



Spires Integrated Primary School

June 2025

We had a fabulous Sports' Day at Meadowbank. Many thanks to staff for organising this and a special word of thanks to JC Stewarts who provided bottles of water for all pupils.



Rights Respecting School

Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health.

After School Provision

We are delighted to extend our after-school provision with MR Sports as our provider. Following the parent survey in Term 2, a number of you requested additional provision so we have put in place clubs and provision from 2.00pm - 5.00pm daily. You can book sessions for every day or occasional days, whichever you need. The service is flexible, for further details and information on how to book, please check their website <https://mr-sports.co.uk/> Booking for places will open end of June/early July.

Summer Club

MR Sports is also providing summer sessions at Spires, Woods PS and Magherafelt PS - these are open to pupils from all/any schools in the locality.

Thank You

- Thank you to all our parent volunteers who accompanied classes on their outings - without your support pupils would be unable to access these educational experiences.

- Thank you to all our staff & governors for their continued hard work and support throughout the school year.

Parents' Community

Thank you to our Parents' group who worked extremely hard to raise funds for the children. The Fun Night was an amazing success and details of the amount raised will be listed in September. We are indebted to our sponsors, whose support makes such a difference. I would also like to thank all parents, families and staff who attended on such a lovely evening - your support is wholly appreciated.

Sporting Success!

Our boys' soccer team won the Henry Brothers Tournament at Woods PS, with Ryan in P7 receiving player of the tournament award in both this competition and also in the Magherafelt soccer league. Our boys' team also performed amazingly at the Holy Family tournament, reaching the final, which remained level after extra time. Unfortunately they lost at the penalties stage. All sports team members throughout the year have represented our school in a mannerly, respectful and competitive fashion. Thanks to Mrs Henry, our sports lead and to assistants who accompanied the teams this year, particularly Miss Hamill and Mrs Loane, who provided their expertise and coaching skills in Mrs Henry's absence.

Maintenance

The Board of Governors is commencing a programme of works to maintain our school buildings. Work will begin in July with roof repairs and they are hoping to upgrade our toilet facilities in the future, depending on funding available.

Shared Education

Our P4 & P5 Shared education programmes have been a great success! We have applied for further funding to continue the programme next year.



Farewell

Farewell to our P7 pupils - we wish them all every success on the next stage of their educational journey and to those families who are leaving; we thank you for your support throughout the past seven years. All of our P7 pupils received places in their first preference schools.

We also bid a sad farewell to Mrs Neill, Mr Kelly and Miss Hawker who are all leaving Spires. I would like to thank them sincerely for their contribution to Spires IPS, which has benefited the pupils in numerous ways.

TEACHING STAFF AT SPIRES - 2025/26

Principal	Ms Joan Bell
P1 Teacher	Mrs Aoife Kearney
P2 Teachers (Job Share)	Ms Cathy Conway & Mrs Michelle Bates (Monday - Wednesday) (Thursday & Friday)
P3 Teacher	Mrs Royanne Griggs
P4 Teacher	Mrs Shauneen Henry
P5 Teacher & Vice- Principal	Mrs Jennifer Mc Keown
P6 Teachers (Temp Job Share)	Mrs Karen Hughes & Miss Eimer Hone (Monday - Wednesday) (Thursday & Friday)
P7 Teachers (Temp Job Share)	Mrs Sheree McConnell-Duffy & Miss Eimer Hone (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday) (Wednesday)
Literacy Support	Mrs Michelle Bates (Monday - Wednesday)

We will welcome everyone back on Wednesday 27 August 2025 (Half day to accommodate staff training). Thank you for your kind words and gifts we wish you all a restful summer and look forward to seeing you again in the new term.