March 2026

As we step into March, we are excited to welcome the season of Spring. The days are becoming brighter, flowers are beginning to bloom, and our school is full of fresh energy and enthusiasm. This month our pupils will be exploring the wonders of spring through a variety of activities especially in the lower end of the school. Spring is a wonderful time to celebrate new beginnings and see the beauty in the world around us as it wakes up from it's winter sleep.

Pupil of the Month – February

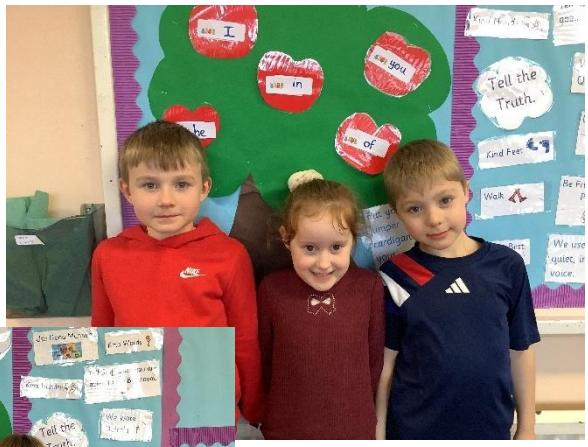
Reception-P3 Class: Clarke Earls for brilliant progress in memorising the times tables

P4-P7 Class: Isabel Ausenhus for excellent contributions made during Guided Reading discussions.

We are very proud of both pupils.

St. Valentine's Fun Day

On Friday 6th February we celebrated St. Valentine's Day. The children enjoyed their non-uniform fun day. We made crafts and our school was filled with love!



Pancake Tuesday

Pancake Tuesday is always a nostalgic day for our staff as we remember our own Pancake Tuesdays celebrated during our Primary School days. We enjoy passing the tradition down to our current pupils!

Attendance

We monitor school attendance routinely over the course of the school year. We are seeing a significant trend for lower attendance over this school year. Obviously, children cannot attend school when they are too unwell to do so. We would never expect them too.

However, good school attendance is vital for every child's learning and wellbeing. Being in school everyday helps children build strong friendships, develop confidence and allows them to make the most of the learning opportunities provided to them.

We do encourage children only stay off from school with sickness if they are too unwell to attend or highly contagious. If you decide your child has a mild illness such as a runny nose or a cough but can attend school and your child's condition worsens during the school day, we will telephone you and let you know.

We are seeing an increase in family holidays impacting on school attendance. We fully appreciate the struggles families are under especially financially. We are not allowed by the Education Authority to agree to family holidays occurring during the school term. I would ask families to be mindful if you do take your child out for a holiday there is an extra need for them to be in school over the rest of the school year. It does directly impact the amount of the days the children can be off for other reasons such as sickness. Can leave a child with very little room to be off sick. Everyone gets sick occasionally.

All schools are duty bound to refer a child's attendance to EA Education Welfare once attendance has dropped to 85%, even if legitimate reasons have been provided to us.

If you intend to take a family holiday during term-time please write an email or a letter to me the Acting Principal. My email is emcmorris697@c2kni.net.

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th March – TransformED Staff training day (no pupils)

Tuesday 17th March – School closed for St Patrick's Day

Thursday 19th March – 'Special Person Day' @ 9.45am (1 adult per child maximum)

Tuesday 24th March - Water Safety Talk

Wednesday 25th March – The education minister Paul Givan is in our area and has requested to visit us between noon and 12.30pm. Let's put our best foot forward for his visit.

Thursday 2nd April – **No buses in the morning or at home-time**, **no school dinners**. It is a half day and school closes at noon for the Easter Holidays.

Monday 13th April - TransformED Staff training day (no pupils)

Tuesday 14th April – Summer Term commences for pupils

Tuesdays – AR Club with Mrs Doogan

Fridays up to the Easter Holidays changing to Wednesdays after the Easter Holidays – Transfer Test Club with Miss Long