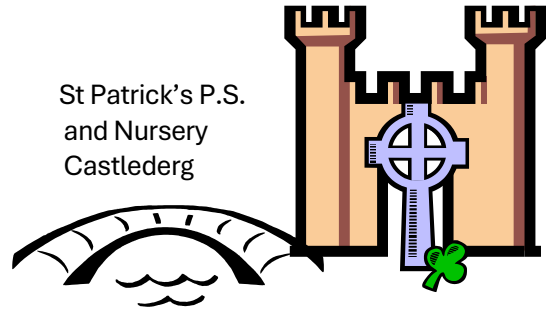


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18th May 2026

Dear Parent/s

I hope this letter finds you well.

Congratulations to the P7 children who made their Confirmation this term. The children were so well prepared and presented on the day and our thanks to their teachers and their assistants, who put in such hard work to make the day a success. My thanks also to the children in the choir who sang so beautifully on the day. We look forward to First Holy Communion for the P4 pupils on Saturday 30th May.

Fr. Paul Fraser P.P, has invited all pupils who have made their Confirmation or Communion this year to attend a special thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 14th June at 11am in St. Patrick's Church. The End of School Year/Leavers Mass takes place on Wednesday 17th June at 10am and all the pupils P1 to P7 will attend. P7 Parent/s are invited to attend school after the Mass for refreshments and photographs. We wish them well when they visit their new schools this term.

As the summer term draws to a close, it is a busy time for all our pupils. Some of the pupils will be completing assessments or digital tests this month. We will be sending out school reports from the week beginning the 15th June. The children will look forward to their school trips and details/letters will be posted on Google Classroom.

I will post an invite for new members of our Parent Support Group on Google Classroom. This is a Parent led group which aims to support the work of the school to the benefit of our pupils. In the past events, fundraising and grant applications have been made which benefit our learners. We have a small and dedicated team who need new members if this is to continue. You can also register your interest by emailing Sharon in the school office at smolloy891@c2kni.net.

Nursery P1 and P2 Sports takes place on Thursday 11th June at school from 10am – 12pm and parent/s are welcome to attend on this day.

P3 to P7 School Sports Day will take place on Friday 12th June at 10am – aiming to be finished no later than 1pm at Castleberg GAC. Parent/s can attend sports on this day. I will send further details via Google Classroom in June. We have planned sports, fun activities and treats for the all the children on the day and they can buy/receive a snack box from the canteen. The pupils can wear their PE uniform to school/pitch on their sports day.

Our Gaelic Football Teams take part in their league blitz this week. Good luck to all the girls and boys involved.

Well done to our team of athletes who competed in the Finn Valley Athletics Championships and to the 6 athletes who qualified and competed on finals day.

Well done to all the children who took part in the School Art Competition. Congratulations to certificate winners and medal winners to be announced.

Nursery parents are invited to Edwards PS tomorrow 19th May to a Jo-Jingles Concert by the Nursery Pupils from St.Patrick's and Edwards Nursery Schools. P1 parents are invited to a P1 Jo Jingles Performance on Tuesday 26th May at 10am in the school assembly hall. Tea and refreshments will be served after the performance.

Mrs. Shelley Nursery and Miss. Breslin P1 will be meeting our new Nursery pupils and P1 pupils in June. P1 Induction for parents takes place on Monday 22nd June and Nursery Induction will take place on Friday 26th June. A reminder that children in their penultimate year for nursery – (underage pupils) will receive notification on the 19th May. The teachers will be in contact before the end of term, and I will also post information etc. on the school website.

There are links available on the school website on how to apply for free school meals and the school uniform allowance – please check your entitlement. S and K Castleberg will stock our school uniform as normal, and items can also be bought at other affordable shops. Parents are now able to order our optional P4 – P7 PE uniform from O Neills . It is important that children in P6 and P7 on school teams have their own sports shirt.

With road works completed, a reminder to be considerate when parking at school and avoid blocking our neighbours' driveways or footpaths and please do not double park as it can cause a build-up of traffic. Please leave bus bays clear and follow any directions by crossing patrol personnel, who are there to keep our pupils safe. Thank you.

Please remember that pupils should only be collected early in exceptional circumstances, for instance medical appointments etc. Also, it is important that pupils complete the whole terms attendance.

We look forward to seeing you all at the many planned events.

Many thanks

Brian Mc Gurk Principal