



EBRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 2024 Newsletter-Update!

Anti-Bullying Week

Last week was Anti-Bullying Week throughout the UK. The key message for this year was 'Choose Respect', reminding us to treat all with a great deal of respect, which is one of our core school values. Classes engaged in a number of activities during the week, and also had an '**ODD SOCK DAY**' on **Tuesday 12th November**.



Pupils in assembly were reminded about our school value of 'RESPECT' and how this linked to this year's theme.

Christmas in school-REMINDER

Nursery Key Dates

Christmas dinner for the Nursery pupils on Friday 6th December. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day.

Please note, the online booking menu will not be seen as the Christmas Dinner Menu, but please ensure you book dinner for that day, if you want your child to have the Christmas dinner.



A Nursery '**Christmas Rhyme Time**' will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 10th December**. **Nursery 1 class, Mrs Dalzell, will have the big performance starting at 9:15am. Nursery 2 class, Miss Caithness, will have the big performance starting at 10:00am.** We look forward to welcoming a large audience for this.

School Key Dates

Christmas dinner for the Primary School pupils on Friday 6th December-menu will be coming out from Foyle Hub before the end of November, and a MS Forms will be sent to parents to book your menu choice.

Please note, the online booking menu will not be seen as the Christmas Dinner Menu, but please ensure you book dinner for that day, if you want your child to have the Christmas dinner.

N.B. Christmas jumpers can be worn on this day.



Friday 6th December-Christmas dinner for staff. To help us facilitate all staff coming together in the school hall, we will close school for all pupils @ 1:15pm on this day-**there will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**. Any payments already made will be refunded. I would like to thank parents for their support in this.

Week beginning Monday 9th December-Christmas Week in school. There will be a focus on the Christmas Story, as well as various crafts and activities to supplement learning. No homework will be set during this week.

Wednesday 11th December-Foundation Stage Christmas performance (P1 & P2), starting at 9:30 am-10:45 am approx.

Thursday 12th December-Key Stage 1 Christmas performance (P3 & P4), starting at 9:30 am-10:45 am approx.

Carol Service

We are delighted to, once again, have the return of our school carol service.

It will be held in Ebrington Presbyterian Church on Thursday 19th December, starting at 10:00 am. This is a lovely way to bring our festive celebrations to an end and we would extend a welcome to all of our Ebrington family to join us there.



Term ends on Friday 20th December @ 12 noon.

Christmas PTA Events

We are excited to announce that **the PTA will be holding their annual Christmas raffle in December**, with lots of great prizes on offer. Tickets will go out to families week beginning 2nd December, with the draw taking place on Tuesday 17th December.

Christmas Movie Night

Also, during the last week, on Tuesday 17th December, 6:00pm & Thursday 19th December, 6:30pm, Friends of Ebrington PTA will be holding a 'Christmas Movie Night' in school. This will be a pre-bookable event, tickets charged at £2 per pupil, held in the school hall, where pupils will be able to come in their pyjamas and bring a pillow /blanket/teddy with them. They are also allowed to bring their water bottles with them and their own treats.



School Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 3rd December, we will be holding a school open afternoon from 2:00-4:15pm. This is for any families who would have pupils due to start Nursery and Primary 1 in September 2025.

In order to facilitate this, we need to close school on that day at 1:15pm.

There will be no after schools available on this day. I know this puts a little extra pressure on working parents making alternative arrangements for pick up, but I hope you appreciate that we want to be able to open our whole school building to potential new families, rather than just showcase Nursery and P1.

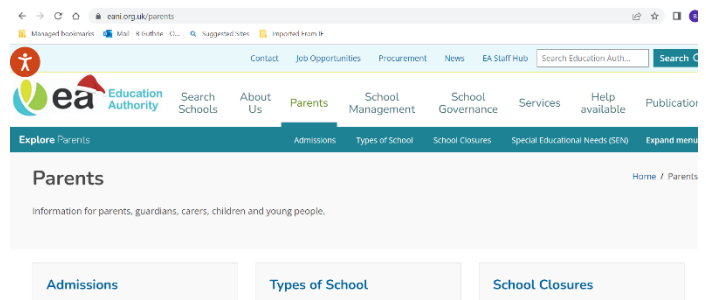
Band and junior choir will be performing during the event. Those pupils will receive details from teacher in charge about staying on after 1:15pm, and alternative collection times.

We would like to encourage you to share the news of the open day with any friends you may have who have pupils ready to start Nursery or Primary School.



Primary and Nursery Admissions January 2025

The EA Admissions 'portal' can be found at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions, and will open for applications for both Ebrington PS and Ebrington NU from 10th-24th January 2025. For parents new to this process, this means parents making the application directly to EA, without involvement of school. An account needs to be set up with the portal and can be done prior to 10th January.



School has recently updated admissions criteria and sent to the EA. These will be published on the EA Admissions Portal from Thursday 5th December 2024. The onus will very much be on parents to ensure they initiate the procedure. Children born between 2 July 2020 and 1 July 2021 will be due to start Primary One in September 2025, while children born between 2 July 2021 and 1 July 2022 will be due to start Nursery in September 2025.

Supporting our Farming Community

You may well have seen on media this week, budget changes that will affect our NI farming community in terms of Agricultural Property Relief. This threatens the viability of family farms across Northern Ireland. The UFU are urging all farmers, landowners, and supporters of the farming community to unite and make their voices heard.

In recognition of a number of our own school families from a farming background/ community, as well as recognition of the importance of farming within our local and regional area, we would like to show our support on this by having a **'Wear Your Wellies' day in school this Friday, 22nd November**. If a pupil does not have wellies, they can come to school with their trousers tucked in to their socks. **Please make sure wellies are clean before coming to school!!!!**



A UFU petition can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/UFUpetition>