



St. Teresa's Primary School

"Doing ordinary things extraordinarily well"



Winter Newsline 2025

Parents / Guardians,

Happy New Year to you and your families.

Seesaw

All teachers will keep in touch with parents / guardians via the Seesaw App. Please make sure you are signed up to your child's teacher / class. (Information regarding School Book Fair week will be sent home)

Food Allergies / Healthy Break

Can I ask you to adhere to precautions we have in school for children with severe allergies? To date we have 3 children (who require epipens) and can I ask that NO nuts or fish are brought into school at ANYTIME. As we are a healthy eating school we require our children to bring in water, fruit or vegetables to eat / drink at breacktime. We hope to see an improvement in concentration and behaviours as we move forward together on this.

School Counsellor / Christmas Raffle

Mrs Jane McGeary has returned to work with our children each Tuesday morning in school. As this is an additional service provided by school we need to continue to fundraise to be able to offer this to our pupils as we are trying to fund the cost of retaining her services by ourselves. After our school raffle at Christmas, you helped us raise **£1100.00** to secure the services of our school counsellor for Term 2. Thank you for your help.

The winners of the raffle:

Apple ear Pods – Mrs Daly & Eve Lavery
£100 cash – Skyler Cassidy
Fitzone Voucher – Ethan McIlkenny
Golden Crust Bakery Voucher – Martin Thornbury
Christmas Cake – Martin Thornbury
Bluehaven Swim voucher – Ethan McIlkenny
£100 M&S voucher – Arwen Woods
Spray Tan Voucher – Trisha Woods
Tommy French Voucher – Anna Devine
Neil Casey Butcher Voucher – Catherine Martin
Reflexology Voucher – Paul Lynch
Staff Hamper – Mrs Daly
Station Grill Voucher – Michael Devine
Floral Fusion Flowers – Shea McDermott
Bunker 43 Voucher – Senan Crilly Murray
(If you have not yet collected your prize, please call into the school office)

Thank you so much to all our sponsors and to our families for their continued support and to our FOST for sourcing all the wonderful prizes for the raffle.

FOST

A huge thank you to the Friends of St Teresa's for organising the Santa Sunday back at the end of November for our school and community. It was very enjoyable event was had by everyone and Santa Claus was very busy too. Any money raised by this event will be used to help finish our school sensory room and buy equipment for our outside playground. Thank you for your support.

Sacraments Dates / Times

P4 – First Penance – 27th February 2025 at 11.30am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

P4 – First Holy Communion – 22nd May 2025 at 11.30am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

P7 – Confirmation – 13th March 2025 at 11.30am in St Peter's Church, Lurgan.

St Vincent De Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you for your generosity at Christmas time, in supporting our families / community. We were overwhelmed (again!) by your support in helping others less well off than ourselves. Photographs of the presentation were posted on our website.

Absences from school

Absences from school during term time are discouraged and will affect your child's attendance rate. If your child's attendance rate falls below 85% the 'Education Welfare Officer' will contact you or pay a visit to your home. If you do need to take your child out of school, please notify Mr. Kearney in writing. (This does not include days of sickness; you can notify school about sickness using the Absence Form on our school app).

Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week runs between **Monday 19th – Friday 25th January 2025** in school. During this week we will welcome our Grandparents / Carers into school at the following times:

P1 – P3 – 9.30am – 10.15am (Friday 24th January)

P4 - P7 – 10.45am – 11.30am (Friday 24th January)

Each class will reflect on the importance of all our Grandparents / Carers, and you are welcome to share memories with our children and accompany your grandchild in a photograph too. On Friday 24th January you can visit the classroom to share a moment of the children's day. Refreshments will be served, between 10.15 – 10.45 (in the school hall). Hope to see you all on Friday 24th January!!!

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair will return to school from **22nd – 28th January 2025**. Our children will be encouraged to buy a book to encourage the love of reading. An accompanying letter/leaflet will go home with your child, and you are welcome to attend during class at allocated slot (see timetable sent home via SeeSaw) to browse the range of books from the bookfair throughout the week. All additional commission from the Book Fair will be used for topping up accelerated reader library and class libraries for foundation stage. Thank you for your co-operation.

Admissions

Primary 1 admissions portal is now open via www.eani.org.uk/admissions for new Primary 1 children coming to St Teresa's in September 2025. Please visit our school website or our school Facebook page for more information - please spread the word! (Closing date for portal is 29th January 2025).

Primary 7 Post Primary Admissions will open on 28th January 2025 and close on 20th February 2025 for children moving to secondary school in September 2025. Information will be sent out by the school about this prior to the opening of the portal and you can also visit the EA portal on www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions.

Parking

Please show consideration for our local residents by using the school car park, please try not to block driveways on Tarry Lane. Your co-operation with this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Wrap Around Club

From 15th January the 'Fun Club' will replace the Wrap Around Club. It is extremely important that you book your child's slot before 9.30am each morning to allow for staffing. Children NOT booked in may not be able to stay if we have not got the staff to cover. All children must be collected from the main school doors / office, a member of staff will be in the school office to accommodate these arrangements. Children must be collected on time.

RAISE Initiative

See information on our School App about the upcoming RAISE Initiative by the Department of Education where parents / guardians voices are needed to join a focus group to talk about how to ensure 'learning, be happy & succeed' – We need parents / guardians to take part to help our school / children.

Key Dates:

19th – 25th Jan – Catholic Schools Week

21st Jan – P4-P7 Internet Safety Talk / Girls Indoor Camogie Tournament

22nd Jan – Road Safety Quiz / Catholic Schools Service in St Anthony's Church, Craigavon

23rd Jan – Girls Indoor Gaelic Tournament

24th Jan – Grandparents / Carers day – see info above

29th Jan – Sustrans Workshop for P7 class

30th Jan – Cummann na nBunscoil Quiz in St Anthony's

7th Feb – Sustrans Assembly P4-P7 classes – Take 5 Project

10th Feb – Credit Union Quiz in St Anthony's Hall

10th – 14th Feb – School closed for Mid Term Break

11th Feb – Safer Internet Day

27th Feb – First Confession – see above for information

6th Mar – World Book Day / Confirmation Practice (No choir) 1.30pm St Peter's Church

10th Mar - Confirmation Practice (P7 & choir) 1.30pm St Peter's Church

12th Mar - Confirmation Practice (P7 & choir) 1.30pm St Peter's Church

13th Mar – Confirmation – see above for information

17th Mar – School closed for St Patrick's Day

17th Apr – School closes at 11.30am for Easter Break

28th Apr – School re-opens for Term 3

