

## June Update

02.06.25

### SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES - TERM 3

Friday 6 June	Sports Day: You should already have received information for Sports Day and the Colour Run which is a joint effort between the school and the PTA.
Monday 9 June	New P1 Parents' Evening at 7:15pm (Sept 2025 intake)
Tuesday 10 June	New P1 Induction Morning x 2 sessions. Parents will already have been advised which session to attend.
Friday 20 June	P7 Leavers' Assembly: 9:30am. School will be funding a BBQ for P7s and their parents after the Assembly - more details to follow.
Tuesday 24 June	P7 - last day. Finish at 3:00pm. We wish all our leavers the very best as they transfer to their new schools in September.
Monday 30 June	School Closes at 12:15pm for the Summer



#### END OF YEAR REPORTS

Reports will be sent home during the last week of term. If you plan to be away on holiday, please leave a stamped addressed envelope in the office. Reports will not be posted out early.

#### CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

Information regarding classes will be sent out with the end of year reports.



#### OUTSTANDING PAYMENTS

Please ensure that **ALL** payments for trips, dinners and ties are made by Friday 20 June at the latest. Your cooperation with this would be greatly appreciated.



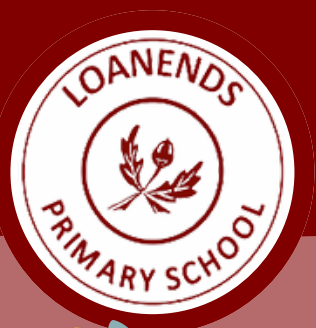
### AUGUST/START OF NEW TERM

- Please note: There will be **NO** school bus available until Monday 1 September. Parents will need to make their own arrangements to transport children to and from school on **Thursday 28 and Friday 29 August**.
- ALL** pupils will require a break since there won't be Healthy break available until **Monday 1 September**.
- A **packed lunch for everyone** is required for two days: **Thursday 28 and Friday 29 August**. School meals will be available from Monday 1 September.
- School milk will be available from **Monday 8 September**. More information to follow in the September Update.
- Milk, dinners and healthy break should be ordered on the SchoolMoney App. Please order in advance and ensure prompt payment.

#### LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books, text books and reading books are to be returned to teachers, by the last day of term. There is a charge of £7.50 for any lost books.





## FREE SCHOOL MEALS/UNIFORM ALLOWANCE

Free School Meals/Uniform Allowance: Please apply online: <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

Due to the many pressures on family resources the number of free school meals has risen not only in Loanends but in other local schools as well. We would encourage parents to make use of these. The criteria for Free School Meals are as follows:

1. The parent/guardian is in receipt of Income/Income Related Employment and Support Allowance/Income based Jobseeker's Allowance or if a pupil claims Income Support in their own name.
2. The parent/guardian is in receipt of the guarantee element of Pension Credit.
3. The parent receives Child Tax Credit/Working Tax Credit and has an annual taxable income of less than £16,190.
4. He/she has a statement of educational needs and is designated to require a special diet.
5. Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding £14,000 per year.
6. He/she is a child of an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

Uniform Allowance-Primary/Special School Pupils:- A pupil in full time education shall be entitled to a uniform allowance where the entitlement criterion is met at points 1, 2, 3 or 6.



## PLANNING AHEAD FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

- **PE Kit (P3 to P7 2025):** We have a school PE Kit for P3-P7 (2025-2026). Orders should already have been placed for these items. Whilst these are NOT compulsory, it is our aspiration that each child should wear a plain white t-shirt and plain black or navy shorts/bottoms.
- **Blue Hoodies (P5-P7 2025):** These should also have been purchased in Term 3. Just a reminder these are NOT to be worn as part of the daily uniform.
- **Arrival and Collection Times:** There is a 'window of 15 minutes for children to arrive to school in the morning. Class teaching begins at 9:00am. Time keeping for some hasn't been great at both ends of the day, usually the same group of pupils. The side gates are locked at 9:00am; therefore all children should be in class by this time since lateness causes disruption and means that children don't get the best start to the day. Please ensure pupils are collected at the appropriate time in the afternoon. Teachers and Classroom Assistants have other duties at the end of the day. Supervising pupils has a knock on effect. Please make every effort to keep to the times.
- **Morning Club:** We are currently investigating the possibility of Wrap Around Care, including breakfast club and after schools provision, with Sleepy Hollow. There will be an information session for parents on Tuesday 10 June @ 6.15pm.
- **Thank you** to all parents who helped out this year with Cash For Kids, PTA events, trips, transport, supporting and delivering bespoke lessons. As ever, your time, talent, loyalty and commitment have been very much appreciated and contributes to all that we offer our pupils. We would love to have more parents willing to help out, particularly with PTA, as on the ground support falls to a very small group of people and means it is difficult to man events. Any parent who would like to volunteer to help out with the PTA, school events or activities must have the appropriate checks completed. If you would like to be included from September on our list, please speak to me.
- We also want to thank our pupils who have raised money through their own initiatives and donated the proceeds to school funds. Thank you for taking the initiative!

## P7 ENTRANCE TESTS



SEAG Registration Opens: Monday 19 May 2025.

SEAG Registration Closes: Friday 19 September 2025.

## CLOTHING LABELS



Clothing Labels: Our lost property box is overflowing! To help with this, the PTA have organised 'stikins' label samples for all our pupils. If you would like to place an order for more of these labels and help to raise funds for our school at the same time please order online at <http://www.stikins.co.uk> using our fundraising number 12269.

## CASH FOR CLOBBER - REMINDER



We continue to accept clothes for the 'Cash for Clobber' scheme run by Cookstown Textiles in conjunction with Eco Schools NI. This teaches the children the environmental and social benefits of recycling and helping those less fortunate, whilst raising funds for the school. If you have old clothes, bedding, curtains, shoes or handbags, please put them in a sturdy bag and leave into school for collection. Please note: no duvets, pillows or soiled items.



Thank you in advance!

## ...AND FINALLY



The staff and I are greatly appreciative of the tremendous support we have had from our parents this school year. Thank you for the cards and notes of encouragement as well as the buns, cakes, scones and biscuits that arrived periodically to the staffroom! They don't last long!

We have worked hard this year on our core values and reflecting on our school ethos, as well as articulating our vision and mission statements. You will hear more about these in September. Pupils have been more aware of living out our values and it is a delight to hear them speak about what these mean in practice. They are a credit to us and to you as parents. Their behaviour, manners and conduct is often commented upon when they go outside of school or when visitors are welcomed in. This means so much to me!

I am immensely proud to lead Loanends Primary School and equally proud of the pupils and staff who make up the Loanends family. I am aware of the school's positive standing in the community and attribute this to the team effort that happens day and daily. The staff go "above and beyond" to support our pupils in many ways, that are quiet and unnoticed; it's those wee moments that create the caring, compassionate ethos of our school. I believe we are living out our motto: "Belonging, Nurturing, Inspiring..."

So, it's almost time to recharge the batteries and get ready for a new wee group of Loanends pupils coming in. We also have some pupils joining us from Straidhavern, so please be sure to welcome and support them as they adjust to a new school environment.

But in the meantime there is a summer ahead to enjoy with family and friends.

Wishing everyone a lovely and enjoyable summer ahead.

*Mrs L Armour*

Principal

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