

March /April
News 2026



Communication

If you need to contact us at school about any queries, issues, or absences please call on 028777 63887. The school office opens at 8.45am each morning.

If your child needs to leave school during the school day, please complete the Leave Early form at reception.

Please update school with any change of details, address, phone numbers etc

Important Dates:

Saturday 14th March Confirmation St Patrick's Dungiven at 11am.

Monday 16th March Mrs McGurks Class Assembly 10am - Parents of Mrs McGurk's Class are welcome to attend.

Tuesday 17th March and Wednesday 18th March - School will be closed for St Patrick's Day.

School closes 11.30 Tuesday 31st March for Easter and reopens Monday 13th April.

Saturday 30th May First Holy Communion St Matthew's Drumsurn 11am.

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Please take time to read the news and updates from our school.

We would like to thank you for coming to parents' meetings it was lovely to see you all! Thank you for your continued support.

Green Day

Children can come to school dressed in Green on Monday 16th March to celebrate St Patrick's Day.

Scholastic Book Fair: Will arrive in St Matthew's Wednesday 15th April till Tuesday 21st April. Parents/guardians of P1 children are welcome to help their child pick a book between 2.30pm - 3pm each day. P2 - P7 children will visit the bookfair with their teacher.

Punctuality/ Attendance

We would like to remind all parents that the school doors open at 8.45am for anyone not attending breakfast club. Children should be in the Assembly Hall in time for the 9 o'clock bell. Classes start at 9.10am after registration. Children arriving after registration closes at 9.30 will be marked late for the morning session. Children who are frequently late disrupt their own education and that of others.

The Big Walk, Cycle /Ride to School.

We will be taking part in Sustrans Big Walk, Cycle/Ride to school starting Monday 16th March - Friday 27th March.

Breakfast Club will still run during these weeks and children attending will walk with a member of staff to meet children taking part in the walk.

Breakfast Club runs daily from 8.15am - 8.45am £1.50 per child per day.



All children should be collected from the Front Door. Please ensure you collect your child promptly as the coaches need to leave promptly.

After School Clubs

Mondays

Stay & Play Club £1 per child per week will END Monday 16th March

Gardening Club restarted last week £2 per child per week.

P4 - P7 3pm - 4pm

Tuesdays

Gaelic Club P4 - P7 at St Matthew's GAC

P4 - P7 3pm - 4 pm

Wednesdays

Fundamentals Camogie/Gaelic

P1 - P3 2.15pm - 3pm

Cross Country Club P4 - P7

P4 - P7 3pm - 4 pm

Thursdays

Dance Club Term 3 started last week and will run for 8 weeks

P1 - P3 2pm - 3pm

P4 - P7 3pm - 4pm

Register @skillschoolni.com/bookings

We are reviewing our After-school clubs and we hope to have new clubs starting after Easter.

Standardised Testing

Testing will be held 7th - 22nd May please ensure you child is well rested. Children going on the Residential Trip will have completed testing before the Trip.

Healthy Eating:

In school we promote Healthy Eating at both break and lunch time. Children are encouraged to bring a healthy break and lunch to school. During Lent we ask you not to send your children to school with chocolate or sweets. This is to help those children who are off these things for Lent.



School Choir

Our School Choirs sang at St Patrick's Church Coleraine at the Coleraine Music Festival. We came back with 3 trophies and the Shield. Congratulations to all our choirs who sang beautifully.

School Swimming Programme

The School Swimming Programme for P6/P7 children will start Wednesday 15th April. More info will be sent home.

School Meals

Menus are available on the school website.

Any changes are notified by text to parents.

Uniform

Please check your children's uniform, coats and jackets are clearly labelled as we have been informed of some missing items. Please return items that do not belong to your child.