



Islandmagee Primary School

2026 Prospectus

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Welcome from the Principal



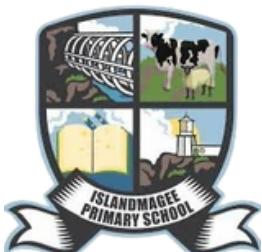
I am delighted to be the Principal of such a caring, community focused rural school where we learn and grow together. Islandmagee Primary School is a place where children are known, valued and encouraged to shine. Our aim is to nurture confident, kind and resilient learners who feel proud of their school and the community we serve.

Please do contact the school and I would be most happy to show you around our fantastic facilities.

Warmest regards,



School Vision, Values and Ethos



At Islandmagee Primary School we believe in mutual respect, kindness and a positive attitude to learning. These values guide everything we do. We work in partnership with families to support each child academically, emotionally and socially so that they thrive during their primary years.

Key Information About Our School

- We currently have an enrolment of 134 pupils
- Breakfast club is available from 8.00AM each morning and we offer a wide range of after school clubs from 2.00PM to 3.00PM and 3.00PM to 4.00PM.
- The school bus operates daily transporting children to and from school.
- Weekly assemblies celebrate our school values and achievements.
- The school canteen provides healthy and nutritious meals and children enjoy eating lunch together.
- Physical education facilities include football, hockey, basketball, gymnastics and multi skills equipment. Changing rooms are fully accessible.



- We have a learning support teacher and our learning environment includes learning support hubs, a well resourced library and a sensory nurture room where children can relax and regulate.



Key Information About Our School

- Our modern site includes five classrooms, each with their own toilets, cloakroom and access to outdoor learning areas.



- We have a dedicated ICT suite, a large set of iPads, laptops, desktop computers and interactive smart boards in all rooms.
- Our outdoor provision is extensive and includes a wooded area for weekly forest school lessons.



Curriculum and Learning

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum delivered by a highly skilled staff team. Our team includes seven class teachers, a Literacy Education Specialist and twelve learning support assistants who provide excellent small group and individual support.

We are proud to offer weekly whole school music lessons taught by an experienced and talented music teacher. Our school choir provides further musical opportunities and we also host local musicians who provide private tuition on site.

Our curriculum is overseen by the Principal and the Board of Governors. Middle leaders work collaboratively to support literacy, numeracy, ICT, assessment and special education needs.



Admissions

Admissions to Islandmagee Primary School are managed through the Education Authority. Families can apply online through the EA website:

eani.org.uk/admissions

Admissions Criteria

During the admissions procedure when applying the criteria punctual applications will be considered before late applications are considered. The application procedure opens on 7 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) and an application submitted by the closing date of 21 January 2026 at 12noon (GMT) will be treated as a punctual application. An application received after 12noon (GMT) on 21 January 2026 and up to 4 pm on 26 January 2026 will be treated as a late application, this is also the last date and time for processing a change of preference in exceptional circumstances. After 4 pm on 26 January 2026 no applications will be processed until after the close of procedure on 23 March 2026.

Admissions Criteria for pupils seeking entry to Islandmagee Primary School Year 1 is set out below and will be used in the event of the school being oversubscribed. The criteria are listed in order of priority:-

1. Children who have a brother or sister (to include half and step brother, half and step sister, and those fostered or adopted) currently attending Islandmagee Primary School;
2. Children whose home address is nearest to Islandmagee Primary School as measured by driving distance via Google Maps

If the school is over-subscribed after the application of the above criteria selection will be on the basis of initial letter of surname (as entered on the birth certificate) in the order set out below:

B G A C E V T U W N Z M P L O X F Q S K R J I H Y D

This order was determined by a randomised selection of letters of the alphabet

Year	Total Applications	Total Admissions
2023/2024	23	23
2024/2025	6	6
*2025/2026	19	19

Pastoral Care and Safeguarding



Islandmagee Primary School is a safe, inclusive and welcoming space. Every child is valued and respected. Our dedicated staff teach pastoral lessons weekly through discussions, problem solving and activities designed to build confidence, resilience and understanding. Safeguarding is at the heart of our work and all staff receive regular training.

Support for Pupils with Additional Needs

Our special educational needs team works closely with the educational psychologist and external agencies to ensure pupils receive the support they need. We offer small group teaching, a wide range of high quality resources and targeted interventions. We aim to support both academic and emotional growth ensuring every child has opportunities to experience success.

Wraparound Care, Clubs and Enrichment

We enjoy strong links with our local community and regularly take part in events. Pupils experience a wide variety of trips including visits to the local library, the theatre and local farms. Visitors are frequently invited into school to help children learn more about the world around them.



Islandmagee Primary School Clubs



We offer a wide range of clubs to help children explore their interests, build confidence and have fun beyond the classroom.



Football



Hockey



Choir



Irish Dancing



Coding Club



School Council



Uplift



Nature Rangers



Art Club

The School Day



Children arrive at 8.45AM.
School finishes at 2.00PM and 3.00PM

School Uniform

Our uniform consists of a white polo shirt, red jumper and grey trousers or skirt with black school shoes.

Our school badge reflects our history and ethos including farming, scholarship and the lighthouse that symbolises shining brightly.



Behaviour Expectations

We have a positive behaviour policy and high expectations for all pupils. Class contracts encourage a shared understanding of how we learn and how we show readiness. Our core expectations are:

We are respectful

We are safe

We are responsible

Achievements and Successes

We are proud of the many achievements of our children. Success is celebrated in assemblies, newsletters and across the school.

Testimonials from Parents and Pupils

“The school’s state-of-the-art facilities create a bright, inspiring environment and the teachers are genuinely dedicated to our child’s growth. Our son goes in every morning excited to learn and as parents, that gives us so much confidence!”

– Parent of P2 child

“School is so much fun I love playing in our forest in my wellies!”
– P4 child

“Islandmagee Primary school has been such a caring and nurturing school for our children. From the start of our time at IPS all staff have shown genuine care for our children and in doing so have made school a friendly and fun place where our children feel happy, enjoy learning, have grown in confidence and are proud to be part of the IPS family.”
– Parent of P1 and P3 children



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