



# Tempo Times

One more step along the world I go...

March 2026



## Dates for your diary in March

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March; World Book Day (P1-P3 dressing up. P4 - P7 optional dress up or wear pyjamas)
  - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March; PSNI road safety talk for P3 - P4 and then P5 - P7
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March; Whole School Assembly with Alastair McFarland (SUNI)
  - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March; Bee Safe Event (P6/P7; letters sent home)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Shared Education Easter play (P4/P5; letter sent home)
  - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March; Whole school assembly with Canon Armstrong
    - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March; School closed
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March; Colin Tinsley (Hope for Youth Ministries) in school 9.45am - 10.30am
  - Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March; P6/P7 residential to Gortatole
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March; Primary 1 placement letters issued for September 26 intake
- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March; Sponsored bunny hop (sponsor sheet will be sent home)
  - Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March; P1 class trip to Florencecourt
- **Future dates for the diary...**
  - Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April; Additional DENI closure for staff TPL (this is online training by DENI and staff will not be based in school)
    - Easter holidays; Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April (inclusive)
  - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April; Shared Education begins for block 2 until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May
    - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April; P4/P5 class trip to Ulster Museum, Belfast
      - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April; Chinese Cultural Roadshow in school
      - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April; PSNI Internet Safety talk for all classes
      - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May; Post Primary placement letters issued
      - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May; Additional DENI closure for staff TPL
        - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May; Sports Day
      - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June; Leavers Assembly; 9.45am
      - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June; P6 Taster Day Fivemiletown College
    - Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June; P7 induction day for Enniskillen Post Primary Schools
      - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June; P1 - P3 end of year trip to Airtastic
        - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June; School fete and BBQ

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March is **week 3** on the school menu available on our website (£3.10 per day; £15.50 per week)

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 February before moving into March (as per Non-Payment of School Meals Policy).**

**Please note; the cost of breakfast club will be rising to £2.50 per day from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to cover rising staff and food costs.**

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

**Milk from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May; £5**



## World Book Day 2026



To celebrate World Book Day 2026 a variety of activities have been planned.

Our book Fair arrived in school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Children have received a voucher for books. Your child/ren will have the opportunity to purchase books each day this week (week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> February). The book Fair will leave on the morning of Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb.

Time slots are available for parents from (9am - 9.30am) to accompany children to buy books in the morning/ afternoons should you wish.

On World Book Day (5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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.*

### **Reminder**

Due to allergies, please ensure children have **no** products in school for snack or packed lunch that contain nuts or traces of nuts please.

### **PTSG**

Many thanks to our PTSG for organising the recent Valentines disco for all the children. All of these events contribute to funds which pay for items for our children. At the moment we are purchasing new 8 new iPads and new PE equipment. The PTSG raised £568.28. Well done to all involved!

### General School Update

#### **Staff training:**

During our staff development day on 9<sup>th</sup> February all staff completed online Tinylife training. The school are delighted all staff have completed this training and will be able to offer support for children born preterm. This will be rolling out in the new academic year. As parents you can share this information with us via our data collection forms.

Over the coming weeks staff will be continuing their training with EA on a new nurture programme 'Connect in Nurture' (CAN). This is a quick, fun, relaxed, circle time approach to Nurture and compliments our PATHS programme in school. It focuses on the 3 R's; Regulate, Relate and Reason. A leaflet has been attached with more information.

### Afterschool activities

Core Kids will be facilitating after school activities each Monday (from 2<sup>nd</sup> March) for children P1 – P7. P1 – P3 will continue with multi-sports in block 2. P4 – P7 will have the opportunity to try boxercise and circuit sessions (further information on prices and how to register are on the back of the newsletter).

A text message was sent on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February regarding registration for Clayful Minds (Jumping Clay) sessions in March (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>). Please book via the link [clayful-minds.classforkids.io](https://clayful-minds.classforkids.io)

Our Friday afternoon afterschool sessions in March from 3pm – 4pm will have a baking/craft theme.

Week 1; Junk art and sewing

Week 2; Baking

Week 3; Junk art and sewing

Week 4; Baking

Please book via our Schools App

### 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.**