



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th June 2026

1. Roots of Empathy Update

Primary 4 have completed the Roots of Empathy programme. At the heart of the programme is a baby and her parent. We have been lucky to have baby Josie, and her mum Sarah visit the Primary 4 classroom on a monthly basis throughout the year. Mrs Standley has been coaching the pupils to observe the baby's development and label the baby's feelings. This 'emotional literacy' lays the foundations for children to become more competent in understanding their own feelings of others (empathy). We want to say a big thank you to Josie and Sarah for taking part and to our fabulous Primary 4 class.



Josie receiving her certificate of completion



2. Cregagh Primary Children Awarded British Sign Language (BSL) Certificates

Today we welcomed Julie Graham and Michelle Hull from Action Deaf Youth to present the children from Deaf Unit 2 with their certificates for BSL 101. The children have been learning and preparing for the exam all year and every one of them passed. Majella McAteer from the Department of Communities was also in attendance as the Dept awards funding which supports ADY in providing BSL classes to both Deaf Units each week and have done for the past 5 years. Deaf Unit 1 performed a poem called I Believe In Me in BSL. Well done everyone.



3. School Attendance

Our current school attendance stands at 94%, just below our target for the year, and every day of attendance between now and the end of term on Tuesday 30 June will help us move closer to achieving — and hopefully exceeding — that goal. We appreciate that recent exceptional and very sad events across Belfast have affected attendance for some families, and these circumstances will be taken into account; however, we would encourage all pupils who are able to attend to be in school each and every day. Thank you for your continued support in helping us make every school day count right to the very end of the academic year.

IMPORTANT DATES



Monday 8 th – Thursday 11 th June	After-School Clubs finish for the year
Monday 15 th June	School Development Day 5 (no pupils) school closed
Wednesday 17 th June	P1 induction meeting for new pupils starting Cregagh PS in August/September 2026 (rescheduled from 10/6/2026)
Thursday 18 th June	<i>Final School Assembly</i> • Parents & grandparents welcome! • Doors open 9:15am • Assembly starts 9:30am & aims to finish close to 10:30am
Wednesday 24 th June	Last Day for P7s - normal 3pm finish time
Thursday 25 th June	P7 Awards Evening at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church , Rosetta (the "White Church")
Friday 26 th June	Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) Prize Morning
Tuesday 30 th June	Term ends (summer) (12 noon finish all pupils)



LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD ...

New School Year 2026/2027 (Main School Holidays)	
Wednesday 26th August	NEW SCHOOL YEAR COMMENCES - TERM ONE 12 noon finish all pupils (staff training)
Thursday 27 th August	12 noon finish all pupils (staff training)
Friday 28 th August	12 noon finish for pupils (staff training)
Monday 31 August	August Bank Holiday (School closure)
Tuesday 1 st September	First full day for pupils
Wednesday 2 nd September	Meet the Teacher , 1:45pm-3:00pm Sharing of important information for all P2-P7 parents about the school year ahead. Assembly hall & classrooms.
Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	Halloween Holidays (5 school days)
Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January 2027	Christmas Holidays (11 school days)
Thursday 25 th March – Friday 2 nd April	Easter Holidays (7 school days)
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Spring Bank Holiday & Half-term Break (5 school days) <i>Unusually, the school calendar enables this longer break in 2027</i>

A full school holiday list for pupils 2026-2027 is attached





SCHOOL HOLIDAY LIST FOR PUPILS 2026-27

Autumn Term (2026)

New Term Commences:	Wednesday 26th August (12 noon finish all pupils)
Thursday 27 th August:	12 noon finish all pupils
Friday 28 th August:	12 noon finish for pupils
Monday 31 August:	August Bank Holiday (School closure)
Tuesday 1 st September:	First full day for pupils
Friday 25 th September:	TransformEd Day 1 (no pupils)
Halloween Holidays:	Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October (5 school days)
Autumn Term Ends:	Friday 18 th December (12 noon finish for all pupils)
Christmas Holidays:	Monday 21 st December – Monday 4 th January (11 school days)
Staff Development Day:	Tuesday 5 th January (no pupils)

Spring Term 2027

New Term Commences:	Wednesday 6 th January (first day of Term 2 for pupils)
TransformEd Day 2:	Monday 25 th January (no Pupils)
Half-Term Holidays:	Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th February (5 school days)
St. Patrick's Day:	Wednesday 17 th March (12 noon finish all pupils due to School's Cup being played at Stadium)
Spring Term Ends:	Wednesday 24 th March (12 noon finish all pupils)
Easter Holidays:	Thursday 25 th March – Friday 2 nd April (7 school days)

Summer Term 2027

New Term Commences:	Monday 5 th April
Early May Bank Holiday:	Monday 3rd May (school closed)
TransformEd Day 3:	Tuesday 4th May (no pupils)
Spring Bank Holiday:	Monday 31 st May (school closed)
Half-Term Break:	Tuesday 1st – Friday 4 th June (4 school days) *
Summer Term Ends:	Wednesday 30 th June (12 noon finish for all pupils)

**Unusually, the school holiday calendar for 2026-27 has enabled a full week of holiday for children Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027.*



SCHOOL UNIFORM 2026-27

Standard Uniform	
GIRLS	BOYS
Navy, red, yellow or green sweatshirt* (with school badge)	
Light blue, red, yellow or green polo shirt* (with or without school badge)	
<i>*Sweater & polo shirt colours can be mixed & matched as desired</i>	
Grey skirt or dark grey trousers	Dark grey trousers
Grey or black tights or grey/white socks	Grey or black socks
Black shoes (flat heels) or black trainers	Black shoes or black trainers

Summer Uniform (optional)	
GIRLS	BOYS
Light blue, red, yellow or green polo shirt (with or without school badge)	
Dark grey school shorts	Dark grey school shorts
Navy, red, yellow or green checked cotton dress	-
Navy cardigan (with or without school badge)	-

P.E. Kit	
P1-P7 Indoor P.E.	Black plimsolls
	Navy shorts (with or without school badge) White or light blue t-shirt (with or without school badge)
P1-P7 Outdoor P.E.	Trainers
	Navy shorts (with or without school badge) <u>or</u> tracksuit bottoms (with or without school badge) White or light blue t-shirt (with or without school badge) School sweater (with school badge)

- All uniform must be clearly labelled/marked with child's name & checked throughout the year as labels & markers wear off!
- Uniform available from: The Signature Works, Castlereagh Business Park, Unit 5b, 478 Castlereagh Road, Belfast BT5 6BQ & ONLINE at: cregaghprimary.thesignatureworks.co.uk