



Tempo Times

One more step along the world I go...

February 2026



Dates for your diary in February

- Thursday 29th January: Enniskillen Royal Grammar School 6.30pm (Algeo Drive site)
- **Future dates for the diary...**
 - 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 Morning (9.30am-10.30am)
 - Monday 2nd February; Children's Mental Health Week
 - Monday 2nd February; Forest School sessions begin for P4/P5 each Monday for 6 weeks (bring wellies and outdoor clothing)
 - 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
 - Friday 6th February; Valentines Disco (6.30pm - 7.30pm in the school hall; P3's and under must be accompanied by an adult)
 - School closed week 10th February (Staff development and Half Term)
 - Monday 16th February; Whole school assembly with Sarah Bleakley (CEF)
 - Thursday 19th February; Post Primary Applications close at 12 noon
 - Friday 20th February; Danske Bank team in to deliver schools programme to all classes
 - Monday 23rd - Thursday 26th February; Book Fair in school
 - Thursday 5th March; World Book Day (P1-P3 dressing up. P4 - P7 optional dress up or wear pyjamas)
 - Monday 9th March; Whole School Assembly with Alastair McFarland (SUNI)
 - Bee Safe Event (P6/P7)
 - Easter performance (see below for details)
 - Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March; School closed for SDD and St Patrick's Day
 - Wednesday 18th & Thursday 19th March; Colin Tinsley (Hope for Youth Ministries) in school 9.45am - 10.30am
 - Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March; P6/P7 residential to Gortatole
 - Tuesday 31st March; P1 class trip to Florencecourt
 - Wednesday 1st April; Sponsored bunny hop
 - Primary 1 placement letters issued for September 26 intake
 - Easter holidays; Thursday 2nd April - Sunday 12th April (inclusive)
 - Wednesday 15th April; Shared Education begins for block 2 until Wednesday 6th May
 - Thursday 23rd April; Chinese Cultural Roadshow in school
 - Friday 24th April; PSNI Internet Safety talk for all classes
 - Friday 19th June; P6 Taster Day Fivemiletown College

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.*

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

We are a nut free school. This also includes items which may contain traces of nuts.

Milk; paid up until 13th March



World Book Day 2026



To celebrate World Book Day 2025 a variety of activities have been planned.

Our book Fair will arrive in school on Friday 20th February. Children will receive a voucher for books (please keep this safe as we have no spares). Your child/ren will have the opportunity to purchase books each day (week beginning 23rd February). The book Fair will leave on the morning of Friday 27th Feb.

Parents can accompany children to buy books each morning (9am - 9.30am) should you wish. All classes will have the opportunity to visit the book fair each day.

On World Book Day (5th March) children in P1 - P3 can dress up as their favourite book character and bring their book to school with them on this day.

Children P4 - P7 can dress up or wear their pyjamas as in recent years.

On this day children will be completing fun, book related activities in school.

A homework competition will be set for the event and judged on World Book Day.

School Meals

A copy of the new school meals menu has been attached to this newsletter. This will begin on 16th February when we return after half-term. Please note the price increase to £3.10 per day (15.50 per week) from 5th January 2026.

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>.

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 January before moving into February (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.

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.

Defibrillator

Our school now has a working defibrillator. At present it is located in the school office. It will be positioned inside the front porch in a secure cabinet when we receive it. The defibrillator is for school and community use during school hours:

Monday – Thursday; 8am – 5.30pm

Friday; 8am – 4pm

Please share this information with the local community.

PTSG and School Council

A massive thank you to our School Council for organizing and choosing games and our PTSG for paying for a large selection of games and Lego for each classroom for wet play times. The children are very excited to have their own games in their classroom and can't wait to play them.





As a school we participate in the Easy fundraising scheme;

Please sign up to support the school, it's easy and completely FREE!

8,100 brands will donate to us when you do your usual online shopping with them - at no extra cost to you!

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/tempopsptsg/ZL52F0/at/EDA0jpqh/DM1329426/facebook/>

Child Protection

Our Child Protection Policy has recently been updated in line with recommendations. A copy of the Policy is available on the school website (www.tempops.co.uk). A copy is available from the school office on request.

Reminder:

Designated Teacher for Child Protection: Mrs Watters

Deputy Designated Teachers for Child Protection: Mrs Erskine and Mrs Graham

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. Keith salts our driveway and footpaths, but please be aware these can still be slippery if refreezing or fresh snowfall occurs. Please drive with caution.

Reminder: Our School Development Plan questionnaire was sent via text message on 20th January. We would appreciate you taking some time to complete this by 3rd February. Your views will help inform our priorities moving forward in our new plan.

Our Grandparent/ 'special person' morning will take place tomorrow (30th January) from 9.30am - 10.30am. Children will be placed in family groups to complete lovely activities throughout the morning (all children will have the opportunity to participate). We are now focussing on our 'Community' aspect of our school values as well as 'kindness' for the duration of the year.