



1. Big Walk & Wheel Challenge 2026



This week the, 'Green Team' informed Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 & 2 all about our big walk and wheel weeks. 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, scooter 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 way to bring down these pollution levels.

Remember...if you cannot walk, cycle or scooter to school inform your teacher if you were active over the weekend. This activity can still be included in our results!



2. 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.***

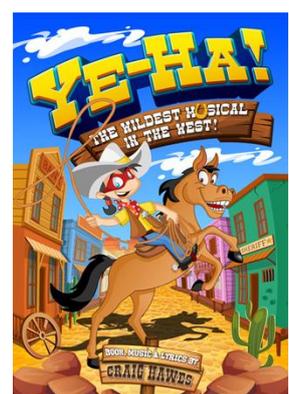
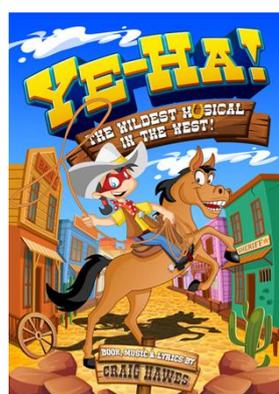
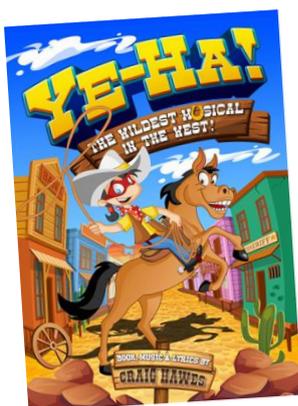
3. BIG spring tidy-up of our gardens and play areas

A BIG thank you to all who came along last Saturday morning, young and old(er!), to help get the school gardens and play areas ready for use in the spring and summer terms. Grass was cut, weeds were pulled, raised beds were tidied, old rotten wood was dumped, mulch was spread and worms were found! All-in-all, a very productive morning.



4. YE-HA !

Dates for the school show are Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May 2026. Ticket prices and on-sale dates to be confirmed after Easter break.



5. The big muck in!

On Thursday 19th March we are having a whole school outdoor learning day. This will involve lessons outdoors, tidying our school grounds and planting seeds in Poppy's garden. Your child should wear older clothes to school on this day (no uniform is needed). If your child has welly boots, they should bring them in as well!



6. School Fund

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to school fund for the 2025-2026 academic year. If every school family pay their full school fund, Cregagh PS will have £1800 to help purchase and pay for things that benefit the children. This is not a lot of money to some other schools but to us school fund is a really important and much needed income stream.

Remember, school fund is currently £20 per family for the school year (September-June).



Where Your School Fund Goes

Your support helps us provide important extras for the children.

- Art and classroom supplies**
Paints, craft materials, glue, paper, and other classroom resources.
- Subsidising school trips**
Helping keep the cost of educational visits lower for families.
- Sports Day medals and awards**
Celebrating participation, effort and achievement.
- Attendance and end-of-year awards**
Certificates, trophies and recognition for pupils.
- Christmas treats for the children**
Seasonal activities and small festive treats.

Thank you for your support!



Mark Your Calendar



Tuesday 17 th March 2026	St. Patrick's Day – all children go home at 12 noon on this day.
Thursday 19 th March	The Big Muck In (Children to wear older clothes to school on this day (no uniform is needed) . If your child has welly boots, they should bring them in as well! .)
Monday 23 rd – Friday 27 th March	Parent-Teacher Interviews (Spring) Children go home at 1pm each day. ***BOOK FAIR WILL BE IN RECEPTION AREA***
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)