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## November 2025 Newsletter

### School Closings:

The school will be closed on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November for staff training. The school will close on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12.00 noon for the Christmas Break and will re-open on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.



### Christmas Events

Preparations are well underway for our Christmas Show on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December beginning at 10.00 a.m in Cleenish Hall. Everyone in the school is taking part. We are super excited and really looking forward to spreading some festive cheer. Everyone is welcome to come along. Refreshments will be served afterwards.



### Santa Saturday

Our PFTA are organising a Santa Saturday on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The proceeds are going towards our school and Tiny Tots. They are asking for donations from parents for prizes for the Tombola. If anyone has anything they wish to donate, please leave it in the school whenever you can. There will also be a Bake Sale on the day but we will send details closer to the time. Many thanks.

### Bag Packing In Asda

Our PTFA have been allocated a date for bag packing in ASDA for school funds which is great Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. We need some volunteers to help us out on those two days, adults or past pupils. If you could spare an hour or two we would really appreciate it. Please fill in the reply slip below if you can help out. Many thanks.

### Christmas Dinner

Christmas Dinner will be served on Wednesday 10th December. All children may take Christmas Dinner. But please let us know by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December if your child wishes to take Christmas Dinner as the kitchen needs to know for numbers. Christmas Dinner costs £2.60. Thanks.



### Christmas Jumper Day

We are having a Christmas jumper day on Wednesday 10th December for St Vincent de Paul. All children may wear a Christmas jumper on this day (if they have one) if not just wear something Christmassy. Children should bring a small donation to help children less fortunate than them. Many thanks.



### The Daily Mile Santa Run

The Daily Mile Santa Run takes place on Friday 5th December. Children can wear their Christmas jumper as we all take part in this special daily mile.

### Baby News

Congratulations to Mrs McDermott and her husband on the birth of their baby daughter. Minnie McDermott was born on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November. Welcome to the world baby Minnie.

Good luck wishes.

Good Luck to Mr Duffy our Year 7 teacher and his teammates from St Patrick's Lisbellaw who are through to the Ulster Club Intermediate Final on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November in Clones. We wish them all them very best as they take on Carrickmore in what will be a very exciting final.

Peace Proms Practice

The Year Five, Six and Seven children went to the Peace Proms Practice in the SSE Arena this week. We got to practise our songs and our dance moves with Greg our conductor. We are all really looking forward to the Peace Proms on 1<sup>st</sup> March now.



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**Anti-Bullying**

This month is anti-bullying month here in St Mary's. Our anti-bullying message this month is "Power For Good"-be an upstander not a bystander. All of our classes are discussing what bullying is and how we can as individuals and a school can help to stamp it out and be the Power For Good in our school. Children have been designing posers to get the anti-bullying messages out to the whole community.



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**Reply Slip**

**Christmas Dinner**

My child/ren \_\_\_\_\_ will be taking Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian

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**Bag Packing in Asda**

I am available on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec and would be willing to help out bag packing in Asda.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

