



Glenann Primary School September / October 2025 Newsletter



Dates to Remember September – October 2025	
Thursday 28th August	Back to School School finishes at 12.00 to facilitate Staff Development
Friday 29th August	School finishes at 12.00 to facilitate Staff Development
Friday 26th September	School Closure - Staff Development Day
Monday 29th September	Primary 1 children finish at 2pm
Friday 10th October	Flu Vaccinations (<i>more details to follow</i>)
Monday 13th October – Friday 17th October	Maths Week 2025
Friday 24th October	Half Day for Halloween Holidays <i>Children can dress up in their Halloween costumes!</i>
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	School Closure – Halloween Holidays

Welcome Primary 1 to Glenann PS!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Primary 1 pupils Brody, Erin, Lana and Raichéal! We are delighted to have you with us and hope you enjoy your time at Glenann PS. Primary 1 will go home at 12 o'clock for the month of September and then remain in school until 2.00pm for the rest of the year.



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Early Bird Club

Early Bird Club will **begin on Monday 1st September** and parents can register via the link included in the information letter which has been sent out by email.

ParentPay

Glenann PS will continue to utilise the **Schoolcomms Payment System** for all **financial transactions**. Guidance on installing and using the ParentPay App is available in the *Back to School Newsletter*, which has been distributed to all families via email.



School Uniform

The following items are considered acceptable school uniform at Glenann Primary School:



- Plain Green Polo-Shirt (with or without school crest)
- Maroon Sweater OR School Half-Zip (both with school crest)
- Plain Navy bottoms
- Maroon Skirt/Pinafore OR Green Gingham Dress (summer wear mainly)
- Black Trainers/Shoes

We ask that all **jumpers be clearly labelled with the child's name** to ensure they can be promptly returned if misplaced.

Data Collection 2025-26

This week, a copy of the student data currently held by the school will be sent home with your child. We kindly ask all parents and carers to review the information carefully and make any necessary updates directly on the form. A link to the required Permission Forms will be made available to all families via email in the coming days. Completion of these forms necessitates that parents and carers review the associated policies, which are published on the Glenann PS website. We kindly request that all forms be thoroughly completed and submitted no later than **Friday 5th September**.

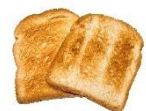


Home / School Communication

This year, we are introducing a new app through our updated school website to share important information and letters with parents. As a result, Seesaw will no longer be used. Setup instructions and details will be provided to all families at the beginning of September.

Break-time Toast

Children will have a choice of purchasing **one piece of plain or buttered toast** each day. This snack must be **ordered and paid for using the Schoolcomms App** at a cost of **30p per day**.



Nut Free School



As Glenann PS is a nut-free school, we kindly ask all families to ensure that **no nut products** are brought into school to help keep all children safe.

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School Dinners / Healthy Lunches



Dinners are available to purchase at the cost of **£2.60 each day**. We would ask that **payment is made on a Monday to cover the whole week**. Pupils should bring a **healthy snack** to school EVERY DAY for their break. Pupils who are taking lunches should also bring a full healthy lunch and water each day.

We kindly remind families that children should bring **only water** to school for hydration throughout the day. Milk is provided as part of school dinners. To

support our healthy eating policy, **fizzy drinks and fruit juices are not permitted** during the school day.

Children are permitted to bring a small treat on Fridays for their snack at break.

Below are examples of suitable and discouraged break time snacks based on guidance from the Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland.

Suitable Healthy Break Time Snacks	Discouraged Break Time Snacks
Fresh Fruit	Pancakes
Fruit Pots with sliced or chopped fresh fruit	Doughnuts
Salad pots	Chocolate Spreads
Raw vegetables e.g. carrots, celery, cucumber	Fruit Winders/Fruit Flakes/Raisins
Bread Sticks	Any confectionery – chocolate, sweets, etc.
Sandwiches	Fruit bars
Wheaten Bread	Crisps or potato snacks
Mini Cheddars	Cakes or buns
Crackers	Biscuits
Tortilla Wraps/Pitta Bread	
Cheese	
Toast (available to purchase from school canteen)	
Bagels	
Yoghurts/Yoghurt tubes	
Plain Rice Cakes	

Due to **health and safety** guidelines, staff **cannot heat lunch items** for children. If a warm lunch is preferred, it must be packed in a flask.



No School Bags / Toys



Pupils again **do not require school bags** for 2025-2026. Pupils will be provided with folders for bringing homework to/from school each week.

We kindly ask that children **leave toys at home** to help keep the classroom focused and free from distractions.



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Healthy Kidz

Healthy Kidz PE lessons will recommence on **Wednesday 10th September**, and will take place every Wednesday thereafter. On these days, children are welcome to wear their sports gear to school. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear to participate safely and comfortably in PE activities.

School Traffic

Please ensure that children are dropped off/picked-up at the appropriate times. Drivers should make sure that all traffic is flowing back towards Cushendall before allowing your child to exit the car at the school gate and vice versa at pick-up time. There should be **no turning at the lane/open way** beside the school.



Half the Pot Fundraiser



Envelopes are available in local businesses and from school each week. Entries cost £1.00 and our winners will be announced on our School Facebook Page every Friday. Our **first draw** will take place on **5th September**. Thank you all for your support and good luck!

Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

- **90%** may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss **one full month** of new learning over the academic year!
- No learner can afford to miss 1 month of school!
- Give your child the best start in life!
- Every school day counts!



School Website and Social Media

Our school website and Facebook page are regularly updated with key information, photos, and insights into daily life at Glenann PS. We encourage you to visit both platforms to stay informed and celebrate our pupils' achievements.

Website: www.glenannps.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/glenannprimarieschool>



Dates for the Diary

(more details to follow)

Christmas Play - Wednesday 10th December

Pantomime (The Adventures of Pinocchio)- Thursday 11th December



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