

ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Thursday 16th January 2025



Book Fair The book fair will be held from Thursday 23rd to Tuesday 28th January in the corridor of the junior school. This year there is an offer to **'BUY 3 BOOKS FOR THE PRICE OF 2'** where you get the cheapest book free when you buy 3. The children will be able to purchase books on any of these days during the school day with their teacher. Parents are welcome to come in to view the selection of books on offer between 2pm-3.30pm. If you prefer to send money with your child to buy a book at the fair, staff will be on hand to help them select suitable books and make payments. The school will receive a percentage from the sales of the books which will provide each class & our AR library with some new literature. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



Catholic Schools Week: Sunday 19th January to Saturday 25th January 2025.

Theme: "United in Faith and Community." Throughout the week, each class will choose activities to celebrate Catholic Schools Week in their own classrooms. A candle will burn all week in the school's Sacred Space.

Invitation All P1 grandparents are invited into the P1 classroom to visit their grandchildren, view their work and art displays and have a look around their learning environment on Wednesday 22nd January from 9.30am - 10.30am. On arrival we ask grandparents to come to the hall for a cup of tea before their grandchild comes to take them to visit their classroom.

Internet Safety Day is Tuesday 11th February. As the school will be closed on this date, the children will take part in Safer Internet Day on Thursday 6th February. The theme is **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**. Giving our children opportunities to explore respect and relationships online.

Class Group Photos The photographer will be in school on Monday 24th February to take the P1 and P7 class group photos.

World Book Day Thursday 6th March. Children are asked to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Term 2 holidays: Mid-Term Break: Monday 10th February to Friday 14th February. All children will finish school on Friday 7th February at 1pm.

St Patrick's Day Holiday: School closed Monday 17th March.
Children should come to school on Friday 14th March dressed in GREEN.



Easter Holidays: School finishes at 1pm on Thursday 17th April 2025.
School reopens on Monday 28th April 2025 for term 3.

Ash Wednesday 5th March 2025.



IMPORTANT DATES for children receiving the Sacraments:

P3 First Confession - Tuesday 11th March (14 children) in the school (Parents do not attend)

P4 First Holy Communion - Saturday 17th May @ 11am (9 children)

P7 Service of Light - Thursday 13th March @ 7pm (10 children)

P7 Confirmation - Thursday 3rd April @ 12noon (10 children)

More details will be sent nearer the date of each sacrament.

ParentPay Parents please keep a weekly check on your accounts and pay for the meals and snacks that are ordered for the whole week. Some accounts are running into large amounts of debt, and it is affecting the kitchen stock take each week. We cannot be messaging or ringing parents each week about this.

Website Private Messages ***Please check that you have your app set to receive these messages. A substantial number of messages remain unread by parents. If you do not read the messages, they are set to resend until they are read. If you are not receiving any messages, please use the Report Problem form in the app. This sends the web design people your app data and helps them spot the issue and resolve it.***

Adverse Weather Conditions The school will continue to monitor the weather conditions. We will continue to make every effort to keep the school open during adverse weather conditions, however, the safety of our staff and families travelling to and from our school always remains paramount. Updates will be provided through the school website and messaging app. We thank you for your ongoing support of all school decisions.