

Saint Joseph's Primary School
&
Ederney Community Nursery

Newsletter

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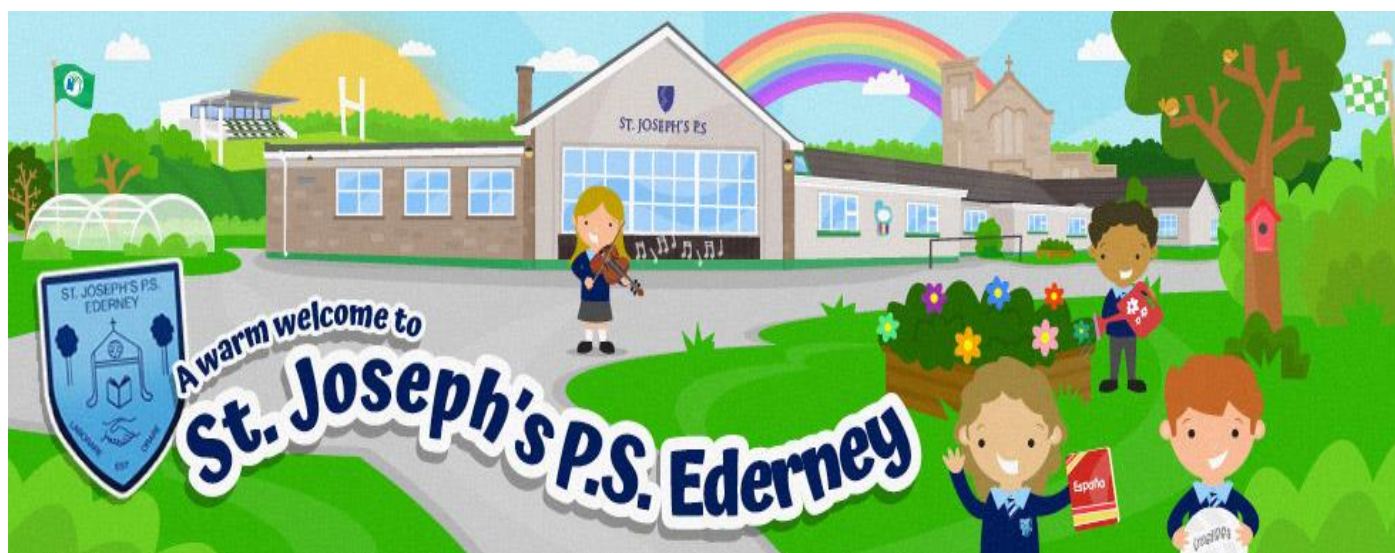
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Nursery and P1 Applications (2026)

Please note that all applications for Nursery and Primary 1 (2026) should now be made **online**. Applications are through the Education Authority's website:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

A video is available on the EA website on how to fill in the form.

Please note that **applications open for both Nursery and P1 opened on 7th January 2026 at 12 noon and will close on 21st January 2026 at 12.00noon.**

St. Vincent De Paul and Air Ambulance

We are delighted to be able to present the local branch of St. Vincent De Paul with a cheque for £126.00, money raised from our Christmas Daily Mile. Due to bad weather before Christmas we were unable to complete this, but we hope to do so next week.

We also held a non-uniform day for Air Ambulance and raised £153.00. Thank you for your support for these very worthy causes.

St. Joseph's PTFA

We are indebted to our hardworking Parent's Association for their continuous fundraising efforts throughout the year. Thank you to Martin Gallogly for organising the Christmas Car Wash and to our parents, past and present, who helped wash the cars. We were delighted to accept the £1100.00 towards our school funds.

Good Relations Programme

Following on from our Good Relations Programme held in the Autumn, our Primary 6 pupils will attend a Good Relations Workshop in Fisher Park Ballinamallard on **Thursday 22nd January**.

Irish

Irish tuition with Michelle Furey will continue until February half term.

Catholic Schools' Week - Grandparents' Assembly

We will be celebrating Catholic School's Week in school during week beginning **Monday 26th - 30th January**. There will be assembly on **Thursday 29th January at 10.00am** for Primary 7 Grandparents to attend.

Fermanagh Cumann Na mBunscoil

4 Primary 7 pupils (to be selected) will travel to Holy Trinity PS Enniskillen on **Tuesday 20th January** to take part in Annual GAA Quiz.

On **Wednesday 28th January**, P6/7 girls will travel to Castle Park Centre Lisnaskea to take part in Girls 5-a-side football.

On **Wednesday 4th February**, P6/7 boys will travel to Castle Park Centre Lisnaskea to take part in Girls 5-a-side football.

St. Mary's College Irvinestown Taster Day

P7 pupils will travel to St. Mary's College, Irvinestown on **Thursday 22nd January** to give them a taste of what life in a secondary school is like.

School Nurse

The school nurse will begin her routine P1 checks on **Friday 16th January**.

RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch

All classes will be taking part in the Big Garden Bird Watch at the end of January. Thank you to our Eco Council who are keeping the bird feeders filled daily.

Mathletics, Lexia and Accelerated Reading

Primary 3,4,5,6 & 7 pupils will receive new AR targets for this term. You can help your child reach their target by ensuring they read their AR book daily.

If your child has received Mathletics, Lexia or Accelerated Reading log in details we ask that you make an opportunity for them to use these at home. These apps are an excellent way for your child to consolidate Literacy and Numeracy skills at home.

Writing Legends, Maths Seeds and Reading Eggs

You will receive an information letter about the above programs which we have purchased for all P1-P7 pupils. We are introducing these programs over the coming weeks and we will inform you when they can be accessed from home. These programs are excellent at consolidating key literacy and numeracy concepts in a fun way.

Student Visits to St. Joseph's P.S.

We are always delighted to welcome students to St. Joseph's P.S for work experience. This week we have Sarah McMenamin on work experience from St. Fanchea's College.

Before Christmas we welcomed Tiarnan Mc Nabb on work experience from South West College.

We are delighted that two of our classroom assistants, Hollie Archer and Rhianna Farry have begun their placement from Cambridge University in St. Joseph's Ederney.

This year we have one student, Sean O'Donnell from St. Mary's Teaching College on placement beginning **Monday 2nd February - Friday 27th March**.

Open Days/Nights for P7 Transfer Students

St. Mary's College Irvinestown - Thursday 15th January @ 7.30pm

St. Joseph's College - Saturday 17th January @ 10:30am

CBS Omagh - Saturday 17th January @ 10.00am

Mount Lourdes - Thursday 22nd January @ 7pm

St. Michael's College - Wednesday 28th January @ 7pm

St. Fanchea's - Wednesday 21st January @ 7pm