs Magee is our Newcomer Support Teacher.

Her role is to support those pupils in the school who have English as an additional language.

She is also our Emotional Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator.

She runs our Relax Kids Programme.

[Pieta Award 2026](#)



WE HELP CHILDREN



Miss School = Miss Out

At St Joseph's Primary School we are committed to creating an environment where every child can fulfil their potential. Excellent attendance is an essential part of this commitment.

The benefits of excellent school attendance can include:

1. Making friends.
2. Experiencing a wide curriculum.
3. Developing a range of skills.
4. Building confidence.
5. Growing in self-esteem.
6. Having fun.
7. Achieving life-long success
8. Having a great start in life

Every day counts! Don't let them mount up!

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence. That's 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence. That's 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence. That's 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed



Attendance in St Joseph's



Year	No of Pupils Achieving Full Attendance	Mean Attendance for academic year
2021 - 2022	5	92.4%
2022 - 2023	13	94.3%
2023 - 2024	19	94.4%
2024 - 2025	22	95.6%
2025 - 2026	40	96.1%

- Sharing regular attendance information with parents (Once per term)
- Attendance rewards, certificates and trophies
- Talking to parents and pupils about the importance of good attendance
- Sharing holiday lists as early as possible in the year

Illness – school absence



HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?



Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea & /or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.

Do not keep your child off unnecessarily!
Being tired is not an acceptable excuse!
A common head cold does not require an absence.

However, follow the guidance if your child is genuinely unwell.

Highlights

V&D = 48 hours from the last episode

Chicken Pox = at least 5 days from rash onset and until all spots have crusted over

Head Lice = inform the school and treat your child's hair

WHEN'S
IT
HOMETIME?

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School holidays

This list is in your pack

Please book family holidays
around these dates

Excellent attendance is our
target!

St Joseph's Primary School



School Holidays: 2026/2027

Dates	Description
Monday 31 st August, 2026	New term begins
Friday 25 th September, 2026	School Closed for Pupils – Staff Training Day
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2026	Mid-term Break
Friday 27 th November 2026	School Closed for Pupils – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 23 rd December – Monday 4 th January 2027	Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 5 th January 2027	New term begins
Monday 25 th January 2027	School Closed for Pupils – Staff Training Day
Monday 8 th February – Friday 12 th February 2027	Mid-term break
Wednesday 17 th March 2027	St Patrick's Day Holiday
Thursday 25 th March – Friday 2 nd April 2027	Easter Holidays
Monday 5 th April 2027	New term begins
Monday 3 rd May 2027	Early May Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May 2027	School Closed for Pupils – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 26 th – Friday 28 th May 2027	School Closed for Pupils – Staff Training Days
Monday 31 st May 2027	Late May Bank Holiday
Wednesday 30 th June 2027	Last Day of Term

Please note: There are additional three additional TransformedED Development Days on 25th September, 25th January and 4th May in the next academic year. We have no flexibility with these dates and must use them as instructed by the DE.

SEN Provision



- It's important to let us know if your child has a special education need that has been identified by their pre-school or childcare setting
- St. Joseph's are proud to be an **inclusive** school, where all children are valued and respected.
- We understand that many children may require additional support at some stage during their time at St. Joseph's.
- Through a “whole school approach” to SEN, all staff share a responsibility to ensure all children are catered for and are provided with equal opportunities to reach their full potential.



Potential Interventions e.g.

- In class provision and differentiation
- Lego Therapy
- Sensory Circuits
- Art Therapy and Starfish Counselling Service
- Clarawood Support
- Time to Read
- St Gerard's Outreach Literacy Support
- Lexia (P3 – P7)
- Relax Kids, DOTS programme, PawsB
- Record of Concern, PLP, Statement (EA)

School Meals

- Dinners cost £3.10 per day
- P1 – P3 eat together at 11.50am
- The rest of the pupils are supervised for school lunches in their classroom.
- Meals are provided to cater for dietary needs including halal, vegetarian, dairy and nut free
- The menu is available on the school website

**EAT SMART WEEK
THE LUNCH BUNCH**

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

16th February 16th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	Baked Fish Gougers with Lemon Mayo Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Selection of Fruit Yoghurt Pots	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Green Beans Fusilli Pasta & Fresh Seasonal Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Fresh Seasonal Salad Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Peach & Raspberry Trifle	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate & Pear Sponge Cake	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Garden Peas & Mini Corn on the Cob Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Peas
23rd February 23rd March 20th April 18th May 15th June	Golden Baked Cod Bites Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt and Fruit Tub	Mild Beef Chili Sweetcorn, Fresh Seasonal Salad & Celeriac Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Homemade Apple Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Diced Carrots Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Salad with Strawberry Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Fruit Muffin and Milkshake	Chesburger with Tomato Ketchup Mini Corn on the Cob & Crunchy Veggie Sticks Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Oatmeal Biscuit with Orange Wedges
2nd March 29th March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Banana-flavoured Mousse	Homemade Beef Bolognese Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Seasonal Salad Fusilli Pasta & Herbed Baby Potatoes Summer Fruit Sponge Finger	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Green Beans & Baton Carrots Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Blueberry and Lemon Sponge with Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Cauliflower & Roast Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Jelly Whip with Mandarin Oranges	Baked Pork Sausages Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt with Melon Wedge
9th March 6th April 4th May 1st June 29th June	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fusilli Pasta & Oven Roast Wedges Melon, Mandarin and Pineapple Pot	Ham and Cheese Pizza Sweetcorn & Celeriac Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Raspberry Jelly with Two Fruits	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Roast Butternut Squash Steamed Rice & Potato Salad Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Roast Chicken with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Baked Salmon and Tomato Pasta Roast Carrot & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate-flavoured Mousse with Chopped Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Gougers Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes, Baked Potato & Fresh Seasonal Salad Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit with Melon Wedge

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY | MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY | IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL



Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

- Every year there are families who are entitled to FSM who don't apply
- There are benefits to the school, even if your child never has a school meal
- Please investigate your eligibility and check out the EA website [here](#)

FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Applications
open
NOW

**You may be entitled if
you receive ANY of the
following benefits:**



Income Related
Employment and Support
Allowance



Guarantee
Element of State
Pension Credit



Universal Credit and
have net household
earnings not
exceeding the
approved threshold



Healthy Break and Healthy Lifestyle

- Key focus for our 2026 – 2029 School Development Plan
- Department of Education '[School in Food Policy](#)'
- We want to have healthy breaks and healthy choices for all pupils in St Joseph's – information, incentivisation. More to follow
- In St Joseph's we are an Allergy Aware School

St Joseph's is an allergy aware school.

This means:



We actively work to create a safe and inclusive environment for all

We work to minimise the risks to all pupils with allergies

We support and train staff to provide support to pupils with allergies

We put risk reduction measures in place

We need the support of all parents and pupils to reduce the risk to pupils with allergies.



*'We all matter,
We all belong.
We all try to do
our best.'*

A number of pupils in St Joseph's are allergic to sesame seeds. Sesame seeds are found in some breads, breadsticks and bagels. They are also a key ingredient in hummus in the form of tahini paste.

Hummus, along with other pastes and spreads such as peanut butter and chocolate spread should never be used in the preparation of school lunches.

Please ensure that your child does not have any of these items in their lunch box.

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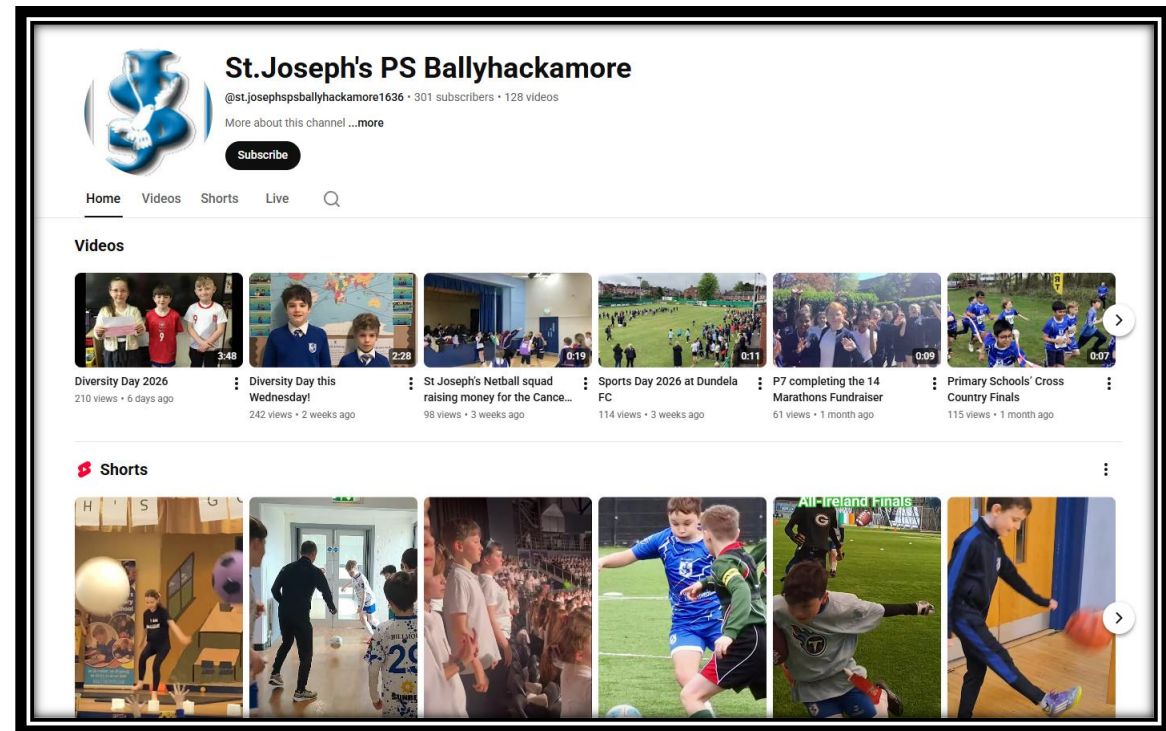


The school also have a YouTube channel where we share larger videos and clips that are too large to share on SeeSaw or through the iClass App.

It can be found [here](#)



Scan here to
visit our
channel!



SeeSaw App



- Used for class communication
- Used by teachers to share class news, key information and events
- One-way communication platform
- Share photos, reminders, whole school messages
- A lot of the messages are duplicated on the App
- Registration details are in your pack



Seesaw



Communication

- Contact the school on stjoesps@gmail.com
- Telephone: 028 90 650039

Contact Details:

- Please ensure contact details are up to date
- Change of number/address etc

Parent Meetings



- P1 Teachers will invite you in for a meeting in **early October** after your child has settled into their new school
- All parents will be invited in for a meeting in **November** to discuss progress and again in Term 2 (**February**)
- Pupils with a PLP (Personal Learning Plan) will be invited in to discuss their child's progress more regularly
- If you require an update on your child's progress, arrange a time to meet their class teacher

Breakfast Club & Happy Kidz



Breakfast Club

- Available to P1 pupils from 8am on Monday 7th September
- Opens at 8am – 8.45am
- Cost £5 per day
- Children receive a breakfast
- Please see the [handbook](#) for more details

Happy Kidz

- Available to P1 pupils from Monday 28th September
- Runs from 2pm – 5.30pm
- Costs £5 per hour
- Snack provided
- More details can be found on our website [here](#)
- **Registration opens on Friday 3rd July at 12 noon on ParentPay**

Phased Start



- Families have been notified of start date and time for your child.
- We appreciate that a phased start can be difficult for families to manage
- Class teachers along with SENCO have planned this very carefully to ensure every pupil has time to get to know a small group of friends and we can get to know them
- We are integrating 60 pupils from 11 different pre-school settings, so it takes a bit of planning
- All pupils will be in until 11.45am from Monday 7th September
- All pupils will be in until 2pm from Monday 28th September

First Day (7th September)



- Start Time: 8.45 - 9am
- You will be met at the classroom door by the class teacher who will welcome your child
- Please pack a healthy snack and drink in a clearly labelled lunch box
- A schoolbag isn't necessary – a blue book bag can be purchased
- Please bring a change of clothes – labelled and in a bag!
- Finish at 11.45am
- Please ensure all personal items are labelled

PTA



- We have a very active and very supportive PTA in St Joseph's
- This year, they have raised around £20,000 for school funds.
- With that money we have been able to purchase 60 brand new iPads to support teaching & learning in St Joseph's
- Next year, they plan to target outdoor learning and help us to maximise the spaces around the building
- New members are very welcome and the PTA can be contacted on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/stjospta> or on email at stjospta@gmail.com

WORLD CUP THEMED
**SUMMER
FAIR**



SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 12NOON – 4PM
ST. JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
BALLYHACKAMORE

Bouncy Castles
BBQ & Ice Cream
Candy Floss
Inflatable Sumo
Penalty Shootout
Facepainting & Tattoos
Games & Prizes
Teddy Tombola
Lucky Dip
Human Fruit Machine
Hook a Duck
Poop Shoot



OUR FAIR IS CASHLESS, YOU CAN BUY TICKETS AT THE GATE

Questions:

Thank you for attending today



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