



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6^h March 2026

1. Celebrating World Book Day 2026

World Book Day is a global, annual celebration of authors, illustrators, books, and the joy of reading, designated by UNESCO to promote literature and literacy. In 2026, it takes place on Thursday, March 5th in the UK and Ireland, focusing on encouraging children to read for pleasure through dressing up and sharing stories. Lots of children (and staff!) dressed up for the occasion and everyone had a great WBD. Make sure you use the WBD money off book vouchers sent home last week! 😊





See these and more photos on the school website

2. **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**.

3. **St. Patrick's Day – Tuesday 17th March**
 On 17th March, Cregagh PS will close at 12 noon to allow all school families and staff to leave the vicinity before the area becomes gridlocked with parking for the Schools Cup final taking place at ulster Rugby stadium. ***It is very important that all children are picked up in good time on this day in particular. Thank you.***

4. Big Walk and Wheel

We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 16 – 27 March 2026. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Why we are taking part...

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school. And that children thought active travel was the best away to bring down these pollution levels.

We're taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026 challenge



bigwalkandwheel.org.uk

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





Monday 9 th March	TransformED (1) 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 (2) staff training: school closed to pupils.
Friday 22 nd May	School Development Day 4 (no pupils)
Monday 25 th May	Spring Bank Holiday
Wednesday 27 th May	Ye-Haw School Show – Performance 1
Thursday 28 th May	Ye-Haw School Show – Performance 2
Friday 29 th May	SPORTS DAY (reserve date is Tuesday 2 nd June)
Wednesday 3 rd – Friday 5 th June	P7 Residential to Castlewellan Castle & Forest Park
Monday 15 th June	School Development Day 5 (no pupils)
Tuesday 30 th June	Term ends (summer) (12 noon finish all pupils)



There will be two performances performed: 7-8pm on Wednesday 27th May & Thursday 28th May

The more that you
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the more things
you will know

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