



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 going up to £3.10 per day or £15.50 per week from 5th January 2026. 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 8th January 2026

Happy New Year! Welcome back to a new school term. We hope you had a lovely Christmas Break.

Pantomime — An enjoyable day was had by all yesterday when the whole school went to see "Pinocchio" at the Grand Opera House. The children were extremely well behaved and they are a credit to the school and their parents. Photos of the trip are available to view on the school website and Facebook. **We would like to thank our PTA who covered the transport cost of the trip.**

P1 Enrolment — The EA portal is now open for parents of children starting P1 in September 2026 to apply for their place online at www.eani.org.uk. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday 21st January at 12 noon.** More information can be found on the school website

Breakfast Club — We will be reviewing the usage and costs of this provision in the coming weeks. Going forward children **must** be booked in before attending.

Attendance — We are going to be reviewing the attendance rates in the coming weeks.

Grandparents Day Assembly — will be held on Wednesday 21st January at 1pm. Can every child bring in a photograph of one grandparent for Grandparent's day ASAP.

School Meals Price Increase — The price of school meals has increased to £3.10 per day or £15.50 per week from 1st January 2026.



School Meals Update



The Education Authority (EA) recently set out a number of savings measures in response to a significant funding shortfall of around £300million. As part of these measures, school meal prices will increase in January for the first time since 2017. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals will not be affected by this rise, and in pre-school, primary and special school settings will continue to receive a meal as before. In post-primary, which operates on a cafeteria basis, the daily free school meal allowance will increase by 19.25% to £3.34 to mirror the price increase across all menu items. For pupils who are not entitled to free school meals, new prices will come into effect in January 2026 and are reflected in the figures to the right.

School Meal Prices Effective January 1 2026

- Pre-School £3.00
- Primary £3.10
- Post-Primary 19.25% Price increase
- Special £3.10
- Adult Meal £3.99

Swimming

P7 will commence swimming on Wednesday 14th January. The cost is £4 per child per week.



Violin Tuition

Will continue on Wednesday 14th January.



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.



How Can a Parent/Carer Raise a Safeguarding Concern?

• 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).



• If I am still concerned, I can talk/write to the Chair of Board of Governors **Mrs Majella Murray** or the Designated Governor for child protection **Mrs Patricia McAuley**.

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

• or the PSNI Central Referral Unit at 101



Designated Teacher for Child Protection

Mrs Clara McQuaid



Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Principal.

Mr Henry Duffin



Designated Governor for child protection **Mrs Patricia McAuley**.

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- **St Anne's PTA "Split the Pot" draw:** was postponed this week due to the adverse weather conditions. It will be done again next week
- **Girls Soccer tournament** — on Wednesday 21st January in the Joey Dunlop Centre. Permission slips will be sent home with the players next week.
- **Loughquile 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, 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**.
- **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**
 - Grandparents Day Assembly — Wednesday 21st January at 1pm
 - 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