



EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Annual Outing You will have received the letter about our Annual Outing to the Grand Opera House on Wednesday 7th January 2026. I am sure we will once again have an excellent time. **Please ensure all payments are made via ParentPay by Wednesday 8th October 2025.**

Breakfast Club This club is once again proving to be very popular. Could I remind all parents that **children should not come to the Club before 8.05 am and entrance must be no later than 8.25 am.** Children will then leave the club at 8.40 am to line up. The cost is £2.80 daily (paid on ParentPay) and various healthy cereals and toast is on offer, together with breakfast juice or milk.

P1 Primary 1 children will be staying until **1.55 pm each day from Monday 29th September 2025.**

Free School Meals If you are entitled to free school meals please apply online asap at :
<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>

Labelling of Clothing It has once again come to my attention that children do not have names on formal uniform and indeed PE uniform. It is very difficult for the school to trace lost property and prove ownership when labelling is not present. **Could I ask that all items of clothing worn to school be labelled clearly with the child's full name as other children can have the same initials. Also could you please check that all items belong to your child and if you find this is not the case please return them to Mrs Logan. Thank you.**

Dogs in School In line with the Education Authority Policy it is not permitted to have dogs in the school building or indeed in the Playground. The only exceptions are assistance dogs eg guide dogs or medical alert dogs.

Nut Free School Please remember that we are a nut free school. Other allergies in individual classes will have been communicated by class teachers to the relevant parents.

Car Parking Safety/Leaving/Collecting of Children Thank you to all for operating the one-way system for leaving and collecting children. I know this will greatly improve the safety of all pedestrians. Could I also point out that congestion would also be eased in the mornings if parents settled their children in the playground and then left. This would also develop your child's independence. **It is also noticeable that some parents are bringing children in through the school car-park gate, in the interests of safety this is not permitted.** I would also ask that **parents do not park and block the car-park entrance for staff. Please also remember that parents should wait at the top end of the playground to collect children in the afternoon.**

P1 Intake – September 2026 During November we will be inviting those parents who have registered an interest in their child coming to Primary 1 in September 2026 to our “Open Week”. If you have a child who will be starting Primary 1 next September, please give their name to Mrs Logan as soon as possible. Thank you.

Appointments I realise that hospital appointments are generally during the school day and are of a more urgent nature, however, unless it is an emergency, could appointments for Doctor's, Dentist's or Optician's please be made outside of school hours, or as near the end of the school day as is possible. Thank you for your support.

Jewellery The school operates a “No Jewellery Policy” with the exception of a watch. It is noticeable that some children are wearing earrings! This is a health and safety issue and a note from a parent indicating that they will take responsibility for the wearing of the earrings is not legally acceptable. **I would ask for your support in the removal of earrings/rings etc.**

Parent/Teacher Interviews The school will be closing at 1:00 pm on **Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October** to accommodate parental interviews. The interviews will be held face to face, as we feel it is more beneficial for teachers to meet with parents and be able to show samples of the children's work. However, in exceptional circumstances a telephone call will be considered upon request. An invite will be sent to you shortly.

Complaints Procedure Whilst we as a School would seldom have complaints it is hoped that any problems can be solved by informal contact between parents and the School Principal. However, it is a requirement of the Department of Education that we inform you that where a parent feels that a matter should be progressed further, then the following people should be contacted in the order shown.

1. The Principal.
2. The Chairperson of the Board of Governors.
3. The Northern Ireland Public Services Ombudsman (NIPSO).

Should you wish to have a copy of our Parental Complaints Procedure please contact the school office.

Safeguarding/Child Protection Any parent wishing to receive a copy of the school's Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy please contact the school office. Just a reminder that our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mr Purdy and our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Donaldson. The Designated Governor who has responsibility for safeguarding is Mr Montgomery.

PTA Events Once again we are looking forward to working with our PTA Committee in the incoming year. The forthcoming events are listed below. The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 5th November at 7.00pm. We would encourage parents to attend.

Prize Donations For fund raising events we look for various offers of prizes. If you know of anyone, or indeed any company, who would like to donate prizes or offer sponsorship of events during the year, please let me know. Thank you also to all of those parents who have donated unwanted new gifts for prizes during the year. Anyone who has gifts large or small which they feel would be suitable please leave these with Mrs Logan.

Harvest We are holding the Annual Harvest Assembly on **Friday 17th October 2025**. This event is part of our normal assembly programme and is **for pupils only**. A separate note will follow as to our Harvest giving this year.

Sponsored Bounce We are holding our Sponsored Bounce on **Friday 24th October 2025**. This is our annual fund-raising event and it gives us an opportunity to raise funds for the school. Bouncy Castles will be in place, and your child will have the opportunity to "bounce" with their class and be sponsored for the number of bounces achieved. We hope to make this as successful as previous years, so we ask that you encourage pupils to collect sponsors from known friends or relations. **We do not have a licence to allow children to collect from door to door so we ask that you assist us in making sure this does not happen.** Sponsor forms will be issued in the next few weeks. Thank you for your anticipated support. Please note that only one child will be on a bouncy castle at any given time.

HOLIDAYS/DATES TO NOTE:

OCTOBER

Wednesday 15 th	PTA Halloween Fun Day P1-P4 2-3pm P5-P7 3-4pm (details to follow)
Friday 17 th	Harvest Assembly
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th	School Closes at 1.00 pm to accommodate Parent/Teacher Interviews
Monday 20 th - Friday 24 th	PTA Pocket Money Stall (during parent interviews)
Friday 24 th	Sponsored Bounce
Friday 24 th	School will close at 1.00 pm for the Halloween holidays.
Monday 27 th - Friday 31 st (inc)	Halloween Holidays

NOVEMBER

Wednesday 5 th	PTA meeting at 7pm
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DECEMBER

Friday 5 th	PTA Christmas Fair with Santa's Grotto (information to follow)
Wednesday 10 th	PTA Christmas Disco P1-P4 2-3pm P5-P7 3-4pm (details to follow)
Tuesday 16 th at 10.00 am	Primary 1 and 2 Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 th at 7.00 pm	Primary 3 and Primary 4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 18 th at 1.00 pm	Primary 5, 6 and 7 – Carol Service in St. Colman's Church
Thursday 18 th	Early closing of school at 2.00 pm
Friday 19 th	School closes at 12.15 pm for Christmas Holidays

JANUARY

Monday 5 th	School reopens
Wednesday 7 th	Grand Opera House 12.15 pm start for those children going to Opera House
Friday 30 th	PTA Bingo Night

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Welcome to our new Primary 1 class

