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February Letter 2026

Dear Parent/s,

Additional Closure.

The Department of Education has written to schools and advised that 2 additional days must be taken for Staff Development on the proposed changes to curriculum and education within the Transform Education Programme.

The school will be closed to pupils on these days. I propose to include these dates on the St. Patrick's Day Holiday and on the first May Bank Holiday.

Therefore, the school will be closed on **Monday 16th March 2026** in addition to the St. Patrick's Day Bank Holiday and on **Tuesday 5th May 2026** and in addition to the notified closures of Friday 1st May 2026 and Monday 4th May 2026.

World Book Day/St. Patrick's Day Dress Up

World Book Day/St. Patrick's Day Dress Up takes place in school on Friday 13th March 2026. The pupil council have asked that pupils in Nursery and in the School who wish can dress up on the day. There will be classroom activities that the children can take part in and we will have a school quiz for the P5, P6 and P7 pupils. The children will receive a book token and different retailers like Asda are participating in the scheme. More information and ideas can be found on <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Could I ask children to make a small donation to **Trocaire** on this day. This is one of our nominated charities and this year's campaign will help families in throughout the world including Gaza and Palestine. Suggested donation might be £1 per pupil or £2 per family. More information can be found on <https://www.trocaire.org/>

New Playground and Road Works

Works are ongoing for our new trim trail /playground for older pupils. Hopefully, we will have this open after the Easter Holidays. Road works are ongoing so thank you for taking such care leaving and collecting pupils to and from school. Remember to leave the front of school at the barriers clear for buses.

Many thanks Mr. B Mc Gurk Principal