



FRIDAY 24TH APRIL 2026

# FRIDAY NEWS SHEET

## OVER & ABOVE

Well done to all of our children who went Over and Above this week!

P1	Chidera
P2	Chisom
P2/3	Jorja-Rose
P3	Kade
P4	Nova
P5	Scarlett
P5/6	Rio
P6	Caitlin
P7	Annalee

## CLASS OF THE WEEK!

The Class of the Week gets the trophy to keep in their classroom for a week and 15 minutes of extra playtime.



**P3**

## SCHOOL CLOSED

School will be closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

## P7 LEAVERS' PARTY

The P7 class will be selling ice-pops for 50p each every Friday, starting 8<sup>th</sup> May. This will take place from 2:15-2:30pm in school. All money raised will go towards the P7 Leavers' Party.



## SCHOOL CALENDAR

A copy of the school holidays for next school year is provided on page 4 of the News Sheet. Please make every effort to ensure family holidays are during school closures.



## JEWELLERY

Just a reminder that the only jewellery allowed in school is one pair of small, stud earrings and a watch (not a smart watch). Earrings should be removed **completely** for PE days, not covered with plasters. If earrings cannot be removed, then your child will not be able to participate in PE.

## END OF YEAR TRIPS

Due to the increased cost of admission and transport, we are asking every child in P1 to P4 to pay £12 towards the cost of their End of Year trip. This can be paid in instalments at the office if this is more manageable for you. Please speak to us if you have any difficulty with this. Payment secures your child's place on their class trip. As P7 are going on a residential, this takes the place of their End of Year trip.



## ATTENDANCE AT DRPS

When you receive your child's attendance percentage, what does this mean?

- 100% = Excellent
- 95% = Satisfactory
- 90% = Poor
- 85% = Very Poor
- 80% = Unacceptable
- 75% = Unacceptable

When your child's attendance drops to 85% or below, we are duty bound as a school to inform you of this. 85% means, in total, they have missed 28 days of school.

Attendance of children who are 85% or below are tracked closely and if there is no improvement, a referral to the Education Welfare Service is made.

## KEY DATES

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

School Development Day  
(School closed - children do not attend)

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

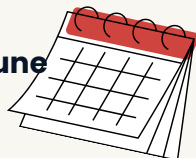
School Development Day  
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### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Late May Holiday

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

P7 Residential



### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June - CHANGE OF DATE!

Sports Day

## CONTACTING A TEACHER

Should you ever need to contact your child's teacher, please phone the school office. The teacher will confirm the date and time for the phone call or meeting to take place and the school office will phone you back to confirm the arrangements.



Please sign up to Seesaw to keep up-to-date with school news. If you need any assistance setting up Seesaw, please speak to Mr. Massey.



Please do not smoke or vape on school premises, in the playgrounds or outside the school gates.



## NEXT WEEK AT DRPS!

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April

- P2, Visit from Botanic Play Centre - during school
- P7, Beyond Skin Workshop - during school
- P6 SEAG Club - 2:30-3:30pm
- P6 & P7 Football - 2:30-3:30pm

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

- KS2, Fight2Thrive Boxing - during school
- P4-P7 Good News Club - 2:30-3:30pm

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

- P6, Rugby - during school
- P7 swimming - during school
- P6 SEAG Club - 2:30-3:30pm
- Glow Group Lego Club - 2:30-3:30pm (*pre-registration required*)
- P6 & P7 Football - 2:30-3:30pm

### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

- KS2 Homework Club - 2:30-3:30pm

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

- School Development Day - children do not attend.



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# SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

## EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

WEEK BEGINNING:  
2ND MARCH, 30TH MARCH,  
27TH APRIL, 25TH MAY, 22ND JUNE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers</p> <p><b>Side Dishes</b></p> <p>Garden Peas &amp; Spaghetti Hoops</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes &amp; Mashed Potatoes</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Banana-flavoured Mousse</p>	<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Homemade Beef Bolognese</p> <p><b>Side Dishes</b></p> <p>Steamed Broccoli &amp; Fresh Seasonal Salad</p> <p>Fusilli Pasta &amp; Herbed Baby Potatoes</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Summer Fruit Sponge Finger</p>	<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry &amp; Mini Naan Bread</p> <p><b>Side Dishes</b></p> <p>Green Beans &amp; Baton Carrots</p> <p>Steamed Rice &amp; Oven Roast Wedges</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>FBlueberry and Lemon Sponge with Custard</p>	<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Roast Gammon with Stuffing and Rich Gravy</p> <p><b>Side Dishes</b></p> <p>Cauliflower &amp; Roast Butternut Squash</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes &amp; Oven Roast Potatoes</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Jelly Whip with Mandarin Oranges</p>	<p><b>Mains</b></p> <p>Baked Pork Sausages</p> <p><b>Side Dishes</b></p> <p>Mini Corn on the Cob &amp; Crunchy Veggie Sticks</p> <p>Chipped Potatoes &amp; Baby Potatoes</p> <p><b>Dessert</b></p> <p>Oatmeal Biscuit with Orange Wedges</p>

MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY      IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY      MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**HSC Northern Ireland Foster Care**

## Could you be a short breaks carer?

We are seeking carers within the Belfast area to provide regular short breaks for a child or young person with a disability.

Short breaks carers receive financial assistance, training and ongoing support.

“As little as a few nights per month can make a real difference to a child's life.”

**0800 0720 137**  
adoptionandfostercare.hscni.net

Facebook, X, Instagram, QR code

**ea Education Authority**

## Have Your Say on the Enhanced Support Model

Our long-term plan to improve how children with special educational needs are supported in the classroom.

**It aims to:**

- Move away from a one-size-fits-all approach
- Give schools flexibility to tailor support to a child's needs
- Deliver the best possible outcomes for our children & young people

**Your voice matters!**

Your feedback will help us design a model that works for all our children and young people with a statement of SEN.

[eani.org.uk/consultations](http://eani.org.uk/consultations)

**24 March – 22 May**

## School Calendar 2026/2027

### Autumn Term

School starts Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> August (children will finish at 12 noon Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, dinners will not be served)

Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August

**DENI Transform Ed Day** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September (school closed to children)

Half Term School finishes on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 1pm.  
School dinners will be served. School is closed for 1 week.

Children start back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

Christmas Holiday School finishes on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 12pm.  
School dinners will be served. School is closed for 2 weeks.

### Spring Term

**School Development Day** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January (school closed to children)

Children start back on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**DENI Transform Ed Day** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January (school closed to children)

Half Term School finishes on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm.  
School dinners will be served. School is closed for 4 school days.

Children start back on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

St Patrick's Day Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Holiday School finishes on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm.  
School dinners will be served. School is closed for 7 school days.

### Summer Term

Children start back on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

May Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**DENI Transform Ed Day** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May (school closed to children)

Bank Holiday Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May

Half Term Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Holiday School finishes on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 12pm.  
School dinners will be served.