



## Glenann Primary School March/April 2026 Newsletter



Dates to Remember	
<b>Tuesday 3 March</b>	<b>P1-4 Waterstones Educational Visit</b> details via School App
<b>Thursday 5 March</b>	<b>World Book Day</b> All children are welcome to dress up as a book character <b>P1 and 2 children will visit Cushendall Library</b> 10.30am-11.30am details via School App
<b>Wednesday 11 March</b>	<b>P1-4 Shared Education Day with Carnlough Integrated PS</b> details via School App
<b>Friday 13 March</b>	<b>St Patrick's Celebration</b> To help celebrate St Patrick's Day the children can wear green and we will have some Irish music and dance.
<b>Monday 16 March</b>	<b>School Closed</b> Transform Ed Day 1
<b>Tuesday 17 March</b>	<b>School Closed</b>
<b>Wednesday 25 March</b>	<b>P3-4 Cumann na mBunscol Fun Blitz</b> details via School App
<b>Thursday 26 March</b>	<b>First Confession</b> <i>details via app</i>
<b>Thursday 2 April</b>	<b>School will close at 11.00am for the Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 13 April</b>	<b>School will reopen for the third term</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 April</b>	Swimming lessons begin for Key Stage 2 children
<b>Thursday 30 April</b>	<b>Confirmation Day</b> Details via the School App
<b>Friday 1 May</b>	<b>School Closed</b> Transform Ed Day 2
<b>Monday 4 May</b>	<b>School Closed</b>

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	<p><b><u>Nut Free School</u></b> As Glenann PS is a nut-free school, we kindly ask all families to ensure that <b>no nut products</b> are brought into school to help keep all children safe.</p>
	<p><b><u>School Dinners</u></b> Dinners have increased in price and are now available to purchase at the cost of £3.10 each day.</p>
	<p><b><u>Sacramental Dates for 2026</u></b></p> <p><b>Sacrament of Penance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 26 March @ 1.30pm St. Mary's Parish Church Cushendall</li> </ul> <p><b>First Holy Communion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saturday 16 May @ 11.00am St. Mary's Parish Church Cushendall</li> </ul> <p><b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 30 April @1.30pm St. Mary's Parish Church Cushendall</li> </ul>
	<p><b><u>Punctuality, Attendance &amp; Morning Arrangements</u></b></p> <p>Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.</p> <p>Families of any children who fall below the 85% threshold for attendance will be contacted by the school to discuss the reasons for low attendance and then referred to the EWS (Education Welfare Service) if/when this becomes a cause for concern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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!</li> <li>• No learner can afford to miss 1 month of school!</li> <li>• Give your child the best start in life!</li> <li>• Every school day counts!</li> </ul> <p>The school <b>gates will open at 8.45am</b> for morning drop-off. Our <b>Breakfast Club</b> is also available from <b>8.20am</b> at a cost of <b>£1</b>, with</p>

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	<p><b>no need to pre-book.</b> This is a great way to ensure a calm and settled start to the school day.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>World Book Dress Up Day Thursday 5 March</u></b></p> <p>Throughout the day, pupils will take part in a variety of fun and engaging reading activities designed to promote a love of books and storytelling.</p> <p>Every child will also receive a World Book Day book token, which can be used towards a free World Book Day book or money off a book of their choice at participating retailers.</p> <p>We can't wait to see the wonderful costumes and enjoy a fantastic day filled with stories and fun. We also encourage families to be creative and reuse costumes rather than purchasing new ones, helping us celebrate in a more sustainable way.</p>
	<p><b><u>Half the Pot – Weekly £1 Draw</u></b></p> <p>Our <i>Half the Pot</i> fundraiser continues to be an invaluable support for our school, helping us provide additional resources, learning materials and opportunities for your children.</p> <p>Envelopes are available in local businesses and from the school each week.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>🌟 Entry costs just £1</li> <li>🌟 Winners are announced every Friday on our School Facebook Page</li> </ul> <p>Every £1 entry makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful for your continued support and generosity. Good luck to everyone taking part!</p>

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### **St Patrick's Day**

On Friday 13 March, the children are invited to come to school dressed in green as we celebrate St Patrick, our native saint.

During the day, the children will enjoy a festive programme including Irish songs, traditional music, and maybe even a little dancing, helping us mark this special cultural celebration in a fun and lively way.

School will then close for the long weekend, and we look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Wednesday 18 March.



### **Healthy Kidz**

Healthy Kidz PE lessons will recommence every Wednesday. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable footwear to participate safely and comfortably in PE activities.



### **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](http://www.glenannps.com)

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