



Classes for 2024/25

All of the children were informed today of who their new teacher will be for 2024/25. We have a few changes in terms of staffing.

- Miss King will leave us to take up a full time CA post in Ballyclare PS. Miss Scott has been appointed as a new Y1 CA (3 days per week). A new CA is yet to be appointed 2 days per week.
- Mrs Morton will retire however will return to cover for Mrs MacDonald who will be on maternity leave.
- Mrs Grier will retire and Ms Maguire will work alongside Mrs Hagan.
- Mrs Hagan & Ms Maguire will be teaching Y2, Monday – Wednesday & Thursday – Friday respectively.
- Miss Barnes will leave us to take up a 6 month maternity leave post in Islandmagee PS. Miss Bloomfield will teach Y3 until Mrs Clarke returns from maternity leave after half term October.
- Miss Dunlop with cover Mrs Hill who will be on a career break.
- Mrs Shaw will return from maternity leave and has requested a flexible working arrangement of 4 days per week. A new teacher is yet to be appointed to teach alongside Mrs Shaw for 1 day per week.

For all those staff who are taking up new posts or who are retiring I would like to thank them for their commitment and dedication to WPSNU. I wish them every happiness and success in the next phase of their career or their retirement.

Teacher 2023/24	Teacher 2024/25	Teacher 2023/24	Teacher 2024/25
Y1 Mrs Parkes	Y2 Miss McClay	Y4 Miss Love	Y5 Mrs Shaw
Y1 Mrs Kidd	Y2 Mrs Hagan/Ms Maguire	Y4 Mrs Murphy	Y5 Miss Dunlop
Y2 Mrs Hagan/Miss Bloomfield	Y3 Mrs Graham	Y5 Mrs Hill/Miss Bloomfield	Y6 Mrs Knipe
Y2 Miss McClay	Y3 Miss Bloomfield (Mrs Clarke)	Y5 Miss Dunlop	Y6 Miss Roddick
Y3 Mrs Graham	Y4 Mrs Murphy	Y6 Mrs Knipe	Y7 Mr Addis
Y3 Mrs Clarke (Miss Barnes)	Y4 Miss Love	Y6 Miss Roddick	Y7 Mr Baird

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance 2024/25

Applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance for the upcoming year are now open. Please note, **AS WELL AS NEW APPLICANTS, PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN WHO ARE ALREADY IN RECEIPT OF FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND UNIFORM ALLOWANCE WILL NEED TO APPLY FOR THE 2024/25 THE SCHOOL YEAR.**

To apply, log on to/register and check your eligibility with EA Connect. **APPLY BEFORE 26 JULY 2024 TO HAVE SUPPORT IN PLACE BY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024.** We will send out further information on Seesaw & Facebook. You can also visit www.eani.org.uk/fsm, email mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk or contact the helpdesk on 02890418044.

Start Times for 2024/25

Punctuality

For the last couple of years children were expected to arrive in school between 8.45 & 9.00am. In a slight change for next year, all children should plan to arrive in school between 8.45 and **8.55am**. It is absolutely vital that all children are in school, in the classroom by **8.55am**. Children arriving after 8.55 will have missed the initial activities which serve to settle the children and 'get their brains going' but they could also have missed the key instructions for the day and the beginning of the first lesson, leaving them at a huge disadvantage. **CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE AFTER 8.55AM WILL BE MARKED AS LATE.**

- The parents of those children who are regularly late in September will be contacted by their child's teacher.
- Should lateness persist teachers will discuss this with parents at Parent/Teacher Consultations in October.
- Should the issue not be resolved I will be in contact with parents in November.
- Continued, persistent lateness throughout the school year will be recorded on a child's report.

I fully understand that everyone can be late on occasions however persistent lateness really does impact on how your child performs and achieves on a daily basis, affecting their overall progress.

Key Dates in August

Nursery & Y1	Children will follow their own induction programmes as outlined in their Induction Booklet and as guided by the Nursery & Y1 teachers.
Monday 26 August	First day of the new school year. Children should arrive at school between 8.45 & 8.55am and proceed to their classrooms. The classroom assistants and I will be in the playground and at doors to direct the children. Teachers will be in their classrooms in order to receive the children. School will finish at 12.00 Y1 – Y4 & 12.05 Y5 – Y7. No dinners will be served.
Tuesday 27 August	Children should arrive at school between 8.45 & 8.55am and proceed to their classrooms. School will finish at 12.00 Y1 – Y4 & 12.05 Y5 – Y7. No dinners will be served.
Wednesday 28 August	Normal start and finish time 8.45/8.55 – 1.45 (Y2-Y4) & 1.50 (Y5 – Y7)
Thursday 29 August	Normal start and finish time 8.45/8.55 – 1.45 (Y2-Y3), 2.45 Y4 & 2.50 (Y5 – Y7)
Friday 30 August	Normal start and finish time 8.45/8.55 – 1.45 (Y2-Y3), 2.45 Y4 & 2.50 (Y5 – Y7)

Unfortunately, canteen will not commence until Monday 2 September. Therefore, on Wednesday 28, Thursday 29 & Friday 30 August ALL CHILDREN SHOULD BRING A PACKED LUNCH.

Finish Times 2024/25

The finish times are unchanged from this year.

Y1 & Y2	1.45 pm (Monday – Friday)
Y3	2.45 pm (Monday & Tuesday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday – Friday)
Y4	2.45 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.45 pm (Wednesday)
Y5 – Y7	2.50 pm (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday), 1.50 pm (Wednesday)