

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

APPOINTMENT OF NEW PRINCIPAL FOR ENNISKILLEN NURSERY SCHOOL

The Board of Governors is pleased to inform you that **Mrs Emma Daley** has been appointed teaching principal of Enniskillen Nursery School. Mrs Daley will take up her post on Monday 1st June 2026. Bringing extensive experience as a nursery teacher, she has a clear understanding of early years education and a clear commitment to nurturing young children to thrive. We look forward to the leadership, expertise and dedication Mrs Daley will bring to our school community.

MRS HUMPHREYS' RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

A message from Mrs Humphreys: After Easter, I will begin to gradually phase myself back into retirement, reducing my time in school to a few days each week. Next month I will conclude my tenure in the nursery. After retiring a few years ago, I returned to help Enniskillen Nursery School for what was supposed to be a few months—a commitment that has now extended to 15 months.

It has been a privilege to work alongside such dedicated governors and staff and to serve our children and families during this time. I am deeply grateful for the support, kindness and shared commitment that makes Enniskillen Nursery School such a special place. I look forward to enjoying these final weeks in school and celebrating all that we have achieved together.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS PRESTON

We would like to congratulate **Mrs Alison Preston**, one of our teachers, who has been offered the opportunity to undertake a Doctorate in Educational, Child and Adolescent Psychology at Queen's University, Belfast. This is a wonderful achievement and a reflection of her dedication, professionalism and passion for supporting pupils and their families. We wish Mrs Preston every success as she begins this new chapter in September 2026.

MRS MCBRIDE

We are pleased to have **Mrs McBride** return and eagerly anticipate her involvement in school once more.

MR MCGREGOR'S GARDEN (POLYTUNNEL)

We were delighted to mark the official opening of our new *Mr McGregor's Garden* during a very special visit from the Minister for Education in Northern Ireland, Paul Givan.

It was the perfect opportunity for the Minister to open our new polytunnel and see first-hand just how busy our little gardeners have been! From planting to caring for our growing garden, the children have shown such enthusiasm and pride.

A lovely moment for our nursery and a wonderful way to celebrate all the hard work taking place outdoors.

We would like to thank **Robert's grandad**, Mr Peter Biczkowski, who has worked hard at our polytunnel to have it ready for the children to use for planting. He has helped to build the beds and filled them with soil. He was able to move our water butts across to the drainpipe near the polytunnel and add a hose so that we can water the plants with our collected rainwater. He has added two windows for ventilation.

A SPECIAL VISIT TO FOX AND SQUIRREL CLASS

During his visit, the Minister for Education in Northern Ireland, Paul Givan, spent time in both our *Fox Class* and *Squirrel Class*. He took the time to talk, genuinely listen and play with the children, sharing in their learning. The children were delighted to show him their classroom and all the wonderful things they do each day.

During his visit, he recognised the dedication of our staff and the inclusive, nurturing environment we strive to create each day. We were especially proud to share our recent Autism NI Impact Award, which reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting all children to thrive.

You can find many photographs and updates in the [EVENTS](#) section of our school's website.

RECENT FUN ACTIVITIES

We enjoyed some extra fun activities in March. Thank you for dressing your child in something green for the end of the [ECO Week](#) and for your continued support with the Come and Play sessions.

We will have two more Come and Play sessions next term: Tuesday 28th April and Tuesday 19th May.

LOTS OF FUN AT TODDLER SENSE

There was lots of excitement at *Toddler Sense* as the children enjoyed dancing, music making and exploring together! From energetic moves to curious discoveries, it was wonderful to see the elation and confidence as the children fully immersed themselves in the experience. A fun-filled session with plenty of smiles and laughter all around!

There are photographs on the [EVENTS](#) section of the website.

A TRIP TO THE FUN FARM, LISBELLAW

We had a fantastic day on our trip to the Fun Farm in Lisbellaw! The children enjoyed petting, feeding and observing the animals up close. It was wonderful to see their curiosity and excitement with the animals. They also enjoyed taking the ponies for a walk, playing in the indoor barn and in the play area outside. We finished our visit with a lovely picnic together, making it a truly special trip full of fun, learning and fresh air. Photographs on the [EVENTS](#) Section of the website.

A VISIT FROM LESLEY THE VET

We had an enjoyable morning with Lesley the vet on Tuesday, learning all about the important role of caring for animals. The children loved finding out how vets help keep animals healthy, using their equipment and learning how to look after pets.

A big thank you to Lesley for such an engaging and enjoyable visit!

EASTER EGG HUNT FUN

Our special Easter Bunny hopped around the nursery today, leaving lots of delicious Easter eggs for everyone to find! There was great excitement as we *actually spotted the Bunny in action*—what a magical moment for the children! A wonderful day filled with fun, surprise and lots of happy smiles! Photographs on [EVENTS](#) Section of website.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

We trust you all have lovely Easter Break. The children finish this term today on **Wednesday 1st April** and return on **Monday 13th April**. We hope you all have fun.

AN EASTER PROJECT

Over the last few years, we have asked children to decorate a small rock/ stone for us with their name on it which can be placed in the school garden as a lasting memento of their time here with us. These stones are enjoyed by our new pupils each year and are a lovely enhancement for the school garden. If you would like to complete one with your child over the Easter holidays, we would love to have this for our garden. A sharpie pen or permanent marker will work, or you can get acrylic pens that work on stone. You then add a coat of varnish or PVA glue to seal them and don't forget to put their name on it!

NUMBER HUNT AND COUNTING OVER THE EASTER HOLIDAYS AND IN APRIL

Recognising numbers 1-10: Perhaps when you are out over Easter, you could look out for numbers- on cars, road signs, recognising numbers on your phone etc. Focus on 1-5 first, then extend

Counting out objects: During play or setting the dinner table count out the correct number of knives/forks. Encourage your child to practise touching each object as they count (1-1 correspondence). Counting steps as you walk/jump. Find me 5 sticks/shells/ pinecones. Roll a dice and count jumps.

Encourage · Nurture · Shine

Practising Counting in Nursery

Count Through Play

- Count toys & blocks
- Match numbers 1-5
- Loose parts – shells & pinecones



Outdoor Counting

- Count leaves & sticks
- Number hunts
- Jump & clap counts



Songs & Rhymes

- 5 Little Ducks
- 10 in the Bed
- Finger counting songs



Creative Counting

- Paint dot numbers
- Playdough fun
- Stick & create sets



★ Remember ★

Games & Fun

- Roll & count
- Feed the Puppet
- Number line jumping



- ✓ Touch and count
- ✓ Start with 1-5
- ✓ Make it fun!



THEATRE PRODUCTION: TEDDY'S DAY ON THE FARM

On Thursday 16th April, the Barking Dog Theatre Company will entertain us with a theatre show called **Teddy's Day on the Farm** at 10 am which includes mime, puppets and songs.

TERM 3 COME AND PLAY SESSION 1- TUESDAY 28TH APRIL 12:45-1:20 PM

Come and Play Session 1: A parent/grandparent/aunt/uncle is invited into school to play with your child for the last half hour of the day on **Tuesday 28th April**, 12:45pm until home time at 1:20pm.

HOLIDAYS

Easter Holidays: Thursday 2nd April to Friday 11th April

Term 3 Begins: Monday 13th April 2026

May Bank Holiday Weekend 1: Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th May

May Bank Holiday Weekend 2: Friday 22nd and Monday 25th May

Last Day of Term 3: Tuesday 30th June 2026

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March 2026		April 2026					May 2026	
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
		1 Last Day of Term Easter Egg Hunt	2 Easter Holidays	3 Easter Holidays	4	5		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays	Easter Holidays				
13 Term 3 commences	14	15	16 Teddy on the Farm (Theatre Production) (10:00)	17	18	19		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
27	28 Stay and Play Session (12:45pm)	29	30					