



## Remember:

Please remember that St. Anne's Primary School is a "NUT FREE ZONE"

Allergy Aware School: As we have a number of children with nut and egg allergies, please send no nuts (including products containing nuts) or eggs to school at lunch items.

St Anne's Breakfast Club — The club will run from 8.00am until 8.50am every morning until the end of the year. If you wish your child/children to attend the breakfast club can you please complete the online form on the school website before 3pm on the Friday prior to the week you are booking for: Parents/Breakfast Club stating the days your child/children wish to take breakfast and send £3 per day in an envelope with your child's name on it. Parents please note that supervision for children who are not attending the breakfast club begins at 8.50am, children will not be supervised or permitted to enter the school building before this time.

## Healthy Breaks-

Please send only fruit or a plain biscuit to school as a break-time snack. ONLY water or milk may be taken at break-time. One sweet or savoury treat is appropriate for lunchtime.



## School Dinners

The price of a school meal is £2.60 per day or £13.00 per week. Dinners for the week (paid and free) should be ordered on the school website page: parents/dinner menu by 9am on Monday morning. As the dinners are prepared in St Patrick's kitchen, the cooks must know the numbers in advance.

When paying dinner and milk money cheques should be made payable to: The Education Authority—NE Region. Everything else should be made payable to St Anne's PS.

## EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. The Department of Education have launched their media campaign "Miss School, Miss Out". Further information can be found at: www.nidirect.gov.uk/miss-school-miss-out. Education Welfare will be informed of pupils with attendance falling below 85% at any time throughout the year.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence

Check out our website  
<https://www.stannespscorkey.com/>



## Weekly News!

Thursday 4th December 2025

- Christmas Holidays** — St Anne's will close at 11am on Friday 19th December. There will be no school dinners that day, however the school bus will be available to take the children home. The school will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026
- St Anne's Christmas show** — will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 10th December. Tickets cost £5 and admission will be by ticket only. We will also be having a Matinee Show on Tuesday 9th December at 12pm. There will be no admission charge for the matinee show. Tickets are available to purchase from the school and are already selling fast, please send a note with your child along with the correct payment. Please make sure you specify which show you wish to receive tickets for when making your request. All remaining tickets are available on a first come first served basis. A letter was sent home last week with arrangements for the night of the show.
- Open Afternoon** — Prospective P1 pupils for September 2026 admission and their parents are invited to attend the matinee performance of St Anne's Christmas show on Tuesday 9th December at 12 noon. All pre school children are most welcome to attend the matinee show in St Anne's. Our Open Afternoon will take place after the matinee show. Pupils and parents can meet the teachers and principal at this time as well as viewing the play-based and foundation classrooms and the ICT hub. If this time does not suit your family to visit our school, please contact Mr Duffin to make alternative arrangements by email: hduffin422@c2kni.net or by calling 028 27641429
- Community Playgroups** — Loughgiel Early Years will be coming to St Anne's for a play morning on Monday 15th December and Cloughmills Playgroup will be visiting on Tuesday 16th December. We look forward to welcoming them for a fun morning together.
- Pantomime** — A trip to the Grand Opera House on Wednesday 7th January to see "Pinocchio" has been arranged for all our pupils. St Anne's PTA has once again very generously agreed to cover the transport costs. This means the cost of the trip will be £13 per pupil. Could all outstanding forms and payments be sent into school by Monday 15th December.
- Daily Mile Santa Dash** — St Anne's pupils have registered in a Christmas themed Daily Mile Santa Dash on Friday 5th December, all the children need to do is a wear a Christmas/Santa hat if they have one.
- Indoor Hurling Tournament** — on Friday 5th December in Dunloy. Permission slips have already been sent home.
- Radio Cracker** — As part of our Shared Education Programme with Knockahollet Primary School, a trip to sing some Christmas Carols has been planned for Friday 12th December. Our choir will be participating, the children will be performing at approximately 10am. Parents and family members are welcome to The Tower Centre, Ballymena to watch the children perform or they can listen to the performance online at www.radiocracker.org.uk
- Christmas Dinner** — will take place on Wednesday 17th December. Children can wear their Christmas Jumper to school. Order forms have been sent home today. Please complete and return to school with the money, if applicable, before Wednesday 10th December.
- Society of St Vincent de Paul** — SVP Dunloy, Loughgiel and Cloughmills offers support to people in need, particularly those struggling with financial difficulties, isolation and other challenges. They offer a non-judgemental, listening ear, where privacy and confidentiality is always respected. They can provide practical assistance such as food, clothing, fuel and household goods as well as help with other financial problems. If you or someone you know is in need of help, please don't hesitate to contact them on their new helpline number 07349983363 or online at svp.ie

Swimming has now finished for P5 & P6.



## Violin Tuition

Will continue next Wednesday.



Curricular Hurling with Woody will continue next Thursday.



## Road Safety

We kindly ask that during school drop offs and pick ups parents/guardians please keep speed down as children can run out of nowhere and cars should turn at Ballure or Rockend entries not directly in front of the school.



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•I have a concern about my/a child's safety



•I can talk to the class teacher



•If I am still concerned, I can talk to the Designated Teacher for child protection **Mrs McQuaid**, or the Deputy Designated Teacher for child protection / Principal **Mr Duffin** on [02827641429](tel:02827641429).



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•At any time I can talk to the local Children's Services Gateway Team.  
Tel: 03001234333 at any time

•or the PSNI Central Referral Unit at 101



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**St Anne's PTA Christmas Grand Draw** — will take place at the Christmas show on **Wednesday 10th December**. Two books of tickets have been sent home with the children, these should be returned to school by **Monday 8th December**. The fantastic prizes to be won are listed below:

- £200 cash - donated by J26 Car Sales
- £100 cash - donated by Liam @ Piperhill Contracts
- £50 cash - donated by COB Joinery
- £50 oil voucher - donated by Casey Oils
- £50 cash - donated by P&S Plastering
- £40 voucher for JNK Ballymena
- £25 Broolly's Butchers voucher
- Voucher for a free dog groom - donated by Canine Cutz
- £30 Millside voucher - donated by a St Anne's grandparent
- Voucher for 12 cupcakes - donated by Donna Casey
- Voucher for one week of Pappy's Post - donated by Pappy's Bakery
- £50 voucher for The Corner Shop - donated by Shane and Grainne
- £50 Voucher from Lulu & Fi Childrenswear
- Bottle of gin - donated by a St Anne's parent
- 2 x sweetie hampers - donated by a St Anne's parent
- 2 x £25 Mace vouchers- donated by Mace Cloughmills
- £20 One4All voucher - donated by a St Anne's parent
- Hamper with homemade festive bakes - donated by Elaine's Bakes and Afternoon Tea
- £30 Nobel Cafe voucher - donated by a St Anne's parent
- Bottle of whiskey - donated by a St Anne's parent
- Bottle of wine - donated by a St Anne's parent
- Hamper - donated by Tesco Ballymoney
- £30 Cafe Deli voucher - donated by Cafe Deli
- Self care gift box - donated by Ceara Fennelly
- Chip Inn voucher - donated by the Chip Inn
- £20 Smyth's Toys voucher - donated by a St Anne's parent
- 2 x large homemade desserts - donated by Sinead

Additional tickets are available from any member of the PTA or online via the following links:  
£3 per ticket or book of 5 for £12.





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- **School Milk for January and February** — If you would like your child to have Milk in January and February please complete the online form on the school website: Parents/School Milk and send the fee into school in an envelope with your child's name on it by **Monday 15th December**. The cost is **£7 per child**.
- **Visit from St John's Ambulance** — the date for the visit to P3 and P4 from St John's Ambulance has changed to **Wednesday 17th December**.
- **After School Choir Practice** — for P3-P7 will be on **Tuesday 9th December from 2:50pm—3:50pm**
- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot"** — has its next winner: **Patricia Laverty!** Patricia won an amazing **£69**. Well done Patricia! A huge thanks to everyone for their support! We have sent home two envelopes to each family but feel free to return as many as you like. **Envelopes are also available to complete in all the usual outlets.**
- **Split The Pot Pupil Draw for £5** — Continues next week. This week's winner was **Reevah Reynolds**. Remember every pupil who brings a completed envelope into school for the weekly draw is entered into the pupil draw to win **£5**. This will take place every week at assembly — Every envelope = one entry into the draw. All bulk buy envelopes will be entered for **10 weeks**.
- **Active Communities Ball Skills** — has now finished. Thanks to Diane for a wonderful Afterschools club. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills, getting to play some new games and getting lots of exercise with Diane on a Tuesday after school.
- **Loughguile Credit Union** — School savings will continue next Wednesday. Anyone who would like to become a member can obtain an application form from the school office. This is a great opportunity to get your savings growing from an early age.
- **Collection of children** - Class teachers should be informed of any changes to arrangements for collecting children. Please send a note to school with your child .
- **School Dinners** — As the school dinners are prepared in **St Patrick's** the cook needs to know the dinner choices in advance as she only sends the number of dinners that we order. Therefore can you please discuss the menu with your child so that they know in the morning what they have ordered as its too late to change their dinner choice at lunchtime.
- **School records** — are now being updated. Information Forms have been sent home today, can you please complete and return to school as soon as possible. As this is the only way we have of keeping up to date contact numbers, it is important that these forms are returned **as soon as possible**.
- **Baptism Certificates** — If your child was Baptised outside the Parish of Loughguile and you wish your child to participate in the Sacrament of First Confession, First Holy Communion or Confirmation, please arrange to have a Baptism certificate (issued by the Parish Office in which they were baptised) sent by email to [loughguile@downandconnor.org](mailto:loughguile@downandconnor.org) or delivered to Fr Mulholland at the parish office by the end of September. If you have already sent your certificate to the Parish office you are not required to do so again.
- **School Absences** — **Must be reported in writing to your child's teacher as soon as possible, usually on your child's return to school.** This ensures the correct absence code can be entered to the official attendance register. A pro-forma is available to download from the school website.

### Dates for the Diary

P7 Mass of Commitment — Thursday 26th February at 7pm  
First Confession — Friday 27th February at 10.30am  
Confirmation — Thursday 26th March at 11am  
First Communion — Saturday 9th May at 11am