



Newsletter

Monday 9th February 2026



We will be on Week 1 of the dinner menu



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sacrament Dates

First Confession - Friday 27th March 2026 at 11am in Holy Family Church
First Holy Communion - Friday 15th May 2026 at 11am in Holy Family Church

SCHOOL CLOSURES

School will be closed for Mid-Term Break
Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February.

School will also be closed for
Staff Training on **Monday 16th February.**

Children will return to school on
Tuesday 17th February.

POST PRIMARY ADMISSIONS

The application procedure for a place in Post Primary is now open and will **close on Thursday 19th February** at 12 noon. Please ensure you submit your application before this time! Advice and information regarding applications for Post Primary is available at

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/admissions>

CONFIRMATION

On Wednesday 4th February we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation. The celebration was beautiful. We are so proud of our Year 7 children. Congratulations to our newly confirmed adults of the church.

COMMUNION OUTFITS

We have some new and preloved First Holy Communion outfits. If you would like to come and see what is available please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

MARCH MILK

Milk money for the month of March will be £3.99 for 21 days. If you wish for your child to avail of milk this needs to be booked and paid for via School Money no later than Friday 20th February.

CREDIT UNION

Newington Credit Union will be back in school every Friday from 9.15 am to 9.45 am. If your child has a savings book and wishes to lodge money into their account they can do it at this time.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We would like to remind parents/carers that it is recommended that children under the age of 13 do not access social media platforms such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook etc. We have been dealing with issues arising from inappropriate comments being made on these forums.

SAFEGUARDING

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is **Miss McGranaghan**. The Deputy Designated Teachers are **Mrs McCallan**, **Mrs McDowell** and **Mrs Shannon**. If you have any worries, questions or concerns about safeguarding or child protection issues please contact the Primary School on 02890351023.

If you are concerned about the wellbeing of a child, you can also make a confidential call to Gateway on 02890 507000.

PUPIL SUPPORT

RISE NI

RISE NI (Regional Integrated Support for Education NI) supports children in schools by working closely with parents and school staff to help children develop the foundation skills for learning. RISE NI works in partnership with school using a tiered approach. Below is the link to the website which parents may find helpful: <https://view.pagetiger.com/RISENI/parent>

SCHOOL BASED COUNSELLING

We are very fortunate to once again have the counselling services of June Dunwoody in school this year. June will be working with children from P5-7. If you feel that your child would benefit from counselling, please speak to the class teacher or contact Miss McGranaghan, to be added to the waiting list.

PARENT SUPPORT

FAMILY SUPPORT HUB

Family Support Hub Network offers a range of services to support children, young people and their parents/carers. If you would like to avail of this service speak to Miss McGranaghan or contact the Hub directly on 02890749986. Hub co-ordinator is Edith McManus.

PARENT COURSES

Keep an eye on our parent noticeboards at the school doors for information on upcoming courses for parents - there are plenty of opportunities!

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular school attendance is crucial in raising standards in education and ensuring that every child can reach their full potential. We are urging all parents to make attendance a priority this year. Children should be in school on time, every day unless they are ill. If your child cannot come to school, please ring the school absence line on 02890351023 and leave a message to provide a reason for their absence. This is only required on the first day of absence.

