



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026

1. Parent-Teacher Interviews: Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th March



Next week, we are holding our spring-term Parent-Teacher interviews. To enable these to take place, children will be going **home at 1pm Monday-Thursday** and at **12 noon on Friday**, as it is the end of a school full-term.

Only adults who have legal Parental Responsibility (PR) for our pupils may attend and sit-in parent-teacher interviews. Grandparents, aunts, partners (unless they have legal PR known to the school), older siblings and family friends are welcome to wait outside the classrooms while interviews are taking place. This is for safeguarding and GDPR (privacy) reasons.

Should any parent feel they need the support of another adult (perhaps because of a disability or learning difficulty), this will need to be made clear to school before the interviews take place; they should ring Miss Murphy in the school office 90 401 246 and make their request known. We aim to conduct our Parent-Teacher interviews in a friendly and engaging manner: so no-one need feel under pressure!

2. The big muck in!

We had a brilliant day on Thursday of this week enjoying all sorts of outdoor activities. It was a glorious spring day, bright and sunny, which meant the children and staff got lots done. Our special 'big muck in' day ended with S'mores being made around a firepit (a popular Forest Schools activity) which as you can imagine, went down extremely well!

3. 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).



4. Roots of Empathy

Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program for school children (ages 4–14) that reduces aggression and bullying while increasing social-emotional competence, empathy, and pro-social behaviour. It uses a "tiny teacher" - a local baby and parent who visit the class - to help children identify feelings, understand empathy, and build caring societies.

Primary 4 are now halfway through the Roots of Empathy Programme. So far we have learnt about different temperaments and understood that, 'Love Grows Brains.' In our last two themes the focus has been on safety, sleep and milestones.

This week, P4 witnessed a very special moment. Our baby Josie, rolled over for the first time in our Roots of Empathy class. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based programme delivered in primary school classrooms which has shown significant effect in reducing levels of aggression among school children by raising social-emotional competence and increasing empathy.



5. Cash for Clobber

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Over the Easter holidays will you be doing a spring clean? If so gather up your unused clothes and help raise money for our school.

Please bring in your bags of unused clothes (adults and children's)



ON FRIDAY 17TH APRIL ONLY!

Don't forget the blue bin is there all year round!



6. BIG WALK AND WHEEL WEEK

Our BIG WALK AND WHEEL week continues until next Friday 27th March. The Green Team, would like to thank all pupils and staff who have walked, scooted or cycled to school. We know that some pupils are doing extra walking before school or doing outdoor activities at the weekends. Please remember these journeys count too! Keep it up!

Your school's performance so far...

116

Total journeys

The total number of journeys recorded in Big Walk and Wheel 2026.

52.73%

Daily average score

This is your current average daily score based on a percentage of your school roll. If you take part in more than five days, this will be based on your best five days.

236 / 1064

Medium primary school

Overall position in challenge

Based on your daily average score.

[View overall positions](#)



7. **YE-HA!**

Ticket prices and on-sale dates to be confirmed after Easter break.





Mark Your Calendar



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
Friday 17 th of April	Cash for Clobber – Big Spring Clear Out!
Wednesday 29 th April	P6 Transfer Information Evening at 6pm - this is for P6 parents and guardians whose children intend to sit SEAG assessment tests in November 2026.
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-Ha! School Show – Performance 1
Thursday 28 th May	Ye-Ha! School Show – Performance 2
Friday 29 th May	SPORTS DAY (should it rain: 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)