



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 7.45am 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 £4 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/>



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Weekly News!

Thursday 23rd April 2026

- **School Holiday** — School will be closed on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May
- **St Patrick's Choir Loughgiel** — Are celebrating their 40th Anniversary in the Pound Bar on Saturday 25th April at 8.30pm. Past and present members and friends welcome. There will be live music and all proceeds in aid of St Anne's and St Patrick's Primary Schools.
- **I pad Fundraiser** — our next fundraiser is "Guess the St Anne's Staff member." P5 and P6 are selling competition sheets for £2. All correct entries will be put into a draw and the winner will be chosen the first week in May. If you wish to purchase a sheet please send £2 in a marked envelope into school.
- **The Saffron Óg** — We are delighted to share the news of an exciting new initiative designed to further promote GAA within our Primary Schools in Antrim. Saffron Óg, is a dedicated GAA activity book, created especially for Primary School children in County Antrim, to celebrate everything brilliant about GAA in our schools, clubs and County. Edition 1 of the Saffron Óg will be released in May 2026. Proceeds generated from Saffron Óg sales will go directly towards supporting Cumann na mBunscol Aontroima and its vital role in encouraging participation in GAA at Primary school level, with the plan moving forward to release 3 editions per school year (one per term). We are going to arrange a Saffron day in May where the children can wear Saffron colours to school pay £1 and receive a copy of the Saffron Óg, more details to follow.
- **"Travelling Books" Book Fair** — St Anne's will be having a book fair from Thursday 23rd April to Wednesday 29th April. Children can bring in money to buy books and stationary during the school day. Parents are welcome to come in until 4pm each day to browse and to make a purchase.
- **Media Literacy From The Nerve Centre** — We were delighted to have Clodagh and Molly from the Nerve Centre in to St Anne's this week. They ran an Ofcom in-school workshop for P5-P7, see the school website and Facebook page for more details. As part of this project, they are running free information sessions for parents. On Wednesday 20th May at 7pm they will run an online session for PARENTS. The session is entitled 'AI Children and Media Literacy- What Every Parent Needs To Know', and is free for parents of children of all ages to attend. In this parent information session, Nerve Centre will explore the growing importance of media literacy for children in today's digital world. As young people increasingly use AI chatbots for both learning and entertainment and engage with online platforms where AI-generated content can appear highly realistic, it's more important than ever for them to develop strong critical thinking skills. During the session, they will highlight the key skills children need to navigate technology safely and confidently, and offer practical tips for parents on how to support digital skill-building at home. Please note that the session will be recorded and shared with all registered parents if you are unable to attend at the scheduled time. Please complete this form below to register for this online webinar which will take place on **Wednesday 20th May at 7pm**. Registration form: <https://forms.gle/kNCbCRNscTuqkuWu9> Duration (1 hour max).

Dates for the Diary

First Communion — Saturday 9th May at 11am

Sports Day — Wednesday 3rd June (Weather Permitting)

Colour Run — Tuesday 16th June (Registration letter has been sent home in the school bags today)

Swimming

For P7 will continue next wednesday.



Violin Tuition

Will continue next Wednesday.



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 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"** — has its next winner: **Jack & Mia Smiley!** Jack & Mia won £42. Well done Jack & Mia! 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 **Eoghan Dooley**. 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.
- **P6 Hurling Tournament** — in St Louis Grammar School on **Wednesday 29th April**
- **Brain Gym** — will continue next Monday from 3pm to 4pm
- **Cycling Proficiency** — for P7 pupils will continue next Monday.
- **Gaelic Football for P5-P7 girls** — will continue next Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Please bring a change of clothes and football boots if you own them, if not trainers are fine. The cost is £1 per week, this can either be paid on a weekly basis or full payment now (£6).
- **Afterschool Hurling/Camogie for P5-P7**— will continue next Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm. The cost is £1 per week, this can either be paid on a weekly basis or full payment now (£6).
- **Afterschool Cookery for P5-P7**— will continue next Tuesday from 3pm to 4pm. The cost is £1 per week, this can either be paid on a weekly basis or full payment now (£6).
- **Active Community Multi Skills** — will continue next Thursday.
- **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 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.
- **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.