



Tempo Times

One more step along the world I go...

April 2026



Dates for your diary in April

- Wednesday 1st April; Additional DENI closure for staff TPL (this is online training by DENI and staff will not be based in school)
 - Easter holidays; Wednesday 1st April - Sunday 12th April (inclusive)
- Wednesday 15th April; P6/P7 Boys football tournament (Fermanagh Primary Schools; Bawnacre)
 - Wednesday 15th April; Shared Education begins for block 2 until Wednesday 6th May
 - Thursday 16th April; Whole School Assembly with Canon Armstrong
 - Monday 20th April; Whole School Assembly with Sarah Blakely
 - Wednesday 22nd April; P4/P5 class trip to Ulster Museum, Belfast
 - Wednesday 22nd April; Earth Day
 - Thursday 23rd April; Chinese Cultural Roadshow in school
 - Friday 24th April; PSNI Internet Safety talk for all classes
 - Monday 27th April; Whole School Assembly with Colin Jervais
- Future dates for the diary...
 - Friday 1st, 8th & 15th May: It's Your Move transition sessions for P7 with Alastair McFarland (SUNI)
 - Monday 4th May; School closed for early May bank holiday
 - Thursday 7th May; Whole School Assembly with Canon Armstrong
 - Saturday 9th May; Post Primary placement letters issued
 - Monday 18th May; Whole School Assembly with Sarah Blakely
 - Tuesday 19th May: PTSG meeting at 7pm in the school hall (everyone welcome!)
 - Friday 22nd May; Additional DENI closure for staff TPL
 - Monday 25th - Wednesday 27th May (inclusive); School closure
 - Friday 29th May; Sports Day (subject to weather)
 - Thursday 4th June; Whole School Assembly with Canon Armstrong
 - Friday 5th June: Environment Day; Please keep this date free if possible (see below)
 - Monday 8th June Whole School Assembly with Alastair McFarland
 - Friday 12th June: New P1 induction afternoon 1.45pm for parents and children
 - Thursday 18th June; Leavers Assembly; 9.45am
 - Friday 19th June; P6 Taster Day Fivemiletown College
 - Tuesday 23rd June; P7 induction day for Enniskillen Post Primary Schools
 - Wednesday 24th June; P1 - P3 end of year trip to Airtastic
 - Friday 26th June; School fete and BBQ
 - Tuesday 30th June: Last day of summer term. School closes at 12 noon

Environment Day

On Friday 5th June we will be celebrating Environment Day (weather permitting). As part of this day, we hope to have an outdoor clean up day of the school grounds. This will consist of cleaning, power hosing, planting etc. We would really appreciate parental support with this. More information will be issued in due course.



Tissues

We would appreciate if each family could bring in a box of tissues for their child's classroom. With so much sickness recently, we go through a lot of tissues each day!

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.*

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). **Juice is no longer available to purchase through the school kitchen.**

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

Monday 13th April is **week 1** 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 March before moving into April (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.

Milk from Monday 13th April – Tuesday 30th June; £13.80

Reminder

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

School Events

March has been a busy month with Shrove Tuesday, World Books Day and class trips. Keep up to date with all that is happening by visiting our Facebook page and school website www.tempops.co.uk.

Uniform Questionnaire

Thank you to all families who participated in the School Uniform Consultation. This summary shares the key results, including percentages from all responses.

1. Affordability of the Uniform:

- Somewhat affordable – 52.4%
- Very affordable – 33.3%
- Not affordable – 14.3%

2. Alignment with DE 5% Income Guideline:

- Yes – 52.4%
- No – 28.6%
- Unsure – 19%

3. Cost Concerns About Specific Items:

- No concerns – 28.6%
- Other concerns (each ~4.8%) included PE shirt quality, branded jumper cost, polo shirts, and footwear.

4. Branding Levels (DE Requirement):

- Happy with current branding – 100%
- Prefer iron/sew-on crests: No – 57.1%, Yes – 23.8%, Unsure – 19%
- Rationale for branded items justified: Yes – 76.2%, No – 23.8%

5. PE Kit:

- Affordable: Yes – 76.2%, No – 19%, Unsure – 4.8%
- Prefer generic PE items: No – 76.2%, Yes – 23.8%
- Blue polo shirt suitable for school & PE: Yes – 61.9%, No – 28.6%, Unsure – 9.5%

6. Uniform Comfort & Seasonal Suitability:

- Suitable for all seasons: Yes – 85.7%, No – 14.3%

7. Pre-Loved Uniform Bank:

- Somewhat likely – 52.4%
- Not likely – 33.3%
- Very likely – 14.3%

8. Supplier Preferences:

- Multiple suppliers – 85.7%
- One supplier – 14.3%

Overall, parents are largely satisfied with the uniform's comfort, affordability, and branding levels. Some concerns remain about the cost and durability of specific items, particularly PE shirts.

At present we are currently sourcing prices from SD Kells and School Days and uniforms will be available from both stockists for September 2026. We will update you with prices when these have been confirmed.

Spare clothes

We are running short of spare clothes for boys and girls in school, particularly trousers and socks. These are available for children who need a change of clothes during the day. If you have anything old that you are finished with, we would appreciate these to replenish our supplies. If your child has availed of spare clothing, could these please be washed and returned to school. Thank you!

School App to record absences

Where possible could all pupil absences be recorded on the school app on the first day of absence. When you open the School Gateway App click on the message symbol on the bottom of the screen (between the house and person). Then click view messages. Click on the bottom of the screen beside "type to reply". You can then type your message, e.g., Sarah Smith is absent today (27/03/26) as she has a bad cold. Please continue to phone or email the school should you wish your child/ren to be collected by someone else or to go home early to ensure the message is passed on.

General School Update

Staff training:

During our staff development day on 9th 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 Nature' (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.

School news (more photographs on our website and Facebook):

We were delighted to welcome staff from Danske Bank, Enniskillen into school to work with each class on their 'Money Matters' programme. This was an enjoyable session for all classes with KS2 budgeting to design and create a new 'dream bedroom'.



P4 and P5 had their final swimming lesson at Fivemiletown College. Thank you to Glenda and her staff for their tuition over the 6 weeks. It was lovely to see all children make so much progress. Well done P4 and P5!



We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Thank you to all of the staff for dressing up and making the day special for all of the children. We had a celebration assembly, tea parties, biscuit making, quizzes and creating digital books. Well done to everyone for their fantastic World Book Day projects!



On Friday 6th March we welcomed the PSNI into school to provide a road safety talk to pupils P3 – P7. This was an informative talk which ended with the children having the opportunity to try on the police equipment!



On Wednesday 11th March P4 and P5 held an Easter Assembly with children from St Mary's PS, Tempo. The children gave an incredible performance of 'The Three Trees'. Thank you to everyone who came along to watch the show and support the children.



P4 and P5 have continued their Roots of Empathy journey and have loved watching baby Amelia grow and develop. They are learning so much about empathy through their Tiny Teacher.



On Wednesday 18th March P6 and P7 headed off on their three-day residential to Gortatole. Everyone had such an amazing time. A special thank you to Mrs Watters and all the staff who went with the children and stayed over to make sure everyone was safe and happy. This is a huge responsibility for all involved. The staff at the centre were fantastic as was the weather which provided the children with a wide range of activities.



On Friday 27th March the PSNI conducted a speed check outside the school due to ongoing concerns of the speed of traffic in the area. P7 pupils had the opportunity to participate in a 'Children's Court' with the support of officers. Six pupils interviewed eight people who were caught speeding and chose to attend the Children's Court instead of taking penalty points or attending a driver safety course (the fastest speed was recorded at 48mph). The children loved their morning, and it was a valuable experience for all involved.



Afterschool activities

Our Friday afternoon afterschool sessions in April from 3pm – 4pm will have a theme.

Friday 17th April: Lego/construction

Friday 24th April: Arts and crafts

Friday 1st May: Lego/construction

Please book via our Schools App

We hope you all have a lovely Easter break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 13th April.

