



DECEMBER 2025



“For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

*“Learning is Fun ...
Together as One.”*

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RENAISSANCE
CHAMPION SCHOOL

2nd December 2025

'Learning is Fun... Together as One'

Dear Parent/s

As Advent begins we are delighted to be on the real countdown to Christmas.

I would like to commend all our pupils and staff for all their efforts this term already.

We have had a busy few months and look forward to some special festive activities in December.

On behalf of our Board of Governors, the Staff and Pupils of St Peter's, I would like to take this opportunity to offer our sincere condolences to Mrs Claire Bradshaw on the death of her father, Mr Pat Daly, May He Rest In Peace.

As many of you are probably aware we have a tradition of doing Christmas Productions every three years. We have introduced the tradition of the Primary One class performing The Nativity **every** year. This ensures that, in the duration of their primary years, all pupils get to perform The Nativity as well as having another one or two opportunities to perform on stage at Christmas.

In the alternating years we have either a Christmas Carol Service or, as is the case this year, we attend a Christmas Pantomime. We hope this gives the children a good variety of opportunities, whilst at the same time allowing them to progress with their curriculum.

This year we were delighted to "support local" by visiting The Market Place Theatre in Armagh to see Beauty and The Beast on Monday 1st December.

Finally, on behalf of everyone at St Peter's, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Roisin McCann for twenty years of dedicated service as Building Supervisor in our school. Roisin ensured that our school was well maintained, well cleaned and well cared for. **On Friday 19th December we are having a Farewell Assembly @ 10am which you are all very welcome to attend.**

COMMUNICATION

The school email address for general correspondence is:

info@stpeters.collegelands.ni.sch.uk

School secretary, Mrs Campbell's email is:

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Please ensure that you have provided Mrs Campbell with your current email address; we are endeavouring to increase the use of email for general correspondence.

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PARENT PAY

As you are aware we are working towards becoming a cashless school. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up to ParentPay. This is our preferred method of payment not only for dinner monies but also for Snack, School Trips, Breakfast & After School Clubs as well as swimming / music tuition etc. Currently over 96% of our transactions are with ParentPay which is excellent. The cost of a school dinner is £2.60 per day. Please ensure you select SPECIFIC days for dinners / clubs etc

If you are experiencing any difficulties signing up or using this system, please contact Mrs Campbell in the school office.

Cash is preferred for charitable donations eg Mary's Meals Cup / Air Ambulance Fundraiser, Bun Sales etc

OUR PTA

Please try to support the Christmas Raffle organized by our amazing PTA. This year we have identified a new Literacy Scheme as a priority for any funds that are raised from the events run by the PTA.

Thanks to all the committee members for organising the raffle and thanks also to those who so generously sponsored the Raffle Prizes.

Tickets are £1 each and can be bought from any pupil or from Mrs Campbell in the school office.



P.T.A. CHRISTMAS RAFFLE FUNDRAISER!

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2025

All proceeds go to St. Peter's Primary School, Collegeland

Prizes include:

- £300 Kelly's Fuel voucher
- Champagne Tea for 2 at Castle Leslie
- Pamper hamper
- £100 Smyths Toys voucher
- £100 Rushmere voucher
- £100 Meal voucher
- £50 vouchers McKearney's Butchers, MoGrá and Airtastic
- Other prizes include vouchers for Mulberry, Melia Boutique, Grey Goose & Hendricks
- And more prizes!

£20 cinema voucher as a class prize!

Tickets cost £1!

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding Team

Principal	Mrs Farrell
Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Bradshaw
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection	Mrs Valley

*Chairperson of our Board of Governors is Mr Pat Brannigan

*Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Mr Thomas O'Hanlon

SHARED EDUCATION

Our P6 and P7 pupils really enjoyed a fantastic Shared Education joint session with Hamiltonsbawn Primary School at Loughgall Park. The day was filled with fun, friendship, and hands-on activities designed to help pupils connect and collaborate in a relaxed and engaging environment. The children took part in a wide range of activities including Dress Up, Slime Making and Get To Know You Bingo.

Thanks to PeacePlus, Playboard NI and Hamiltonsbawn Primary school for the brilliant opportunities for our pupils to build new friendships, develop social skills whilst celebrating the spirit of shared learning.



NOVEMBER REMEMBER

Throughout the month of November we remembered, in a special way, our deceased family members and friends. As a whole school we made November Remember Crosses and brought them over to St Peter's Chapel to be blessed by Fr Garrett. We also made a Remembrance Tree in memory of deceased loved ones.



LINKS WITH OUR COMMUNITY



Christmas Light Switch On



Our school choir were delighted to sing at the official switching on of the Christmas lights in the Moy. Well done to all and thanks to Mrs McKenna for preparing our choir so well.



FLAVAHAN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to these super runners for participating in Round 2 of Flavahan's Cross Country Race in Lurgan. They represented our school so well on a very cold morning in November! Well done boys and girls.



EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

P5/6 had an amazing day exploring the beautiful Drum Manor Forest Park as part of their World Around Us topic on “Treemendous Trees”

It really was a day full of learning, laughter and teamwork. Thanks to Lynn, our wonderful Forest Ranger for facilitating the visit and for sharing her expertise.



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SINGING SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP

We are extremely privileged to have been selected for the Singing Schools Programme led by Mrs Orla Nugent and Mrs Sara-Jane Kelly.

Our Primary Six class came together each Wednesday to prepare for the Advent Mass which will be celebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh on 3rd December – all are welcome to attend!

Sara-Jane and Orla were extremely impressed with how our Primary Six pupils settled into the programme and how well they learnt the hymns.


The Primary Six thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and especially enjoyed the fun songs as well as the Liturgical music.



Singing is Fun ... Together as One

ANTI – BULLYING WEEK 2025

This year the theme for Anti-Bullying Week was Power for Good.

We had lots of different activities including an Anti-Bullying Assembly led by our Pupil Council, a P6 Announcement For The Community on How To Spread Kindness, P1 Message For Bullies, Odd Socks Day, Anti-Bullying Posters and even heart shaped toast for World Kindness Day 

WORLD KINDNESS DAY 2025



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POST – PRIMARY LINKS

We were very pleased to welcome Mrs Estelle Cafolla Conway, Head of Art & Design at St Patrick's Grammar Armagh to host two Christmas Decoration Workshops for our Primary 6 & Primary 7 boys. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the Workshops; we were especially delighted to welcome back past pupils Donnacha and Caolan.



ASSEMBLY DATES

October	“Friendships” P3 Tuesday 14 th October @ 10am
November	“November Remember” Assembly – Whole School – Thursday 27 th November
December	P1 NATIVITY – Tuesday 16 th December @ 10:30am
January	Catholic Schools Week – Grandparents Day Mass– Date to be confirmed
February	P2 Assembly – “St Brigid”
March	P4/5 Assembly – “St Patrick”
April	2 nd April 2026 @ 10am P7 Stations of The Cross
May	P5/6 Assembly “May is the Month of Mary”
June	P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Christmas Dinner	Friday 12 th December Early closure 1pm
Mrs McCann’s Leaving Assembly	Friday 19 th December @10am
Christmas Holidays	Friday 19 th December - Early Closure @ 11am Bus in morning only
	Monday 5 th January – Staff Development Day – School Closed for pupils
School Re-opens	Tuesday 6 th January School re-opens for pupils
First Holy Communion	Saturday 16 th May 2026 @12 Noon
Confirmation – Maghery Chapel	Friday 22 nd May 2026 @ 5pm

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or your child's class teacher, if you have any queries or need further clarification. It is very important that we are made aware of any issues or concerns so that these can be addressed at the earliest possible opportunity.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable few weeks and thank you all for your continued and valued support.

Yours sincerely,

B Farrell

Principal