

## Holidays

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Please note:

The school will be closed for all pupils from Monday, 9th February to Friday, 13th February for the mid-term break.

School will resume on Monday, 16th February 2026.

## Credit Union

Credit Union books will continue to be collected **every Thursday**. We encourage all children to take part, as saving regularly is an excellent way to develop good financial habits from an early age. Learning to save helps children understand the value of money and prepares them for managing their finances responsibly in the future.

## Welcome Miss McGarvey



We are delighted to welcome Miss McGarvey to our school community. She is taking over from Mrs McAnenly and will be teaching our Primary 1 & 2 pupils. We are excited to have her on board and we know the children will enjoy learning with her and continue to thrive.

## Welcome back Ciarrairose

We are excited to welcome Ciarrairose back after her maternity leave! Who has changed the most in this picture?



## January's Core Value—Belonging

This month, our school community will focus on the core value of **Belonging**. Pupils will take part in discussions and activities exploring what belonging means, how we can make others feel included, and why it is important to feel part of something bigger than ourselves.

To help reinforce this value at home, pupils will have **one homework activity each month** linked to the core value. This will give families an opportunity to

share ideas and experiences together.

**Quote:**

"Belonging means we are all links in the same chain—together, we make something strong and special."

We should all try to be part of something that makes us feel like we belong, whether it's joining a club, playing a sport, making music or helping in our community.



When we connect with others, we strengthen the chain.

## BELONGING

We are a close-knit school community where everyone is known, valued, and supported.

## January Joys: News from St. Brigid's Altamuskinn A Magical Christmas Performance

On Thursday 18th December, we all came together at the community centre for a very special evening for our Christmas Play! It was a fantastic night full of fun, laughter and festive cheer.

Our Primary 1 to 3 pupils were absolutely brilliant in their performance of **Woolly the Sheep**. They sang, acted and made everyone smile from start to finish. Then our Primary 4 to 7 pupils wowed the audience with their amazing show of **Hansel**

and **Gretel**. Their hard work really shone through and we could not have been prouder.

We also enjoyed some wonderful music from our talented pupils.

Their performances made the night even more magical and showed just how much talent we have in our school. We are really looking forward to seeing these musical talents grow and shine even brighter in the future.

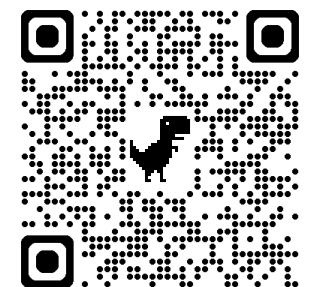
A huge thank you to all the



parents who helped the children get ready and to everyone who came along to support us. Your generous donations on the night were greatly appreciated. We also want to say a big thank you to all our staff for their hard work in making this event such a success.



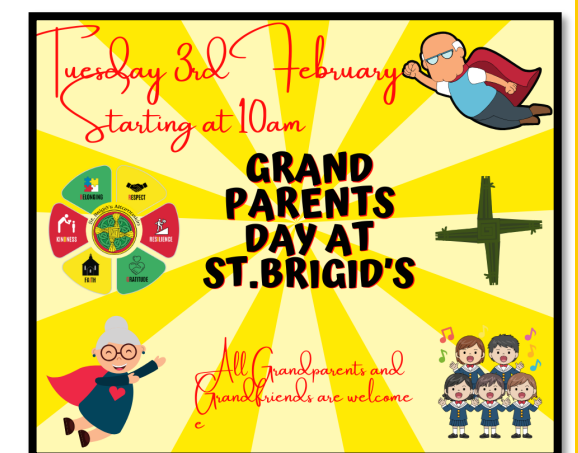
Scan the QR Code to see more pictures from the Christmas Show.



## Grandparents Day

We can't wait to welcome our Grandparents and Grand-friends to our school for a morning of socialising, singing and St. Brigid's crosses.

This will take place on **Tuesday 3rd February** starting at **10am** at the school.





## Primary 1 Admissions 2026

### Key Dates:

- Wednesday 7th January—EA Connect opens for Online Applications
- Wednesday 21st January—EA Connect closes (punctual applications)

### Dinner Prices

The cost of a dinner per day has went up to £3.10. This was a decision made by Richard Pengelly, Chief Executive of EA.



## Catholic Schools Week 2026



**Catholic Schools**  
United in Faith and Community

We will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from **January 19th—23rd**. This year's theme is **"Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community."**

Throughout the week, pupils and staff will join in prayer, learning, and acts of kindness to highlight the importance of faith and togetherness. We encourage families to take part, whether that be by attending Mass or discussing faith in your homes.



## Ulster Orchestra Workshop

We are thrilled to announce that members of the Ulster Orchestra will be visiting our school for a live performance on **Tuesday, 13th January!**

This is a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience the magic of live orchestral music right here in school. It promises to be an incredible and in-

spiring event that they will remember for years to come!

To get a sneak peek of what's in store, scan the QR code attached and enjoy a glimpse of the amazing music they'll hear.



## Altamuskin 5— Bigger and Better in 2026!

After the incredible success and buzz of last year's Altamuskin 5, we are delighted to announce that this year we are stepping things up.

Training starts soon and there is a sense of excitement

as lots of boys and girls aim to smash their Personal Bests. This event is not just about running. It is about setting goals, building confidence and having fun together as a community.

To help everyone get ready, there will be a Couch to 5K programme leading up to the big day. Whether you are a seasoned runner or just

starting out, this is the perfect way to prepare and enjoy the journey.

Check out the attached flyer for all the details on how you can get involved. Let's make this year's Altamuskin 5 the best one yet!



# Couch to 5K

**Starting Monday 26th January for 7 weeks**  
**Mondays 7-8pm • Errigal Ciaran GAC Dunmoyle**  
**Wednesdays 7-8pm • Ballygawley Playing Fields**

All abilities welcome!  
£25 entry fee for a 7 week programme- (includes entry into the Altamuskin 5K race)  
Under 16 free admission!

**This is in preparation for the annual Altamuskin 5 Mile Run & 5K on Saturday 14th March.**

All proceeds will go towards the running costs of Altamuskin Community Centre

**Embrace the challenge!**

## Dates for your Calendar

### St. Ciaran's Open Night

You're invited to our

# Open Night

Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7pm

Scan the QR Code to book your tickets online or visit [www.ticketsource.co.uk/stciaranscollege](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stciaranscollege)

## Magic Roundabout Open Day

# Open Morning

Parents and Children Welcome to see our wonderful playgroup

## The Magic Roundabout Playgroup

Altamuskin Community Centre, Sixmilecross

**Saturday 10th January 2026 - 10.00am to 11.30am**

**September 2026 intake**

Pre-school Hours: 9.15am to 1.45pm  
Pre-Pre-School Hours, 2yrs & 10months: 9.15am to 11.45am