



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School will re-open to pupils on Tuesday 6 January 2026 for Term 2.

P6 & P7 Swimming Term 2

Swimming sessions will take place on Wednesday afternoons in Term 2 starting **Wed 7 January 2025** for 11 weeks. Payments to be made via SchoolMoney App. Last Swimming session Wed 25 March 2026.

AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

5 weeks 3-4pm

6 January - 6 February 2026

Mon 12 Jan-2 Feb Netball (4 wks P5-7) Lisa Bowman
Tues 6 Jan –3 Feb P6 & P7 Tag Rugby Mr Stewart
Wed 7 Jan – 4 Feb MR SPORTS Football
Thurs 8 Jan –5 Feb MR SPORTS Basketball & 5 aside football
Friday 9 Jan MR SPORTS Dodgeball & badminton

Book online using SchoolMoney App to secure your child's place.

PE DAYS – TERM 2 Children wear PE uniform to school on the following days:

P1-3 Wed & Frid
P4 & P5 Tue & Wed
P6 & P7 Tue & Wed

EA have increased the cost of School Meals to £3.10 per day from 1 January 2026.

HALF TERM HOLIDAY
School will close 9-13 February 2026.

Christmas Concerts 2025

We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas concerts as much as we did. We are so proud of our wonderful pupils and their amazing performances - Well done everyone!

We are thankful to our parents and local community for their generosity. We want to thank each one of you for your attendance at the shows and your kind encouraging feedback. We were delighted to raise a wonderful £2475.10 for school funds.



Dates for the diary...

5 Jan	School closed to pupils – Staff Training Day
6 Jan	Early Bird Club on & Term 2 After school Clubs commence.
6 Jan	P6/7 Team Indoor Football Tournament Cookstown
7 Jan	Swimming P6 & P7(11weeks) / EA Portal Open- P1 applications
9 Jan	Feel Good Friday Activities
12 Jan	Love for Life Workshops for P7 Pupils
13 Jan	'Fight to Thrive' Boxing Wellbeing Activity for P4-7
19 Jan	P7 Speedwell Trip to Parkanaur – separate note
21 Jan	EA Portal for P1 Applications closes 12 noon.
22 Jan	P7 Assembly @ 9.15am – P7 Parents invited to attend
24 Jan	SEAG Results out today for P7 Pupils
26 Jan	P7 Speedwell Activity at Woods PS (AM)
30 Jan	Mr Hullabaloo show: P1-3 & pre school children
30 Jan	Rehearsals commence 'Beauty and the Beast' P4,5 & 7
3 Feb	P7 Speedwell Trip – Moneymore
3 Feb	Friends of Woods PS Meeting @ 7.15pm All welcome!
6 Feb	Feel Good Friday Activities for P1-7. Normal closing times.
9-13 Feb	School closed for the Half Term Holiday



During the week 3-7 November 2025 we raised £316.65 for the Royal British Legion. We raised £274 for our Sponsored Child Project as proceeds of our non-uniform day and £695 for school funds by completing the Santa Run. Thank you to all families who contributed. We hope your child enjoyed the fun Christmas activities. Money raised for school funds will be used to pay for classroom resources and Christmas expenses.

Spread the word - everyone welcome!



SPECIAL INVITATION



We warmly invite prospective P1 pupils, parents and friends to

'Winter Wonderland' with Mr Hullabaloo

on

Friday 30 January 2026

at

10-11am

in our school hall

We would love to have you join us.

To reserve seats, free of charge, please email the school office

before to let us know that you plan to be there!

Email: info@woods.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk

or Telephone 02879418415

Instrument Tuition Days - Term 2

Monday	Chanters
Tuesday	Guitars and Violins
Thursday	Flutes and Woodwind

Design a Ticket Competition for P5-7 Pupils.
All entries to be in school by Monday 2 February 2026. A5 size - Please put pupil name and class on the back of each entry.

Include the following information on the ticket -

Name of the show - Beauty and The Beast

Cost: £6.00

Date: 12 March 2026

Time: 6.45pm

Raffle in aid of School Funds

Refreshments provided by Friends of Woods

P.S.

Top 3 entries will receive a prize.

Parents and friends please save the date and plan to join us for our musical 'Beauty and the Beast' @ 6.45pm on Thursday 12 March

P1 Applications for 2026

We are at the stage of welcoming new families into school to help them to decide which school to choose for their child. We have had our open day, but if you know of any family who missed it, please ask them to give us a call or email to arrange a school visit in January. The P1 Applications Portal will open for online applications on 7 January 2026 and will close at 12 noon on 21 January 2026.

Please note that during the admissions procedure applications are not considered on a 'First come, first served basis'. However, when applying the criteria PUNCTUAL applications are considered before LATE applications are considered.

Woods PS Admissions Criteria is now available on the school website www.woodsprimaryschool.com. For more information and to make an online application visit the EA Website.



We wish all our families and friends a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.

Thank you for all the kind wishes and presents for staff this Christmas.

We all appreciate your thoughtfulness.

We are still waiting on the Holiday list for 2026. Once we receive it and have our list approved it will be circulated to all families.

Please continue to keep up to date by visiting our school website. Thank you!

