



Drumahoe Primary School – Parent Memo: January 2026



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Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are at the beginning of a New Year. I hope that your year is filled with happiness, peace and good health. Please take some time to read some important information about what is happening in school this month and beyond.

Holidays for term 2:

School will be closed from **Monday 9th February** until **Friday 13th February 2026 (inclusive)** for the half-term holiday.

School will be closed on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March 2026** for staff training and St. Patrick's Day,

School will close for Easter on **Friday 27th March** (school will finish at 12.00 p.m. for all classes) and will re-open on **Monday 13th April 2026**.

Carol Service:

Many thanks to all of you that attended our Carol Service on 18th December. I'm sure you'll agree that it was a lovely service and the children performed brilliantly. We would like to thank Alan Duddy for speaking at the service and to extend our thanks to the Reverend Hibbert and Glendermott Presbyterian Church Session for allowing us to use the church to host the service. A total of £586.23 was raised for the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice in our retiring offering.

Swimming

Primary 7S and Primary 6D will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday. Please ensure your child wears their swimming costume to school on Wednesday along with their towels etc.

Shared Education:

Primary 5 will continue their Shared Education partnership with Glendermott Primary school during the month of January. This will finish with a joint trip to the cinema at the end of January. It is great to see how the children have embraced this experience, making new friends and having fun. Thank you to Mrs McKeegan for organising our valuable shared education partnership with Glendermott Primary School.

Parking / Road Safety:

There continues to be serious safety issues with the school car park, largely being caused by a lack of care and disregard for others by a small number of drivers especially in the morning and at 3 p.m. If there are no spaces in the car park, please do not park in the staff car park, on the double yellow lines or in front of another car. Please use the MUGA car park in the interests of everyone's safety. Only allocated parking bays should be used. Please remember the health and safety of all our children should be everyone's concern, especially given the weather conditions at this time of year.

Child Protection Policy & Information

Just a little reminder about the procedures we have in place as a school with regards to Child Protection. The names of the staff member to speak to, should you have a concern are as follows:

Mr Scott – main point of contact. If he is unavailable, then **Mrs Walker or Mrs Johnston** should be contacted.

If you have any concerns regarding welfare issues, please ring the office (02871302284) to speak to Mr Scott.

Admissions

Admission for pupils of Primary school age (children who reach their 4th birthday on or before the 1st July 2026) open on Wednesday 7th January and close at 12pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026. Admissions are now completed online and can be found at the following web address: www.eani.org.uk

If you know of anyone who would like to secure a place in our P1 classes in September but may have missed our open evening, please encourage them to ring the school office (02871302284) and Mrs Walker would be more than happy to meet them and show them around our wonderful school.

Also, children of Preschool age (children who reach their 3rd birthday on or before the 1st July 2026) can apply for a place at Drumahoe Community Preschool by applying online using the same web address. If you have any queries, please feel free to email the preschool at drumahoeprimary23@outlook.com or contact them on 07729798881.

Many thanks for taking the time to read our January memo.