

Annalong Primary Matters

January/February 2025

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had a good Christmas, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy and prosperous 2025.

Below is some key information and dates for this term.

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Term Dates

Half term – Monday 10th February – Friday 14th February.

St Patrick's Day holiday – Monday 17th March.

Term Ends on Friday 11th April at 12 noon.

The full holiday list can be found on The Annalong PS App (Parent Area) and on the school website.

Christmas Charity

Thanks to your support we were able to raise a total of £1065 which will be divided between 'Regenerate' and 'The Friends of Annalong Primary School and Nursery Unit.'

Small Talk NI will continue their sessions from Monday 6th January for Nursery and Primary 1.

Nursery Unit and Primary 1 Admissions – September 2025

The online portal can be found at

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

Applications open on Friday 10th January 2025 and must be completed before 12 noon on Friday 24th January 2025. You have until 4pm on Wednesday 29th January 2025 to upload a birth certificate and any other supporting documentation to EA Connect.

P7 Post Primary Transfer

Applications must be **completed online** for those children moving into Post-Primary school in September 2025.

Online applications will open at 12 noon on Tuesday 28th January 2025 and will close at 12 noon on Thursday 20th February 2025.

Further details will be given to parents of the pupils in Primary 7.

Homework

Homework has resumed this week for all classes.

2-3 Club

Primary 1, Primary 2 and Primary 3 pupils can continue to attend 2-3 club from 2pm – 3pm on a Monday-Thursday. This can be booked on the School App – Bookings – 2-3 Club Bookings at a cost of £2.50 each day. Bookings should be made at the latest on the day before a place is needed and on a Friday for the following Monday.

School Photos

Our school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 19th February. This will be for individual photos only. Family groupings and P7 leavers' photos will be on Tuesday 6th May.

Mobile Phone Numbers

It is important that we hold a current phone number for all parental contacts. If you have recently received a new phone number, please inform the school secretary as soon as possible.

Attendance

Please continue to provide a reason why your child is off using the Absence Form on the School App in the Parent Area.

Please ensure your child is in school for 9am. If it is after this time, pupils should be brought into reception and Mrs Cunningham will ensure they get to their class.

If your child suffers from diarrhoea or vomiting, they should remain at home for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness.

Social Media

The school has a **Facebook page** to further promote the school in the local community. Messages on the Facebook page are not monitored.

The **Annalong Primary School App** continues to be a great success and is used to book activities, pay for school meals, communicate with and notify us of absences. **The App is our main form of communication with parents.**

Download the App from the App Store and use access code 11111 to log on for the first time. If you continue to have difficulties, then please contact the school. Please ensure you have notifications switched on for your child's class.

Queries/Concerns

Just to remind you that most day-to-day queries/concerns can be answered by the class teachers. If you need to see a teacher about a more serious issue, please make an appointment to see the teacher or Mr Chambers at an appropriate time. Please state the reason for the meeting.

Mr Chambers will be available after school Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and during school on Monday - Wednesday.

School Contact Details

Email: pchambers413@c2kni.net

Phone – **02843768336** or use the **Communication Form on the School App.**

Please remember that we are a nut aware school. Products containing nuts or traces of nuts must not be brought to school.