



# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026

## 1. Historic Sign Language Bill passed at Stormont

Northern Ireland will become the first part of the UK to provide free sign language classes to all deaf children and their families, through a new sign language law that was passed on Tuesday. The Sign Language Bill (Northern Ireland) 2025 will put a duty on the Department for Communities to provide free classes for deaf people under-25 and their close families, guardians, and carers. This is brilliant news – not just for our deaf pupils and their families – but for all members of Northern Ireland’s deaf community and indeed, all of us.



Cregagh Primary School is Northern Ireland’s only primary phase deaf unit and was established in the 1960s.

2. **P7 visit Belfast's Titanic Museum** (see more photos on the school's website)



3. **YE-HA! School Musical – May 2026**

Our big school show takes place next month and the cast and crew are working hard: rehearsing dances, songs and scripts.

- 🎪 Wednesday 27th May Ye-Ha! School Show – Performance 1
- 🎪 Thursday 28th May Ye-Ha! School Show – Performance 2

**Tickets will be going on sale from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026.**

**Further details on prices will follow early next week.**



#### 4. Summer Fiesta 2026



Tickets are on sale from Wednesday 6th May. Tickets are £2 for a child ticket and £3 for an adult ticket. At our Summer Fiesta you'll also be able to buy sweets, candy floss, popcorn and much more! There will also be challenges to enter with awesome prizes!

#### 5. School Uniform

Cregagh Primary School and Deaf Unit is a uniform-wearing school. The only item of uniform that must have the school badge on it is the school jumper. Everything else can be bought from supermarkets and regular clothing shops. Please note:

- white polo shirts are not part of our school uniform; neither are black leggings for girls nor tracksuit bottoms.
- girls have the summertime option of wearing gingham checked dresses in one of the school's four colour options: red, green, yellow or navy blue.
- where there is a sensory issue that affects a child's wearing of particular items of uniform, this needs to be shared with our school SENCO, Mrs Pearson, so that the school can record this (along with supporting evidence from GPs or clinicians) on its systems.
- Any family who struggles to replace an item of uniform during this latter part of the school year (i.e. summer term) because of cost should let their child's teacher know (in confidence), and if the school can help out, we certainly will! 😊

***Please help us keep standards high by following the school's uniform policy ~ thank you!***



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Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday school closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	TransformED (2) staff training: school closed to pupils.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Summer Fiesta</b> , 5-7pm
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School Development Day 4 (school closed to pupils)
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday school closed
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ye-Ha!</b> School Show – Performance 1
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Ye-Ha!</b> School Show – Performance 2
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>SPORTS DAY</b> (should it rain: reserve date is Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June)
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Residential to Castlewella Castle & Forest Park
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Last week of After-School Clubs</b> for summer term
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Final School Assembly</b> • Parents & grandparents welcome!
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	School Development Day 5 (no pupils) school closed
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day for <b>P7s</b> (normal 3pm finish time)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	P7 Awards Evening at Mount Merrion Parish Church*  *Due to building work scheduled to start at MMPC this MAY be relocated to St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for this year - TBC
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Term ends (summer) (12 noon finish all pupils)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES - TERM ONE</b> <b>12 noon finish all pupils</b> (staff training)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>12 noon finish all pupils</b> (staff training)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>12 noon finish for pupils</b> (staff training)
Monday 31 August	August Bank Holiday (School closure)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	First full day for pupils

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