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Dear Parents/Carers

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Happy New Year and welcome to the start of a new academic term. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your family for health and happiness throughout 2026. Congratulations to all our pupils from Reception to Primary 7 for their outstanding performances in our Christmas Show, "*Lights, Camel, Action.*" The children were fantastic and we are very grateful to all staff for their hard work in preparing and supporting the pupils for this wonderful production. I would also like to express our sincere thanks to all parents, carers, families and members of our school community who supported our Christmas Raffle. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised an amazing total of over **£3,425**.

A special highlight this year was the introduction of our new "**Golden Ticket**" prize, which proved extremely popular. We are deeply grateful to the main sponsors of this prize—Strain and Shields Transport and Tullyherron Farm Feeds—for their generosity. We also warmly thank the parents who kindly donated money towards the Golden Ticket, as well as everyone who contributed prizes. We are very proud of our pupils for their tremendous effort in selling tickets and we extend heartfelt thanks to the parents who prepared and donated the beautiful Christmas Hampers. Your kindness, hard work and support are truly appreciated.

The remarkable amount raised is a testament to the commitment, dedication and generosity of our St. Teresa's Primary School, Tullyherron family. The funds will be used to purchase new Reading, Literacy and ICT resources, which will greatly benefit pupils across the Foundation Stage, KS1 and KS2.

Admission of New Pupils 2026/27

RECEPTION & PRIMARY ONE APPLICATIONS FOR 2026/27: Online applications for Reception and Primary One children via the Education Authority's website (www.eani.org.uk/admissions) are available to complete from **Wednesday 7th January 2026 until 21st January 2026 (12 noon)**. We have posted a short video on our website which will give parents a glimpse of life in our school with information included regarding the admissions process. Please encourage all prospective parents/guardians to visit our website to learn more about our school.

School Meals Price Update

The cost of a school dinner has increased from **£2.60 to £3.10**, effective from 5th January 2026. As a result, the new weekly cost for school dinners is **£15.50**.

Below is list of Events and School Holidays for Term 2 and Term 3 2026:

Wednesday 7 th January-21 st January 2026	Reception and Primary One Admission Applications are available online (www.eani.org.uk/admissions)
Tuesday 6 th January – Tuesday 31 st March 2026	Healthy Kidz Coaching resumes for Term 2 for 10 weeks, total cost per pupil is £10.50 this should be paid to Nicola by Tuesday 3 rd February
Friday 9 th January	Our Primary 5, 6 and 7 pupils will enjoy a wonderful trip to the Grand Opera House, Belfast, to see the pantomime “ <i>Pinocchio</i> .” We are looking forward to sharing this experience with pupils from Mountnorris Primary School.
Thursday 15 th January	Cumann na mBunscol Girls Indoor Gaelic Competition 10am to 12noon
Monday 19 th – Friday 23 rd January	Catholic Schools Week - “Catholic Schools – Normal Lives, Called to Holiness”
Thursday 22 nd January	Cumann na mBunscol Boys Indoor Gaelic Competition 10am to 12noon
Mon. 26 th & Tues. 27 th Jan.	Primary 1 Nurse Assessments
Tuesday 27 th January – Thursday 19 th February	Primary 7 Post-Primary Admission applications are available online - (www.eani.org.uk/admissions)
Wed 28 th Jan – 25 th March	Finton Burns GAA Spring Coaching Sessions for P.5, 6 & 7 pupils.

Thursday 29 th January	Cumann na mBunscol Schools' Quiz
Wednesday 4 th February	BeeSafe Workshop for Primary 6 and 7 pupils
Monday 9 th February – Friday 13 th February	Mid-Term Holidays (Inclusive) School re-opens on Monday 16 th February
Tuesday 17 th February – Tuesday 10 th March	P3 – P7 ICT After-School Club with Rachel 2.25pm – 3.35pm for 4 weeks with 15 places available, £3.00 per session, a total cost of £12.00 to be paid when booking a place.
Wednesday 18 th February – Wednesday 11 th March	P3 – P7 Art & Crafts After-School Club with Sarah from 2.25pm – 3.35pm for 6 weeks with 15 places available, £3.00 per session, a total cost of £12.00 to be paid when booking a place.
Wednesday 25 th February	The Sacrament of First Penance in St. Teresa's Church at 10am All Primary 4 parents are invited back to school for some light refreshments.
Thursday 26 th February – Thursday 5 th March	The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting our school, pupils will be invited to purchase books. Children may use their World Book Day Vouchers.
Thursday 5 th March	Whole School Photograph A professional whole-school photograph will be taken this year. This special photo includes all pupils from Reception through to Primary 7 and is only captured once every few years, making it an important keepsake for our school community.
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day-Pupils are invited to dress-up as a Book Character
Friday 13 th March	Green Day – St. Patrick's Day Celebrations As part of our St. Patrick's Day celebrations, we will be holding a "Green Day." Pupils are invited to come to school dressed in green. We also warmly invite any children who attend Irish dancing classes or who play an Irish instrument to share their talents and skills with the

	<p>school on this day. Please note that school will close at the 12.30pm, there will be no school bus at this time.</p>
<p>Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March</p>	<p>St. Patrick's Day Celebrations - School is Closed School re-opens on Wednesday 18th March</p>
<p>Wednesday 25th March</p>	<p>The Ceremony of Confirmation in St. Laurence O'Tooles' Church, Belleeks at 5pm</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April – Friday 10th April</p>	<p>Easter Holidays begin on Holy Thursday 2nd April @ 10.30 am – Friday 10th April (Inclusive) School re-opens on Monday 13th April</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th April to Tuesday 19th May</p>	<p>Swimming Lessons for Primary 4 to Primary 7 pupils in the Armagh Leisure Centre from 1.15pm to 1.45pm for 6 weeks. The school are paying for the cost of the swimming lessons which are £2.60 for each pupil per swimming lesson. A total cost of £594.00 The transport costs to the Armagh Leisure Centre are £145.00 each week, this is a total cost of £870.00 We ask for a contribution of £3.80 per pupil each week towards the transport costs, a total amount of £22.80 to be paid to Nicola by Monday 13th April.</p>
<p>Tuesday 14th April to Tuesday 16th June</p>	<p>Healthy Kidz Coaching resumes for Term 3 – Further information will follow</p>
<p>Monday 4th May 2026</p>	<p>May Bank Holiday - School Closed</p>
<p>Sunday 10th May 2026</p>	<p>The Sacrament of First Holy Communion in St. Malachy's Church, Ballymoyer at 12noon</p>

Monday 25 th and Tuesday 26 th May 2026	May Bank Holiday - School Closed
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd June	Reception and Primary 1 Induction Days
Wednesday 17 th June	End of School Year Mass in St. Teresa's Church, Tullyherron at 10am. All Primary 7 parents are invited back to school for some light refreshments.
Tuesday 30 th June 2025	Summer Holidays – School finishes at 10.30am