



Welcome to
St Mary's PS, Killesher

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Weekly Events

PE every Wednesday for P1 – P5 with Elevate Kids
(Children wear PE Gear to school on this day)

2 – 3 Club and Wrap Around Club on daily. Full List of
After school activities are on the school website.

Remember to make all booking with Fran in the school
office. Don't forget to check the school's **website**,
Facebook, and **Instagram** pages regularly to stay up to
date with news, events, and important updates.

Open Evening for P1 Pupils starting in September 2026

We are delighted to invite parents and guardians of
children due to start Primary 1 in September 2026 to our
Open Evening on Wednesday 10th December, from
6:30pm to 7:15pm. This is a chance for children to meet
our staff and pupils, explore the learning environment and
find out more about life in our school.

Halloween Celebrations

A huge thank you to our School Council for organising a
fantastic Halloween celebration! The costumes on display
were creative and full of character, and the day was
enjoyed by all. We're delighted to share that we raised
£250 for the **Motor Neurone Association NI** — thank
you to everyone who contributed!

Bag Pack

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our bag
pack in Dunnes Stores over the Halloween break. We
raised an amazing £1130 to help purchase new ICT
equipment.

SEAG Transfer Test

Good luck to all our pupils who will be sitting the SEAG
Transfer Test over the coming weeks. We are proud of
your hard work and wish you every success

Fire Safety

We were delighted to welcome a local fireman to our
school for a very informative and engaging talk with our
Primary 5 pupils. The children learned all about fire safety
at home and in the community, including the importance
of smoke alarms, what to do in an emergency and the
importance of having a fire escape plan.

Key Dates

7th November – Tempest Photography.

13th Nov – First Holy Communion Meeting @7pm in
school.

19th November – Flu Vaccination will be administered to
pupils whose consent forms have been returned

27th November – P5 Assembly at 10am. Refreshments
afterwards

28th November – Children off School.

10th December – Christmas Dinner in School. Cost £2.60.
Children wear Christmas Jumpers to school on this day.

10th December – Open Evening 6:30pm – 7:15pm

Sat 13th December – 'Do This In Memory' Mass for First
Holy Communion Children @6:30pm.

17th December – Christmas Show in Kinawley Hall at
6:30pm. Tea / Refreshments and Cake Sale afterwards.

18th December – P3 to P7 trip to Millennium Forum.

P1 – P2 trip to Fermanagh Fun Farm.

19th December – 11am finish for Christmas Holidays.

5th January – All pupils return to school.

Mass of Light for P7 – Sat 7th of February at 6:30pm

Saturday 7th March - Confirmation at 12pm in
Swanlinbar.

Wednesday 11th of March – Sacrament of Penance. 7pm
in St Mary's Church Killesher.

First Holy Communion 9th May at 11am



PTA

The PTA Group held their first meeting in October. Their next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17th November at 7:15pm. All interested parents are warmly invited to attend. If you hope to attend please email parismckiernan@gmail.com

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 – Starting Monday

10th November

Theme: *Power for Good*

Odd Socks Day: Monday 10th November


We're looking forward to marking Anti-Bullying Week in school from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November. This year's theme is "Power for Good", encouraging children to recognise the power they each have to speak up, support others, and help create a kinder, more inclusive school community.

We'll be kicking off the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November — a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique!


SVP Hamper Appeal

We will be collecting food items for **SVP Hampers** in the lead-up to Christmas. Donations can be left at the school reception from **Monday 1st to Thursday 4th December**.

Your generosity will help support local families in need this festive season. Thank you!



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MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT

WHY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.




Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn.
- To make new friends.
- To experience new things in life.
- To gain qualifications.
- To develop new skills.
- To build confidence and self-esteem.
- To have the best possible start in life.

Key Point

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

CAN ATTENDANCE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO EXAM RESULTS?

Greater than 95% Attendance	 <p>87% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended more than 95%</p>	87%
Less than 90% Attendance	 <p>63% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 90%</p>	63%
Less than 80% Attendance	 <p>49% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 80%</p>	49%

P1/P2 Pick-Up Reminder

Please remember to use the lay-by when collecting your child. Avoid blocking other cars in when parking. Thank you for your cooperation!

