



JANUARY

NEWSLETTER

PTA Christmas Activities

A massive thank you to all the members of the PTA and to you, our supportive parents. With your hard work and support, an incredible £524.13 has been raised through the Winter Warmer, Christmas Raffle and Carol Service.

School Meals Price Increase

The EA School Meals Service has informed us that from 1st January 2026, the price of a school meal will increase to £3.10 per day. For your convenience, here are the updated costs:

- 1 day: £3.10
- 2 days: £6.20
- 3 days: £9.30
- 4 days: £12.40
- 5 days: £15.50

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Admissions to Milltown PS for September 2026

Enrolment to P1 for next school year opens on Wednesday 7th January at 12 noon and will close on Wednesday 21st January at 12 noon.

P1 applications should be completed online at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions. School would be happy to assist any family who would like help applying, please get in contact with us.

If you know any family who was unable to attend our Open Day and would like to see around the school, encourage them to get in touch with us.

Energy Saving Week

We will be celebrating energy saving week from 17th - 23rd January. More details will follow.



Open Days

The following dates and times have been arranged by our local post primary schools for their Open Days: (in date order)

Tandragee Junior High - Thursday 8th January @ 7pm-9pm

Dromore High School - Monday 12th January @ from 6pm

Lurgan Junior High - Wednesday 14th January @ 7pm-9.30pm

Banbridge High School - Thursday 15th January @ 6:30pm-8.30pm

New-Bridge Integrated College - Saturday 17th January @ 9:15am-12.30pm

Banbridge Academy - Monday 26th January @ 7pm-9.30pm

St. Patrick's College, Banbridge: TBC

Bee Active

Bee Active will return each Thursday afternoon. This half-term sessions will begin on 8th January for five weeks. Both P1-3 and P4-7 sessions will have multi-sports.



Activity Clubs 1 and 2

Clubs continue Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday this half term for P1-3 from 1:45-2:45pm and P1-7 from 2:45-3:45pm. These clubs will provide homework support and play activities.

Our Friday club themes for January are:

9th January - paper crafts

16th January - table tennis

23rd January - glitter jars (bring your own jar)

30th January - indoor group games

6th February - TBC

Please book all clubs each week on a Monday to assist planning. Clubs are £3 per session.

Music Lessons

Our music tuition will continue on the following days:

Violin starting -

Wednesday 7th January. **note the change of day**

Piano - starting on Monday 12th January.

Woodwind - starting Friday 9th January.



PeacePlus Aspire (Shared Education)

We are delighted to be meeting up again with our friends from Gilford and St. Colman's Primary Schools as part of this year's PeacePlus Aspire project. The theme for this year's sessions is "All About Me."

A consent form will be issued when pupils return to school. The planned session dates are:

Tuesday 13th January, 27th January, 17th February, 3rd March, 10th March, 14th April and 28th April.

New School Digital Telephones

We will be moving to digital telephones on Thursday 15th January. There may be some disruption on this date, but we expect it to be minimal. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

School Procedures and Routines

We'd like to share a few helpful reminders to keep things running smoothly for everyone:

- Please ensure pupils are supervised before the school doors open at 8:40 a.m.
- Punctuality matters - the school day begins at 8:55 a.m.
- A coat is essential each day for outdoor play and activities - thank you for helping us keep children comfortable.
- Our new traffic management system is now in place so to keep everyone safe, all cars should park in and around the roundabout area during drop-off and collection unless an exemption has been agreed. Contact the office if you would like to arrange this.
- Activity Clubs 1 and 2 run Monday-Wednesday and Friday, offering homework support focused on written tasks. Reading, word lists, mental maths, and spellings should still be completed at home daily. Please check and sign all homework to support your child's learning.
- You will be provided with a printed copy of the January newsletter. Please keep it safe and make a record of the key dates. To save resources, the use of text message reminders will be reduced.

Stay Connected

Our school website and Facebook page are great ways to keep up to date. The calendar on the website's Home Page is a quick way to check

upcoming activities, and sharing posts on Facebook helps celebrate what's happening in Milltown!

Half-Term Break

School will be closed the week beginning Monday, 9th February for half-term and will reopen on Monday 16th February. We hope you enjoy a restful break with your family.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can email us at hwright575@c2ken.net or phone/call in at the school office. We're always happy to help.

Kind regards,
Mrs Wilson