



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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



#### 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





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

