

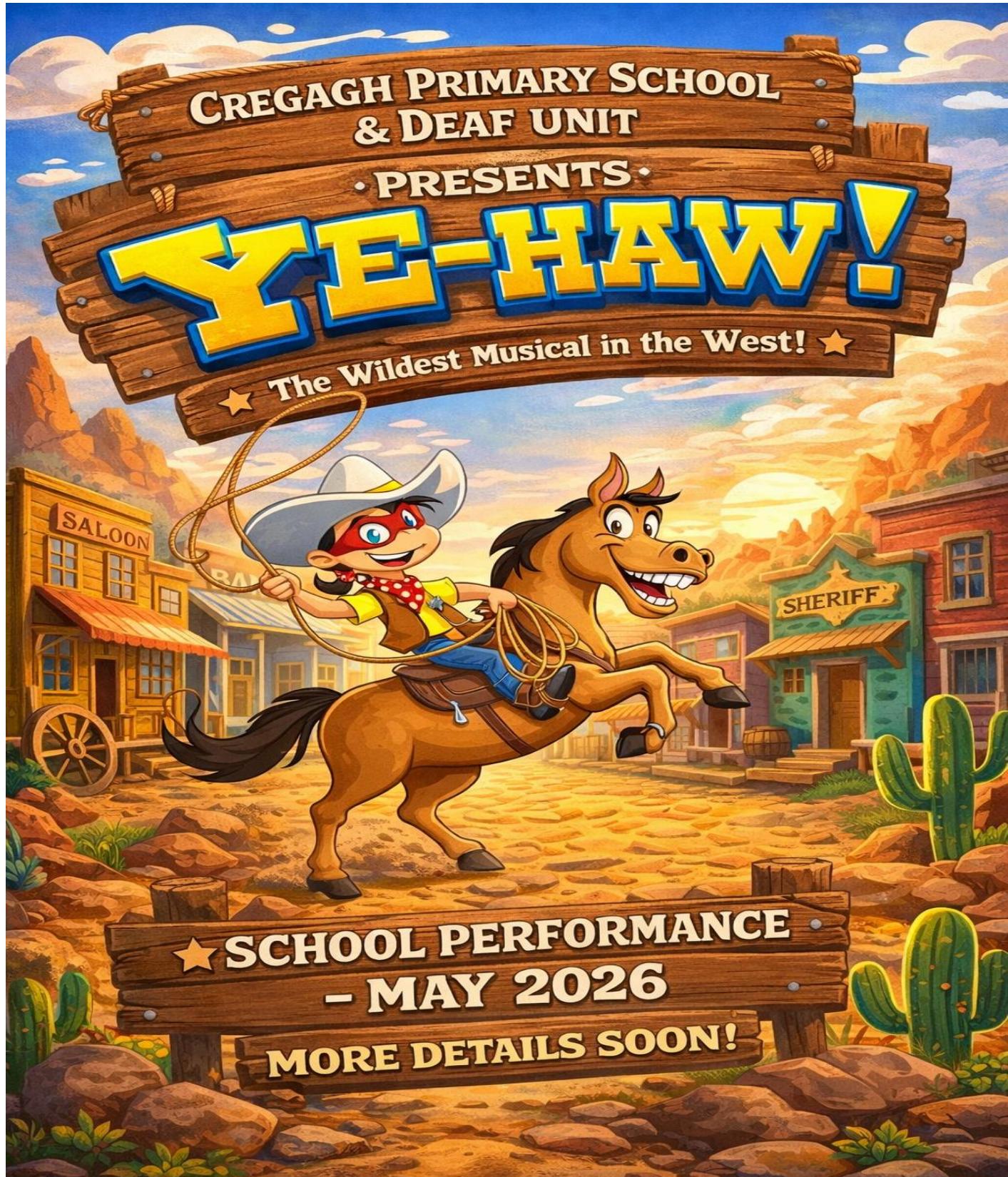


WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th February 2026

OH LOOK...

MORE RAIN.



1. Two Additional School Development Days given to all NI schools by Department Education

Earlier this month, Northern Ireland Education Minister Paul Givan granted all NI school two additional 'TransformED' staff training days in addition to existing school development training days. Consequently, pupils will be off on **Monday 9th March** and also **Tuesday 5th May**.

2. What is TransformED all about?

As you may have heard, the Department of Education's TransformED agenda is a long-term plan to reshape education in Northern Ireland so that it better meets the needs of today's children and tomorrow's world. At its heart, TransformED is about making learning more relevant, engaging and future-focused. It places a strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy and digital skills, while also developing creativity, problem-solving, resilience and wellbeing. For schools, it means carefully reviewing what and how we teach, ensuring our curriculum is purposeful, connected and rooted in real understanding rather than just coverage of content. For learners, it means lessons that build confidence, independence and a love of learning, alongside strong foundations in the basics. The big idea is simple: to ensure every child is equipped not only to achieve academically, but to thrive in further education, the workplace and life. We will continue to keep parents informed as this important work develops.

3. P4s have been working hard, trying to master fractions !



4. St. Patrick's Day 2026

The Schools' Cup, played at the Ulster Rugby Stadium on Tuesday 17th March, bring with it a tremendous build-up of traffic. Historically, Cregagh Primary School closes at 12 noon on this day to make sure that all children and staff make it out of the area and get home without being hemmed in

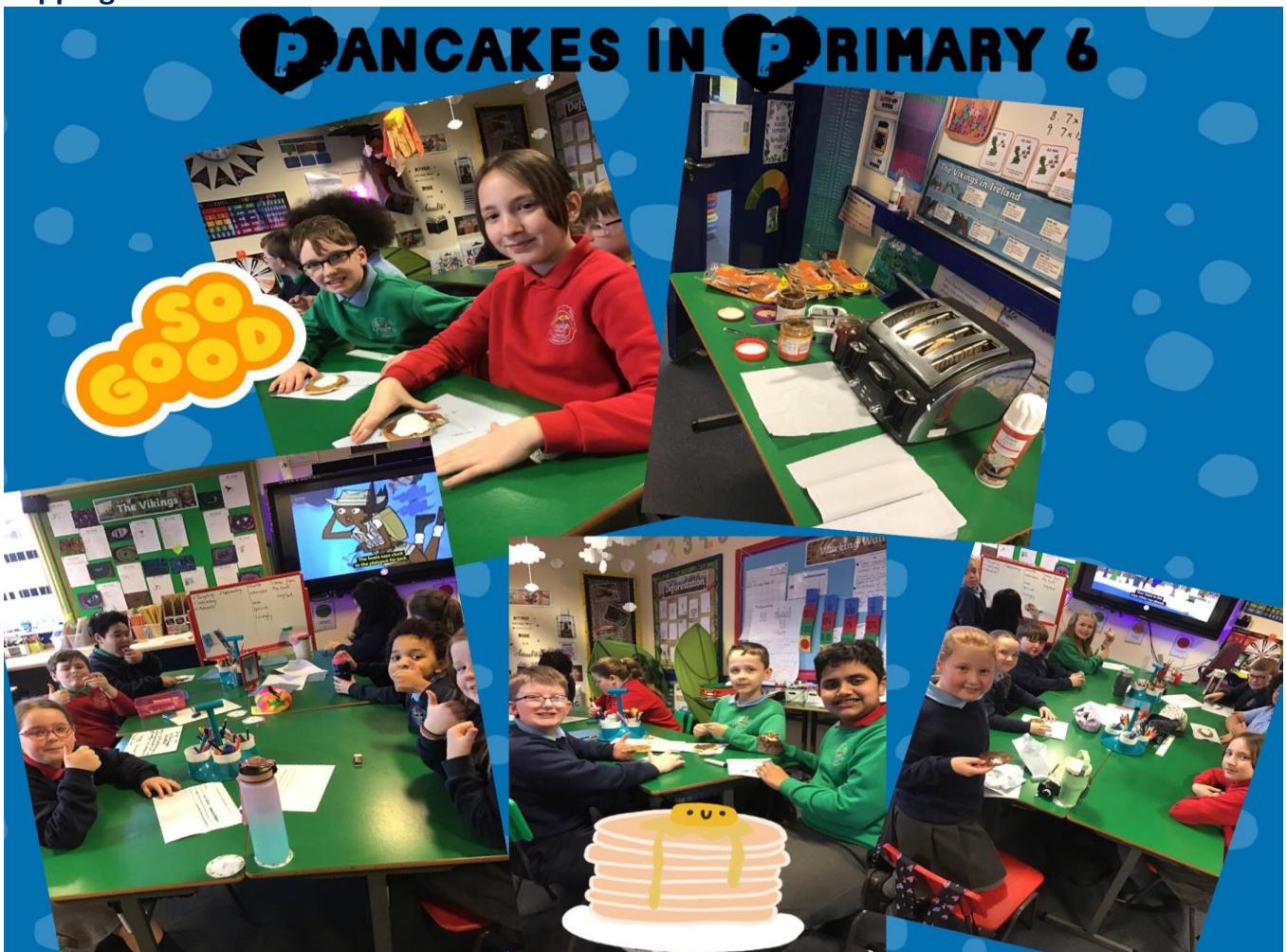
5. Dog Fouling

This continues to be an issue both at the front and rear school gates. It is not for lack of bins, it is just that some dog owners refuse to clean up after their pets. School always tries to keep the spaces directly in front of its gates clean and clear but more responsible dog owners is really what is needed. We've asked Belfast City Council to provide additional signs.

6. Come join us for our BIG spring tidy-up of our gardens and play areas



7. Flipping Pancakes in P6 !





Monday 9 th March	TransformED staff training: school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 17 th March 2026	St. Patrick's Day – all children go home at 12 noon on this day.
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th March	Parent-Teacher Interviews (Spring) Children go home at 1pm each 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
Tuesday 5 th May	TransformED staff training: school closed to pupils.
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)

