

St Tierney's School

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents,

What a joy it was to welcome all the boys and girls back to school last week! The excitement, big smiles, and eagerness to see friends again and meet our new Primary 1's made for a truly lovely start to the new school year. We're looking forward to a happy, safe, and successful year ahead for all our pupils and staff. Please find enclosed some useful information to help you throughout the year. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to get in touch with me — I'm always happy to help. As more activities and events are confirmed, we'll keep you updated via text and on the school website.

Warm regards,

Mrs Murray 😊

**Key Dates and Events from September to December so far:**

**September**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>** – Afterschool Transfer Club begins for P7 pupils

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – First full day for P1's. Pick up at 1.50pm. Please inform us if pupils going on 2pm bus.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Music recommences with Master McCabe for all classes. Tin whistles for all please.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Core Kids NI in school PE and Afterschool Club for 6 weeks

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Election of School and Eco Council Members from P4- P7

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September** – P7 will host an Open Assembly to celebrate the beginning of New School Year – All Welcome

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** – Sustrans Walk to School and Feel Good Friday– Meet at Brian's Bar Carpark at 8.40am

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September** – Scholastic Book Fair begins – in school until Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October.

**October**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> / Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Lisnaskea Féis Events - Details to follow

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – P5 Assembly – Not Open

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Sustrans Walk to School and Feel Good Friday

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Halloween Dress Up Day – No face masks allowed

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> & Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – School Closed

**November**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – School Closed

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Core Kids NI in school PE and Afterschool Club for 6 weeks

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Flu Jabs in school

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Odd Socks Day – to launch Anti-bullying Week 2025

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – P6 Assembly – Open to families

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Sustrans Walk to School and Feel Good Friday

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>** – School closed for pupils - Parent Teacher Meeting's ongoing through-out the day

**December**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup>** – P1 & P2 Christmas Play in School

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Play (P3 – P7) In School @ 7.30pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** - School will close @ 12 noon for Christmas Holidays



**SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME TO THE GIRLS AND BOYS IN P1 WHO HAVE SETTLED SO WELL IN TO SCHOOL LIFE ALREADY 😊**

**Lucas Lucas Mc Tiarnan  
Darcie Jamie Anna**

**Danny Darcie Kiera Aida Ella  
Lorcan Charlie Cahir**

**We also welcome Noah to P2.**

**STAFFING** - Welcome back to all our hard working and dedicated staff for the 2025-26 school year. Miss Cailín Sreenan joins us as a classroom assistant. Miss Erin Sreenan & Mr Michael Beggan will also join us for the school year to complete their Childcare study placements. At the end of August, we said farewell to Mrs Keelin Reilly, who has been a valued member of St. Tierney's staff for over 10 years. We wish her well in her teaching career.

**OPEN ASSEMBLIES** - We continue to invite families to join us for our Open Assemblies at key points throughout the school year. Each class will host 1 'Open Assembly' when their parents and family members will be invited in. You will receive notice of these in advance via school text. The School Mass will also take place towards the end of the year in St. Tierney's Church. Our first Open Assembly will be hosted by the P7 class on Tuesday 23rd September.

**HOMEWORK** - Homework will begin for P2-7 from 15<sup>th</sup> September onwards. While we really value the importance of homework and supporting your child's learning at home, we do not want it to be a struggle in any household so if you have any issues completing homework's, please speak to the class teacher or myself. Mathletics and Accelerated Reader are also seen as important aspects of home learning.

### **SUSTRANS NI - CYCLE / WALK TO SCHOOL AND FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS**

We continue to promote a Healthy Life Style and will begin with walk to school day on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September, meeting in Brian's Bar carpark @ 8.40am. Hi-Viz should be worn. Parents are welcome to join us. We will also use this day each month to put extra special focus on pupil and staff health and wellbeing.

### **EXTENDED SCHOOLS 2025/26 / SHARED EDUCATION AND EXTRA CURRICULAR**

We will continue to offer our pupils a range of activities outside the normal curriculum. Each class will be offered at 3 x 5 or 6-week block of activities each term. There will be a small voluntary fee for this of £1 per week. Details to follow. Shared Education projects with our friends in St. Macartan's and Aghadrumsee Primary School will also be planned throughout the year. We will also help prepare pupils for the Lisnaskea Féis which runs from 9<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025.

### **ST. TIERNEY'S PARENTS, TEACHERS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

We will have a PTFA meeting within the next few weeks and would encourage any new families to come on board that may be able to help out with fundraising and supporting other aspects of school life. Thank you to all the parents that helped out last year.

**MUSIC** - Each class will receive music tuition every Tuesday with Master McCabe and all pupils from P1 - P7 should have a tin whistle. Pupils from P4 upwards may take up a second instrument also. They can speak to Master McCabe about this at any stage. Music lessons are £5 per month or £10.00 for each half term (2 months). £10 for September/October now due or £50 for the school year. Please send money in a sealed envelope as soon as possible.

**PEACE PROMS** - We have applied for the Peace Proms and are hoping to take part in them. This will be open to P5, P6 & P7 and will take place in Belfast on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March - time to be confirmed. There will also be a choir workshop on 12<sup>th</sup> November in Belfast. More details will follow shortly.

**SWIMMING** - Swimming for P5, P6 & P7 will start in February and run up to Easter. More details to follow.

**RAINBOW AFTERSCHOOL CLUB** - Parents can avail of Rainbow Afterschool service for your children until 6pm on school days. Please contact Anna or Roisin at 02867751736 or 00353860515479 for more information.

**P7 TRANSFER CLUB** - The Transfer Booster Club for Primary 7 will run on Monday's & Thursday' after school starting on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Master McMahon & Mrs Murray will be working with pupils on these days in preparation for Post Primary Entrance exams in November. Parents should ensure that any pupil wishing to sit the exam is registered on the SEAG website before Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**SPORTS COACHING** - PE uniform should be worn on coaching and PE days.

The pupils in Year 1 - 7 will have opportunities to avail of Sports Coaching from various external agencies. We will also be competing in Cumann na mBunscoil blitzes and other events throughout the year.

Core NI will be on board to deliver blocks of PE classes on Wednesdays throughout the year. They will also run an initial afterschool club for 6 weeks beginning 17<sup>th</sup> September. P1-2 from 1.50 - 2.50 pm and P3-7 from 2.50-3.50pm. Places are limited and should be booked and paid for through the Core NI website.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS** - The annual parent teacher interviews will take place on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** when you are given the opportunity to meet with the class teacher one on one. Times will be issued closer to the time.

**LEARNING SUPPORT** - All pupils may need help and support with certain aspects of their learning as they move through the school. We work closely as teachers and classroom assistants to meet the needs of all our pupils and to be a welcoming and inclusive school to all. The development of our 'Rainbow Room' has added a safe and enriching space for individual and small group work. If at any time you have concerns about any aspect of your child's learning, please speak to the class teacher or myself as Learning Support Coordinator.

**ACCELERATED READER AND MATHEMATICS** - Our Accelerated Reader and Mathematics programmes will soon be up and running. These are very useful in supporting the Literacy and Numeracy curriculum and we encourage all pupils to make the most of these resources. P3 - 7 will take part in Accelerated Reader and P1-7 will take part in Mathematics.

**MILK AND MEALS** - School milk for the year comes to **£39** for each child. Milk can be paid for either annually or at the beginning of each term £13 per term September, January, and April.

School meals are £2.60 per day / £13 per week. It is good practice to send money on a Monday in an envelope with name and days for dinners listed. All meals must be paid up to date for the last Friday of each month to allow for bank reconciliation with Education Authority. Text reminders will be sent if necessary.

**Lunch Times are 12.00-12.45 for P1 - P4 and 12.30-13.15 for P5 - P7.**

**BREAKFAST AND SNACK** - Breakfast Club runs every morning from 8.20 a.m. to 8.45 a.m. 40p per item.

Toast	Cereal
Pancakes	Orange Juice
Hot chocolate	

Children can pre-order and pay for break time each morning in the classroom. The following items will be available for break-time. Children may still bring their own snacks for morning break.

Selection of Fruit    Yoghurt    Bottled water    40p per item

**Pupils bringing their own snack and lunch to school should continue to follow our Healthy Eating policy and keep sweet treats to a minimum and for lunch time only. Fizzy drinks and energy drinks are not allowed.**

**SCHOOL UNIFORM-** Pupils should wear full school uniform throughout the year, this includes summer pinafores/dresses and navy shorts in better weather. Please remember that PE bottoms/leggings and shorts must be plain navy and appropriate length. PE tops allowed are light blue polo shirts. Check regularly throughout the year that names are still on each item, including school bags, coats, sweatshirts, trousers, ties, fleeces, indoor and outdoor shoes, blouses/shirts, P.E. gear, lunch boxes and bottles.

**PUPIL'S DATA SHEET/TELEPHONE NUMBERS** - A copy of the details we currently hold for your child will be sent home shortly. It is important for GDPR purposes that you check all contacts we have for your child and that their phone numbers are accurate. Parents email addresses need to be checked as well. Return the forms to school once they have been checked as we **MUST** keep them for GDPR purposes. Let us know any changes throughout the year. If you are not receiving school texts, please let us know immediately.

**MEDICAL ISSUES** - If your child has any medical conditions, please contact the school office to complete the relevant forms. If your child needs medication to be kept in school, please make sure we have it and that it is in date and that permission forms have been signed for this.

**LATENESS OR ABSENCE/TRANSPORT HOME/COLLECTION** - Please ensure that your child is in class line at 8.50 a.m. every morning. Class starts at 8.50 a.m pupils should only come on school grounds from 8.30 a.m. onwards, unless attending breakfast club, as supervision commences at that time. If your child is going to be late or absent e.g. doctor or dentist's appointment, please inform the class teacher the day before. Similarly, please inform the teacher if your child has been absent due to illness or for any other reason.

You should have received an email asking you to confirm who is allowed to collect your child from school. Please reply to this in as much detail as possible. If pupils are going home by an alternative means other than that which they normally do, then the school should be informed by note or phone call in the interest of pupil safety. Written permission should be given to school by parents for pupils to walk or cycle to and from school.

**VISITORS/PARENTS** - In the interest of Child Protection and Safeguarding, all visitors/parents to St. Tierney's Primary School must report to the office and should wait in that area for relevant staff or for children being collected, you should not go to the classroom doors unless instructed to. Parents who wish to speak to their child's class teacher should make an appointment through the office.

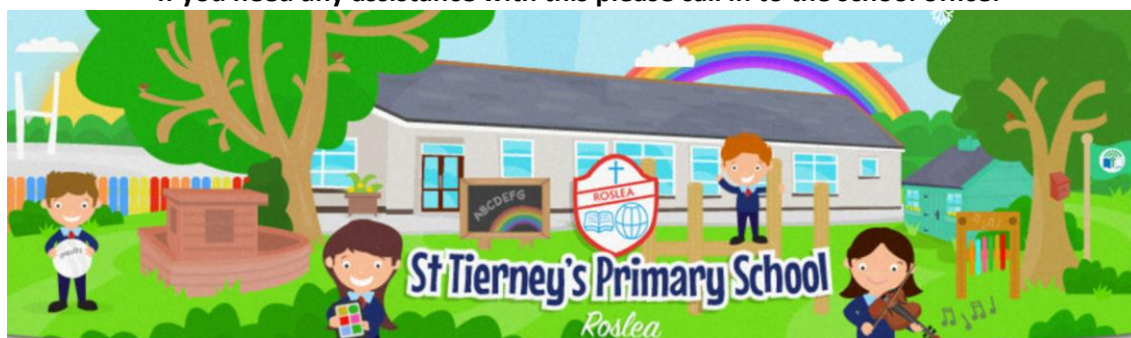
In line with school policy and to ensure confidentiality, communication with staff regarding pupils should be through proper school channels during school hours - school phone, school email or in person. The class teacher should be the first point of contact for any concerns and I am always contactable through email at [emurray339@c2kni.net](mailto:emurray339@c2kni.net)

Please make sure to keep up to date with all school events through our website [www.sttierneyspsroslea.com](http://www.sttierneyspsroslea.com)

All parents should download the Schools NI app to their phone and select St. Tierney's PS as their school.




This is linked to the website and will give you notices and information throughout the year.

If you need any assistance with this please call in to the school office.



## SCHOOL CLOSURES    September 2025 - June 2026

School closures may be subject to change throughout the year. Any change will be communicated asap.  
Please note - No breakfast club, snack, or dinners on half days.

October	Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Holiday Holiday 
November	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Contact Day (Staff Only) Parent Teacher Meetings
December	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> (Finish at 12) Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Christmas Holidays (Half Day Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> ) Holidays
January	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Holiday Non-Contact Day (Staff Only)
February	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mid Term Break
March	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Non-Contact Day (Staff Only) 
April	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> (Finish @12) Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Contact Afternoon (Staff Only) Easter Holidays
May	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Holiday Non-Contact Day (Staff Only) Holiday Non-Contact Day (Staff Only)
June	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Summer Holidays (Half Day finish @ 12) 

Term 1 commences Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Term 2 commences Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Term 3 commences Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026