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learning, kindness and care.



Londonderry Primary School Newsletter

January 2026

A message from Mrs Weir

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of January already. The weeks are flying by as we move steadily towards the half-term break.

It has been a busy and exciting month in school. Forest School sessions have started for P3N and P7R, and the children (and staff) are embracing every outdoor adventure that comes with it. They have been making s'mores, learning about fire safety, whittling characters out of hazel wood, building nests and making shelters.

Our P6 pupils enjoyed a brilliant Viking day. They experienced weaving, grinding corn, examining Viking artefacts, making spears, perfecting their sword skills and finished the day with a Viking battle. They all looked the part in their fantastic costumes!

Our P7 ICT Buddies continue to be a wonderful asset to our P1 classes. They are helping to develop digital skills while showing great kindness and patience. These sessions are also supporting the building of friendships across year groups, a lovely example of our caring school community.

P7 pupils are thoroughly enjoying their Friday badminton sessions. It is fantastic to see their confidence and skills developing week on week through teamwork, effort and perseverance.

The Shared Outdoor Play sessions across the school organised by Mrs Hutton have been very successful. Our older pupils have loved spending time with the Foundation classes, while our younger children are thriving with the extra attention and encouragement. These sessions strongly support our whole school family ethos.

The Peace Plus, Shared Education, programme is now underway with P4A, P5LK and P6G. Throughout the year, pupils will take part in shared events with The Model Primary School and St Finian's. This provides a valuable opportunity for children to build new friendships and develop positive relationships beyond our school community.

P7 have been thinking carefully about their next steps in education. We continue to remind them that it is not about what school you go to next, but what you do when you get there. We know they will shine wherever they choose!

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parent Teacher Interviews for P1–P6 next week. It is a valuable opportunity to celebrate progress and work together on the next steps in learning.

Warm regards,

L. Weir

Key Reminders

- **Monday 2nd February - Thursday 5th February:** Parent / Teacher Interviews School will finish at **1.10pm** for children
- **Wednesday 4th February:** P6 SEAG Parent Information Session (P6 classrooms)
- **Friday 6th February:** School will close at **12.10** for half term
- **Monday 9th – Friday 13th February:** School Closed
- **Tuesday 10th-Thursday 12th February:** Half Term Scheme (booking required)
- **Monday 16th February:** School Reopens
- **Monday 16th – Friday 20th February:** Internet Safety week
- **Tuesday 17th February:** Random Act Of Kindness Day
- **Thursday 19th February:** SEAG Portal Closes
- **Monday 23rd February:** P1 parents 2026-27 notified of P1 Placement
- **Thursday 26th February:** Class Photographs (Full school uniform to be worn)

Forward Planning

- **Thursday 5th March:** World Book Day
- **Tuesday 17th March:** No dinners available in school. Everyone must bring a packed lunch. School will close at 2pm.
- **Tuesday 24th March:** Jungle Book Matinee performance
- **Wednesday 25th March:** Jungle Book evening performance
- **Friday 27th March:** Easter Service. School uniform to be worn. **12.10pm Finish** for Easter break.

New Menu

EAT SMART WEEK THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16th February 16th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	Baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Selection of Fruit Yoghurt Pots	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Green Beans Fusilli Pasta & Fresh Seasonal Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Fresh Seasonal Salad Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Peach & Raspberry Traybake Trifle	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate and Pear Sponge Cake	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Garden Peas & Mini Corn on the Cob Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Pears
23rd February 23rd March 20th April 18th May 15th June	Golden Baked Cod Bites Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt and Fruit Tub	Mild Beef Chili Sweetcorn, Fresh Seasonal Salad & Coleslaw Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Homemade Apple Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Diced Carrots Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Salad with Strawberry Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Fruit Muffin and Milkshake	Cheeseburger with Tomato Ketchup Mini Corn on the Cob & Crunchy Veggie Sticks Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Oatmeal Biscuit with Orange Wedges
2nd March 30th March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Banana-flavoured Mousse	Homemade Beef Bolognese Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Seasonal Salad Fusilli Pasta & Herbed Baby Potatoes Summer Fruit Sponge Finger	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Green Beans & Baton Carrots Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Blueberry and Lemon Sponge with Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Cauliflower & Roast Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Jelly Whip with Mandarin Oranges	Baked Pork Sausages Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt with Melon Wedge
9th March 6th April 4th May 1st June 29th June	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fusilli Pasta & Oven Roast Wedges Melon, Mandarin and Pineapple Pot	Ham and Cheese Pizza Sweetcorn & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Raspberry Jelly with Two Fruits	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Roast Butternut Squash Steamed Rice & Potato Salad Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Rich Gravy Or Baked Salmon and Tomato Pasta Roast Carrot & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate-flavoured Mousse with Chopped Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes, Baked Potato & Fresh Seasonal Salad Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit with Melon Wedge

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

School News & Highlights



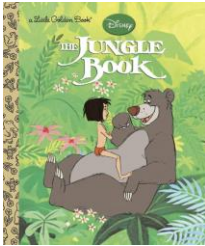
- We are delighted to inform you about an online learning platform called NumBots that we're using to support your child's understanding of number bonds and to help their addition and subtraction skills. These are the essential building blocks for higher-level maths concepts, so we are excited by the impact that NumBots will have on your child's learning. Subscription to this motivational maths platform has been purchased for the

use of pupils in classes P2-P4, and additional pupils who require support in this area. In order to get the best out of NumBots, we recommend that children play regularly for short bursts at a time, aiming for 3 minutes, five times a week.

The big launch will be happening in February and more information will follow shortly.



- Forest school training is well under way for Mrs Noble and Mr Robinson. Our Forest School sessions give children the opportunity to learn, explore and grow through hands-on experiences in the natural environment. Through outdoor play, teamwork and problem-solving, pupils build confidence, resilience and independence while developing a love of nature. Forest School supports wellbeing encourages curiosity and allows children to learn in a fun, meaningful and active way helping them thrive both inside and outside the classroom.



- Rehearsals are in full swing for our **Jungle Book** school production and the excitement is building! Parts have been allocated and our P5–P7 pupils are throwing themselves into rehearsals with amazing energy and enthusiasm. We honestly can't wait for you to see this fantastic performance in March. It's going to be one to remember!

Make sure you are signed up to Seesaw so you can access photographs and up to date information relevant to your class.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time
Monday 2 nd - Thursday 5 th Feb	Parent – Teacher Interviews	1.30pm-4pm
Thursday 5 th Feb	Just Dance: PTA Disco £3	P1&P2: 6pm-6.50pm P3&P4: 7pm-7.50pm P5-P7: 8pm-8.50pm
Friday 6 th February	School Council leading Internet Safety Assembly	9.10am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day	

Contacting the school

If you need to contact the school, please follow our communication pathway.

Start with your child's Class Teacher, then the Key Stage Leader followed by the Vice Principal, and finally the Principal if required. This helps us support you and your child as quickly and effectively as possible.

Key Stage Leaders:

P1& P2: Mrs Hutton (Foundation Stage)

P3&P4: Mr Adams (KS1)

P5, P6 & P7: Mrs Lowry / Mr Robinson (KS2)

Wellbeing & Safeguarding Tip

Start the year with strong routine. A consistent bedtime, healthy screen time habits and a calm start to the morning help children feel safe, settled and ready to learn. Children may have been gifted new devices as Christmas gifts. Take time to check privacy settings and talk about safe online behaviour. Remind children that they can speak to a trusted adult if something online worries them.

Contact Us

Phone: 02891 814325

Email: info@lderryps.newtownards.ni.sch.uk

Website: www.lderryps.co.uk

Office Hours: 8:40am – 4:00pm

School Facebook Accounts

Londonderry Primary School: Shares photographs and reminders about events happening in school and the local area.

Londonderry Primary PTA: Post details and photographs of their events.

Londonderry PS – School Meals: Post their menu and any planned events from the kitchen.

Dragon's Den:

Mobile 1: 07395 702083

Mobile 2: 07543 453794

The telephone numbers for Dragon's Den are only to be used if you are running late or your child is not attending holiday scheme on a day you have booked for. The school office is to be contacted for any other queries or bookings.