



St. John's Primary School June Newsletter



The final month of the school year has arrived...please read carefully through all the information in this newsletter.



Primary 7 – End of Year Arrangements

The Leavers' Mass for the P7 children and their families will take place on **Tuesday 23rd June at 12.30pm in St. John's Church**. Light refreshments will be served in the school hall after the Mass – everyone is welcome! The P7 children will finish school on this day after the Mass.

Staff Retirements

After many years of dedicated service to St. John's Primary School, Mrs Donnelly (P2) and Mr Campbell (P7) will be retiring at the end of June.

Both staff members have made an amazing contribution to the life of our school and we look forward to celebrating their careers together at an end of year assembly on **Monday 22nd June** and at the Leavers' Mass on **Tuesday 23rd June**.

We thank them sincerely for their years of service and dedication and we wish them both a long, happy and healthy retirement filled with new opportunities and a well-earned rest.

Eco Flag Award

Our school has been awarded the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award in recognition of our commitment to environmental sustainability. Congratulations to Mr Gormley and the Eco Council for leading this fantastic achievement.



Cumann na mnBunscol Success – Hurling and Football

Congratulations to the boys who were crowned Tyrone Hurling Cumann na mnBunscol Champions after winning Finals' Day in EireOg Park, Carrickmore. The boys were delighted to receive county medals after their amazing victory!

Congratulations to both the boys and girls football teams who won their sections of the Cumann na mnBunscol in Edendork. The boys lifted the Edge Innovate Cup and the girls lifted the McGuinness Cup. This is a remarkable achievement with both teams looking forward to the Finals Day in Garvaghy on **Tuesday June 9th June**.



St. John's Primary Schools GAA Blitz

On Friday 29th May, a very successful GAA Blitz arranged jointly by St. John's Primary School and An Mhaigh GAC took place. Eight schools participated in what was a fantastic day of sport and teamwork.



Thanks must go to Mr Campbell and Tomas McNicholl for leading such a well-organised and enjoyable tournament. We are very lucky here in St. John's to have a great club to work with, providing excellent opportunities and facilities for our pupils.

A sincere thank you also to all the volunteers from the club and to the school staff whose hard work and support made the day such a success.

Bring and Buy Sale

Our annual Bring-and-Buy Sale was a very busy morning indeed! Although the event was managed by P7 pupils, everyone, including staff and pupils contributed to its success. We are delighted to say that we raised an amazing total of £1406.80. This will be invaluable in helping the school to keep our resources updated and more inspiring for our young learners! Without the parental support in donating the sale items and delicious bakes as well as funding the 'wonderful' purchases this would not have been possible so thank you!

Our School Website

Check out our school website <http://www.stjohnspsmoy.com> which has a range of news and photos to celebrate activities which have taken place throughout the school year!

Our website is also a central means of communication so we strongly recommend downloading the **Schools NI App** which is linked to our website. Click on the **?** on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on.

The Parent Support Group – Fun Day

The P.S.G. Fun Day takes place on **Monday 8th June** and promises to be a fantastic day for all our pupils! A wide variety of fun activities have been organised, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy. **Children should come to school dressed in their PE gear.**

School Book Returns

Please ensure all textbooks, reading books or any other school property is returned to class before the end of the school year. We kindly ask that everyone have a hunt at home for any school books and return them. Books from previous years are also very welcome and house points can be earned for their return!

Moy Credit Union – School Lodgements

Staff from Moy Credit Union will visit the school on **Wednesday 10th June** 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.



SEAG Registration – Grammar School Entrance Assessment

Registration for the SEAG assessment is now open and will close on **Friday 18th September 2026 @ 11.59am**. If you wish your child to complete the Entrance Assessment you **must** register him/her on the portal within the SEAG website (www.seagni.co.uk).

School Reports

Presently, the teachers are working on the pupils' reports, and these will be sent home during the last week of term. The P7 children will receive their reports before their final day in school.

School Uniform Consultation and Recycling Scheme

Thank-you to everyone who completed the consultation form on our school uniform. The results are at the end of this newsletter. We are currently consulting the staff and children and will publish our 'School Uniform Policy' before the end of term.

Anyone who has items of uniform to contribute to the school's uniform recycling scheme, please send them into the school's office. Thank-you!

Dates for the Diary

To be confirmed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sports Day
Thursday 4 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 2026 – Induction Day
Monday 8 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.S.G. Fun Day
Tuesday 9 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cumann na mnBunscol Finals' Day
Wednesday 10 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Credit Union – School Lodgements
Tuesday 16 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 Trip – Jungle NI Money more
Monday 22 nd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Retirement Assembly
Tuesday 23 rd June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P7 Leavers' Mass @ 12.30pm
Wednesday 24 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P4, 5 and 6 Trip – Leisureplex Lisburn• P1, 2 and 3 Trip – Peter Pan Portadown
Friday 27 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• P.S.G. Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 30 th June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School closes for summer break @ 11am

Summer Holidays

The school will close **on Tuesday 30th June at 11am** for the summer break. Please note there will be no morning club on Tuesday 30th June.

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish our entire school community a safe and happy summer break. Thank you for all your support throughout the year



School Uniform Consultation – May 2026

Thank-you to everyone who completed the consultation on our school uniform.

We had 70 responses in total. Out of the 70 responses the results were as follows:

Questions	Yes	No
Do you agree that it is important that all children wear full school uniform at school and when representing the school at events?	99%	1%
Do you feel our school uniform is affordable?	91%	9%
Do you feel our school uniform is practical and comfortable for all children?	84%	16%
Do you feel our school uniform works well in all seasons?	90%	10%
Do you feel our school uniform is easily accessible and can be purchased in the local area?	97%	3%
Do you agree with our PE uniform?	94%	6%
Do you feel our PE uniform is easily accessible and affordable?	91%	9%
Do you agree with purchasing leavers' hoodies in term 3 of P7 (usually costing £20-25)	87%	13%
We plan to organise a school 'Uniform Recycling Scheme' during the last weeks of term 3. Do you agree with this?	99%	1%
Overall view of our current school uniform		
	Happy	Mostly happy
	69%	29%
		Changes needed
		2%

Summary of Comments on School Uniform

31 responses were made that were generally mixed but mostly positive. Several practical concerns and suggestions for improvement included:

- Trousers are frequently mentioned as uncomfortable and less practical than alternatives. Suggestions include:
 - *Allowing jersey-style trousers especially for girls.*
- Some items could be made optional, e.g. logo not always necessary in shorts and polo shirts or Moy GAA football shorts difficult if your child doesn't go to the Club.
- Clearer guidance on footwear (trainers v formal shoes).
- P7 hoodies – available earlier in the year for more wear.
- Jumpers are expensive so the recycling scheme will be useful.