



Tempo Times

One more step along the world I go...

January 2026



All staff at Tempo Primary School would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year!

• **Future dates for the diary...**

- Wednesday 7th January; Open enrolment for preschool and primary school children.
 - Thursday 8th January; Canon Armstrong in for whole school Assembly
- Thursday 8th January; Mrs Allen (Fivemiletown College) in school to speak to P7 pupils
 - Friday 9th January; week 1 of swimming lessons for P4/P5
- Friday 9th January; Erne Integrated College in school to speak to P7 pupils
- Tuesday 13th January; afterschool activities begin (Rugby/football; Healthy Kids)
- Friday 16th January; (Mr Mowbray Devenish College) in school to speak to P7 pupils
- Monday 19th January; afterschool activities begin (multisport/hockey/netball; Core Kids)
 - Monday 19th January: Whole school assembly with Sarah Bleakley (CEF)
 - Tuesday 20th January; PTSG 7pm in the school hall
 - Friday 23rd January; Love For Life (P7)
 - Saturday 24th January; SEAG results day
- Monday 26th January: Whole school assembly with Colin Jervais (Stonepark Baptist Church)
 - Monday 26th January; P7 activity Day at Devenish College (details to follow)
 - Wednesday 28th January; Shared Education begins (P4 - P7)
- Thursday 29th January; P7 Health and Wellbeing Day: Fivemiletown College (10.30am - 1.30pm)
 - Friday 30th January; Grandparents Day (details to follow)

Post Primary Open Nights

Thursday 15th January; Fivemiletown College 7pm

Thursday 15th January; Erne Integrated 7pm

Wednesday 28th January; Devenish College 7pm

Thursday 29th January; Enniskillen Royal Grammar School 6.30pm (Algeo Drive site)

- Monday 2nd February; Whole school assembly with Alastair McFarland
 - Monday 2nd February; Children's Mental Health Week
- Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th February; School nurse in for P1 health checks
- Thursday 5th February; Whole school assembly with Canon Armstrong
- Friday 6th February; P6/P7 hockey tournament Fivemiletown College
- School closed week 10th February (Staff development and Half Term)

Tissues

We would appreciate if each family could bring in a box of tissues for their child's classroom. At this time of year, we go through a lot

of tissues each day!



Cold weather reminder; Please ensure children have a coat in school each day. Wellies or a change of shoes and socks would be useful for children on snow days. Mr Gilliland salts our driveway and footpaths, but please be aware these can still be slippery if refreezing or fresh snowfall occurs. Please drive with caution.

Healthy Breaks

*Please be aware that under Department of Education guidelines, children **must** bring a **healthy break** to school each day. No chocolate, sweets or crisps will be allowed. Please remember we are not free, including items containing traces of nuts due to allergies.*

Water is always available for children to refill their bottles each day.

School dinners, breakfast club and after schools

Our school kitchen continues to offer nutritious school dinners throughout the school year, and we encourage you to consider using our school meals service to provide food at lunchtime for your child. If your child has any special dietary requirements, please speak to Mrs Mandy Graham. The school kitchen number is 028 959 86059. The new menu is available on the school website to view (under the Parents tab; school meals).

To apply for Free school meals, go to <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals>.

Monday 5th January is **week 1** on the school menu available on our website. Please note the price increase to £3.10 per day (15.50 per week) from 5th January 2026.

All children must be marked each day for school meals and packed lunches on the school app.

For dinners and all school clubs' payment must be made at the time of booking. Please check you have no outstanding payments from December before moving into January (as per Non-Payment of School Meals Policy).

Parents will be charged in after schools for the next hours' session if very late for collection of children due to staffing costs.

General School Update

Child Protection

Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Watters

Our Deputy Designated Teachers for Child protection are Mrs Erskine and Mrs Graham.

Questionnaire

Within the next week a questionnaire will be issued to you via text message. When you click on the link it will take you directly to the questionnaire. It should only take a few minutes to complete, and we would appreciate you taking the time to help us with this. This is to inform our priorities in our new School Development Plan for September 2026 – June 2029.

School signage

We now have our new school signage in place. These display our school Ethos, Vision and Mission statements and Core Values. The Focus of our Values for the second half of the school year will be community. We will still have an on-going focus on kindness.

We would like to thank Mr Colin Slack ('Colin The Designer') for generously giving up his time for free to help with the design process for the new signage and in liaising with LE graphics in the installation stage. We are extremely grateful to Colin for all of his time and help with this. Schools really do rely on their community for support.

PTSG draw

Many thanks to everyone who bought tickets or sent in donations towards our PTSG draw. Thanks to our local businesses for donating items. Your support is greatly appreciated. A fantastic total of £1,013.10 was raised.

Open Enrolment September 2026 (Post Primary Applications)

The open enrolment process for children starting in Year 8 in September 2026 will open on Tuesday 27th January at 12 noon at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Applications will be treated as punctual if received on or before 12 noon on Thursday 19th February.

Afterschool activities

Healthy Kids will begin after school activities each Tuesday (from 13th January) for children P1 – P7. This block will begin with football for both age groups.

Core Kids will be facilitating after school activities each Monday (from 19th January) for children P1 – P7. P1 – P3 will begin with multi-sports in block 1. P4 – P7 will begin with netball and hockey. These clubs are open to everyone and will also help children in KS2 and as they practise their skills to prepare for inter schools' tournaments (further information on prices and how to register are on the back of the newsletter).

ADVICE ON THE POST-PRIMARY TRANSFER PROCESS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN P6

As has been the practice over the last number of years the Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that parents receive timely information about the range of issues they need to take into account when making important decisions about the next stage in their child's education.

The document is available for you to view on the school website.



Open Enrolment September 2026 (Primary School Applications)

The open enrolment process for children starting in P1 in September 2026 will open on Wednesday 7th January at 12 noon at www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Applications will be treated as punctual if received on or before 12 noon on Wednesday 21st January.

It is the desire of the Board of Governors of Tempo Primary School to admit all children of compulsory school age whose parents wish them to attend the school.

School Council

Our School Council would like any Christmas Jumpers that you have finished with / children have outgrown to begin a swap shop next year. These can be sent in at any stage this month.

Text Message System

The Education Authority have recently updated our text messaging system. As a result, some numbers have not transferred. If you have not received any text messages from us since 23rd October 2025, could you notify us as soon as possible please so we can get you added to our new system.