



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23rd January 2026

1. Cregagh Primary School and Deaf Unit Open Night, Playbus & P1 Discovery Morning, & P1 Enrolment ... THANK YOU!

The school looked amazing on Wednesday 14th January for open night, and it was great to see so many people, including many new families, come to visit and find out 'what makes Cregagh Primary tick'. Saturday 17th was another successful day, with around 30 children coming to play on the Playbus and meet school staff – all of whom volunteered their time to run this event.

I am glad to say that we have received 17 applications for P1 September 2026. This is still a small group in which children will thrive but is significantly higher than the previous two years. Why the increase? It's unlikely that there is just one explanatory factor. Our excellent May 2025 ETI school inspection report helped. Our active social media presence contributed. Our open day events also played a positive role, as did advertising in local press. However, the single biggest impact was made by existing parents talking very positively about their families' experiences of attending Cregagh Primary School. Many visitors who had no prior connection to school specifically mentioned being personally invited by a neighbour or friend.

So, as is usually the case, "teamwork makes the dreamwork" has been shown to be true. All of our combined efforts have helped make this a successful year for our school's enrolment. As principal and on behalf of governors and staff, I want to say a massive thank you to parents, grandparents, carers and friends of our school partnering with us, getting behind us and supporting us. Your support of us, helps us support your children. Thank you!

2. SEAG Results

Although tests and exams are important, there is so much more to education (and life!) than just results. All school staff want to wish those P7 children and their families who are receiving SEAG results tomorrow all the very best; we are tremendously proud of all the hard work and effort our transfer group of children have put in! Well done!

3. PSA Valentine's Day Colouring Competition

Cregagh PSA
Valentine's Day
Colouring Competition

One winner from P1-P4
and one winner from P5-
P7

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Starts Monday
26th January and ends
Thursday 5th February

£1 per entry | £10 Smyth's voucher for winners!

4. Cregagh Primary School Time Team

Every now and again we like to share a little school history through our weekly newsletter. Having been established in 1939, we have quite a lot of history to share! Today, we are heading back to the early 1950s with these two great photos. Perhaps you can spot a relative or old friend?



Above: Mr Farris and Year 5 pupils, 1951-1952

Below: Mr McIlhinney and Year 6 pupils, 1952-1953





Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th February	Half-term break (4 school days)
Tuesday 10 th February	School Development Day 3 (no pupils)
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	St. Patrick's Day – all children go home at 1pm on this day.
Friday 27 th March	Spring Term Ends (12 noon finish all pupils)
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	Easter Holiday (10 school days)
Monday 13 th April	New term (summer) commences
Monday 4 th May	Early May Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	School Development Day 4 (no pupils)
Monday 25 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 15 th June	School Development Day 5 (no pupils)
Tuesday 30 th June	Term ends (summer) (12 noon finish all pupils)

