

SCHOOL YEAR 2025/2026



Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the beginning of the 2025 Autumn Term.

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer break as much as we have! However, I'm sure, like us, you are looking forward to the new school year.

First Day Back to School - Tuesday 26th August 2023 – 9am start

Breakfast Club will also reopen from 8am – 8.45am from Tuesday 26th August.

**Canteen will commence on Monday 1st September – until then we ask all pupils to bring a packed lunch.
Dinner menus for the new term will be on the next newssheet and shared via our website.**

Afternoon WrapAround will commence from Monday 1st September – 2 – 5pm.

In order to facilitate the **August Parent Information Meetings** school will close early on Tuesday 29th August as follows:

Please note that Nursery and P1 classes attend as previously arranged.

School ends for Primary 2 – 3 pupils at 12.15pm and older siblings

School ends for Primary 4 – 7 pupils at 12.25pm

August Parent Information Meetings:

These meetings will be held in your child's classroom –

- Entry to the classroom is via the front reception doors.
- A copy of all the information will be shared with all parents after the meeting.
- ***Please note that children should not be brought to these meetings.***

1pm-1.30pm: Primary 2 and Primary 3

1.45pm-2.15pm: Primary 4 and Primary 5

2.30pm-3pm: Primary 6 and Primary 7

Our Curriculum meetings will provide you with all the information that you will need for the year ahead.

We won't be able to speak about individual children at this meeting, our interviews later in the term will allow us to spend more time with you and explore your child's strengths and areas for development.

Please note that if you have a concern about your child's behaviour, academic progress or you have a concern, please inform a member of staff / office and we will schedule time to have a conversation.



THE SCHOOL DAY

NURSERY UNIT

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Nursery (am)	8.45am-11.20am	8.45am-11.20am	8.45am-11.20am	8.45am-11.20am	8.45am-10.55am
*Nursery (pm)	12.15pm-2.50pm	12.15pm-2.50pm	12.15pm-2.50pm	12.15pm-2.50pm	12-2.10pm

*Nursery timings only come into effect after the initial 'settling-in' period has ended.

PRIMARY SCHOOL

8am - 8.45am:

Morning Supervision for P2-P7 commences on Tuesday 26th August 2023.

Morning supervision for P1 commences on Monday 4th September.

The cost is £2 per session, booked and payable through SchoolMoney. Please note that places must be booked through SchoolMoney (by the night before at the latest) and latest time of arrival to morning supervision is 8.30am.

Entrance is via the front foyer and is restricted to pupils only.

The next entry time into school for pupils is 8.45am and this will be via the external classroom doors.

8.45am: Bell rings and gates and classroom doors are opened allowing pupils access to their classrooms.

9am: Bell rings. Gates and doors are locked, and classes commence. *I would remind parents/carers that late arrival into school can cause your child anxiety and disruption to the class he/she is going into.*

School Ends

Class	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
*Primary 1	1.50pm	1.50pm	1.50pm	1.50pm	1.30pm
Primary 2	2pm	2pm	2pm	2pm	1.35pm
Primary 3	2.55pm	2.55pm	2pm	2pm	1.40pm
Primary 4	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	1.40pm
Primary 5	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	1.50pm
Primary 6	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	1.50pm
Primary 7	3pm	3pm	3pm	3pm	1.50pm

*Primary 1 timings only come into effect after the initial 'settling-in' period has ended.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are delighted to announce the following –

- **Monday to Thursday – Activity NI**

ActivityNI will provide various clubs to pupils from P1 – P7.

As this is a private provider there will be a cost involved.

Daryl from ActivityNI is working on a booking form which will be made available to parents as soon as possible with clubs scheduled to commence the week beginning Monday 1st September.

- **Wednesday – Jujitsu – restarting Wed 3/9/25**

We are excited to again offer Jujitsu to our pupils.

As this is a private provider there will be a cost involved.

Please contact Mrs Lorraine Gault directly for details of how to register.

- **Wednesday – Football – restarting Wed 3/9/25**

Coached by Sam McIlveen, Ballymena United , 2-3pm P1-3, 3-4pm P4-7.

As this is a private provider there will be a cost involved.

Sam will issue school with a booking link which we will share with parents as soon as possible.

- **Teacher-led Clubs** – Mr Crozier will forward details in the coming days for our Term 1 Teacher Led Clubs. We hope to start these mid September.

We are a nut free school.

We also have a child in our school with very serious allergies.

For this reason, please do not send any food containing nuts, lentils or chickpeas for break or lunch as this could be life threatening.

This includes food containing these ingredients such as hummus, vegetable crisps etc.

Avoiding these foods prior to attending school would be greatly appreciated.

Car Parking Update

We are anticipating a busy car park for the first few days as we all get back into the school routine. We remind parents that the central car park at the front of the school and Nursery car park are for staff car parking only.

Disabled parking bays are only to be used by drivers with a blue badge.

Parents who wish to drop off may do so by turning left at the roundabout.

Car parking is available in the laybays, inside and outside of the school grounds and in the local park.

Please respect our local neighbours by parking respectfully.

Unfortunately, our car parking space is not designed to meet the needs of the school – please respect staff as they do their best to help.

We'll continue to keep this issue under review and thank you for your cooperation in advance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Girls' Brigade Company

meets every Monday night from 1st September. All girls will be made very welcome.

Explorers (aged 3 to P4) meet from 6.15-7.30pm

Juniors (aged P5 to P7) meet from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Seniors and Brigadiers (aged Y8 to 18 years) meet from 7.00-9.00pm.

For further details contact Fiona on Templepatrick@gbni.co.uk

The 238th Lylehill Girls' Brigade, Lylehill Road, Templepatrick

meets on a Friday night, Explorers (3-7 year olds) from 6.30-8pm, Juniors, Seniors and Brigadiers from 6.30 - 8.30pm.

For further details contact Heather on 07711 763690 or email: lylehillgb@gmail.com.

Templepatrick Presbyterian Church Boys' Brigade, Templepatrick

Anchor Boys – start Tuesday 9th September, Tuesday evenings from 6 – 7.15pm –

Contact Amanda Sproule 07759227053

Juniors Section – start Thursday 4th September, Thursday evenings 6.30 – 8pm –
contact Beatrice Stirling 07967144027