

# EDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

**OPERA HOUSE – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2026** Arrangements for our annual outing to the Opera House are as follows. Those children who are not attending the event will not come to school at all. Children attending, will come to school at 12.00 pm and enter by the front door, going straight to the Assembly Hall. Children should wear full school uniform. We will return to school at 4.30 pm. Please do not park in the Larne Road layby or collect your child from the Larne Road, as this area must be kept clear for the buses returning. Your child will be walked up through the school grounds to the Edenvale Avenue gate for collection. CHILDREN SHOULD BRING A SMALL SNACK & DRINK WITH THEM which they will be responsible for.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS P1 – P7** Clubs will start week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. A separate note will be issued upon our return in January.

**NEW INTAKE** The forms for children starting in Primary 1 in September 2026 are available online at [www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions](http://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions) from Wednesday 7th January with a closing date of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 at 12.00 noon.

**RAINBOW CLASS HAMPERS** Thank you for all your donations for the class hampers. The winners of the Ballot were: Red – Anna P2, Yellow - David P6, Pink – Sam Cochrane, Green – Averie P4, Purple – Jake P7, Orange – Logan P3, Blue – Ruan P5, Mixed – Nicholas P2.

**EXAM WEEK** This will be week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Can I stress that it is important that, if at all possible, your child has full attendance at all times, but particularly during exam week.

**SCHOOL MEALS** As noted in the December Newsletter and in communication from the Education Authority, the price of a school meal will increase to £3.10 from 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026. This amendment has been added to ParentPay.

**ATTENDANCE** This school has always maintained a high attendance level. We are required by the Education Authority to have an attendance level of 96%. Children who attend less than 85% are automatically referred to the Education Welfare Officer. Can I therefore encourage **continued good attendance and arrival in school on time**.

**PARENTAL INTERVIEWS** These interviews will take place from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to commence at 1.05 pm each day. The school will close during this week at 1.00 pm** for all children to accommodate these interviews. Dinners will be served as normal. You will be sent details of the day and time of your interview(s) nearer the time.

**SCHOOL BOOK FAIR** The Book Fair will run from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026**. Parents will have an opportunity of visiting the Fair when they attend their parental interviews. The children will have an opportunity each day to visit the Fair with their class. Can I recommend the Book Fair to you as they are excellent books at great value for money.

**TRANSFER PROCEDURE/SEAG** The transfer test result date is Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2026. The online portal for post-primary applications will open on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January and close on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 12 noon.

**SCHOOL OPEN NIGHTS PRIMARY 7 CHILDREN** During the month of January 2026 various schools will be holding Open Evenings. Further information can be obtained from relevant School websites.

**TRANSFER CLUB** It is my intention to once again hold a Transfer Club in school for Primary 6 children. A separate note will be issued to the Primary 6 class regarding this.

**DATES TO NOTE:**

**JANUARY**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**

School reopens  
Grand Opera House 12.00 noon start for those children going to  
Opera House  
PTA Bingo Night (details to follow)

**FEBRUARY**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Parent Interviews & Book Fair  
Half Term  
PTA Love Bug Ball (details to follow)

**MARCH**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day**

School Closure

**APRIL**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Easter Holidays  
School Reopens

**MAY**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

Public Holiday and Exceptional Closure  
Bank Holiday and Exceptional Closure