



Welcome to the December edition of Sunnylands News!

It's hard to believe that it's nearly Christmas and we are certainly getting prepared in school. We have been practising hard for our Christmas performances and we can't wait to welcome you into school to watch.

We also have our Open Night in December and we'd love to show any new families around our school and let them experience our wonderful school.

Mrs J. Lyons

Dates for your Diary

Wed 11 th Dec	P5-7 Pantomime
Thurs 12 th Dec	Open Night 5pm-7pm
Mon 18 th Dec	Nursery visit to watch Christmas performance
Wed 18 th and Thurs 19 th Dec	Christmas performances
Thurs 19 th Dec	Pupils finish at 1pm (after lunch)
Fri 20 th Dec	Pupils finish at 12noon
Thurs 9 th Jan	Stay and Play for prospective P1's 10am – 11am

Pantomime Trip

Our Key Stage Two children, P5-P7, will be travelling to the Grand Opera House in Belfast to see the pantomime, on Wednesday 11th December. We are all very excited to travel on the train and to see Peter Pan!

Christmas Performances

We will be having our Christmas performances, for both Foundation, Key stage One and Key Stage Two, on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th December at 10am. A letter has been sent home to allow you to request tickets for this event.

A BIG Thank you

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Children in Need Day. We managed to raise £280 for this worthy cause, and enjoyed wearing our Spotty clothes!

Another BIG Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came along to support our school choir at the Community Church Christmas Tree Light Switch on. We all had a great time and the choir were amazing.

We have since taken our choir to Carrickfergus Congregational Seniors lunch, Woodlands Senior lunch as well as to Northlands Court, Burleigh Hill Nursing home and Carrick Manor.

Our children have been so well mannered and have brought joy to all whom we have visited! Well done to the school choir and to those who have helped in preparation for these events.



Contacting School

Please do not hesitate to ring school or email if you need to get in touch for any reasons

ilyons481@c2kni.net

We have been having issues with the telephone system, BT assure us the problem is now resolved.



Open Day

Do you have a child ready to start P1 in September 2025? Do you know a neighbour or friend with a child starting P1 in September 2025?

We would like to invite everyone to join us on **Thursday 12th December**, between **5pm and 7pm** for Sunnylands Primary School Open Day. This is a great opportunity to see all that our school has to offer to children starting Primary One and beyond.

We'd love to see as many little ones, and their parents, as possible, come and visit and see the benefits of joining our Sunnylands family.

CLUBS

All clubs finish for this term on Friday 6th December.

A new note for clubs will be sent in the New Year.

Breakfast Club will continue to run as normal throughout the remainder of the term, including Friday 20th December.

Toy Fair

Thursday saw our Toy Fair in school. Thank you to all who donated toys, we are very grateful for this help. Any remaining toys will be given to a local charity for distribution.

Assistance

If your family are struggling financially during this period please get in touch with either Mrs Lyons or Mrs Nelson and we will try to assist you.

Contact Information

If you change your telephone number or address, please remember to tell the school office. It is particularly important to change your telephone number so we can contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Jumper Day will be on Thursday 12th December, costing £1. Normal uniform should be worn with a Christmas jumper. All money raised will be for school funds.

Christmas Dinner

The school canteen will be having Christmas dinner, a roast dinner, on Thursday 12th December, the same day as Christmas Jumper Day. Those pupils entitled to Free School Meals will not have to pay for this meal, the cost of this meal for others wishing to take dinner will be £2.60 and should be paid on Monday, with other dinner money, as usual.

P1 Admissions

Is your child due to start school in Sept 2024? Do you know a child who is due to start?

We would encourage you to complete a pre-registration form so that we can remind you when to complete the online registration.

DIGITAL ADMISSION on EA Portal

Opens 10th January @12noon and closes 24th January @12noon.

Absences

If your child is off school for any reason, please let the office know so that we can keep an accurate record of attendance.