



# St. John's Primary School

## January Newsletter

Welcome back to school as we begin a new term! We wish our entire school community health, happiness and success throughout 2026.



### Capital Works - Successful Minor Works Application

The Department of Education (DE) have approved the school's minor works application to replace the three oldest mobiles with a brick extension to the main building. The estimated cost of the scheme is £1,175,944.15. The Education Authority (EA) will now proceed to develop a detailed design and proceed to seek tenders from contractors before submitting a tender recommendation to DE for approval. Obviously, we are delighted with this news and look forward to its development.

### Admissions to P1 – September 2026

If you have a child who is due to start primary school in September 2026, the online applications are open via EA CONNECT. They will close **at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026.**

### Post Primary Admissions to Year 8 - (P7 pupils)

The post primary applications via EA CONNECT will open on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January @12 noon and close on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February @12noon.**

To begin an application, please visit <https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent>.

If anyone needs assistance with their application, please contact the school.

The admissions criteria for the post primary schools can be accessed via the link below. It is important to read the published admissions criteria for the schools you are considering.

For more information and guidance on the application process, visit:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/admissions>

Good luck to the P7 pupils who will receive the results of the SEAG entrance assessment on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January.**

### Dinner Money – Price Change

Reminder – the price of a school dinner has risen to **£3.10 per day/£15.50 per week.**

## Moy Credit Union – School Lodgements

Staff from Moy Credit Union will visit the school on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** to deposit money into the children's accounts. Anyone wishing to complete a lodgement should bring their Credit Union Books and money to school on this day.



## Catholic Schools' Week 2026 - School Mass and Coffee Morning

To celebrate Catholic's School Week, we invite our school community to join us at 10am Mass on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** in St. John's Church and afterwards for a coffee morning in the school hall.

## Sacrament Dates

<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	First Confession @ 11am in St. John's Church
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Confirmation @ 5pm in St. Jarlath's Church
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Holy Communion @ 11am in St. John's Church

## The Parent Support Group – Christmas Draw

The Christmas Draw raised an amazing total of **£2334.95**.

Thank-you to everyone who supported the draw by selling and buying tickets.

Thank-you to the local businesses, parents, staff and governors who donated prizes and to the P.S.G. for organising the draw.

Congratulations to all the prize winners!



## Safeguarding

**Designated Teacher for Child Protection:**

**Mrs McKnight**

**Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection:**

**Mrs Hughes & Mr Gormley**

