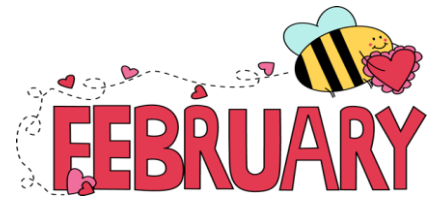


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# Londonderry Primary School Newsletter

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*February 2026*

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## **A message from Mrs Weir**

Brighter days are on their way and, like many of you, I am really looking forward to the lighter mornings and longer evenings ahead. It always brings a renewed sense of energy across our school and wider community.

During Internet Safety Week, our pupils have been learning how to stay safe online. The School Council introduced five key messages which were then explored further in classrooms. We hope the children will take these important reminders with them and continue to put them into practise at home and at school.

Please note the additional Staff Development Days (SDD) that will take place on Tuesday 17th March and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The school will be closed to pupils on these dates as staff take part in professional learning for the new curriculum which will be rolling out very soon.

World Book Day is fast approaching on Thursday 5th March, and this year we are celebrating a love of reading. Mrs Lowry will be organising a Book Swap Shop on the day. If you have a book that you have read and really enjoyed and think others in school would enjoy to; why not bring it in to swap with another pupil? All books must be in good condition and handed in by 27th February. When you bring your book to school, you will receive a swap token, which can be exchanged for a book of your choice on 5th March. Happy reading!

We are very much looking forward to our upcoming Jungle Book performance. The children and staff have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes, and we are excited to see all their effort come together on stage.

- Dress Rehearsal: Monday 23rd March

- Matinee Performance: Tuesday 24th March (**School will finish at 2pm for all children not involved in the show**)
- Evening Performance: Wednesday 25th March, 7pm

Thank you, as always, for your continued support which is greatly appreciated and makes such a positive difference to our school.

Warm regards,

*L. Weir*

## World Book Day: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

## Free Friday Morning Breakfast

This World Book Day we are going to:



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**  
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Everyone in our School Community will bring a book to school and when the bell rings throughout the day we will stop what we are doing and read. This could be during class or in the playground. Reading can be done anywhere, and everyone is doing it. 😊

You are welcome to come to school in comfy clothes. We want everyone feeling cosy and relaxed for reading time, so it will be a non uniform day. Get comfy and get reading!

We will also have a *Book Swap Shop* in the hall on World Book Day. If you wish your child to swap a book, please send in a book which is in good condition that you would like to swap by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. Anyone who brings in a book will receive a book swap token to use in the Book Swap Shop on World Book Day.

Happy Reading!  
Mrs Lowry

 A poster for 'House Church Breakfast Club'. At the top, it says 'HOUSE CHURCH'. Below that, 'Breakfast Club' is written in a large, green, stylized font. The central illustration shows a family of five (a man, a woman, and three children) sitting around a table with various breakfast items like pancakes, coffee, and fruit. Below the illustration, 'Friday Mornings' is written in a green, serif font. At the bottom, there is text: 'Come for a free breakfast in a warm & safe environment before school', '7:45am to 8:45am', 'Beginning 20<sup>th</sup> February', 'House Coffee Newtownards', 'Open to P1-P7 pupils', and '\*Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.' At the very bottom, it says '\*for more information contact - info@housechurchni.com\*'

## Key Reminders

- House Church, situated on Crawfordsburn Road, is offering free breakfast every Friday morning for P1-P7 children. They must be accompanied by an adult.
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Netball at Regent House (Selected girls notified)
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March: Final P7 Badminton Session
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March: Comber Park Run

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March: School closed for pupils (SDD Day)
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 'Love for Life' P7
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March: Super Saturday 'Grannys' Afternoon Tea' 12 noon - 1.30pm
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March: Jungle Book Dress Rehearsal
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March: Jungle Book Matinee Performance (***School will finish at 2pm for all pupils not involved in the performance***)
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March: Jungle Book Evening Performance 7pm
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March: P6 W5 trip
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Service, full school uniform to be worn.
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 12.10pm finish for Easter Break
- Dragons' Den Easter Scheme: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April & Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

### **Forward Planning**

- Easter Break: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: School Reopens
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: NFER week
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: School closed for Pupils (SDD)
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Book Fair Arrives

### **School News & Highlights**

#### **Internet Safety week.**

Our School Council delivered a fabulous assembly explaining that the internet is an amazing place, but we need to know how to use it safely. They shared 5 important facts that we all need to know which was followed up by teachers back in the classroom.

- 1) Keep your personal information private: Name, address, school and birthday.
- 2) People online are not always who they say they are: Never agree to meet up with a 'friend' you met online.
- 3) Not everything on the internet is true: Don't believe everything you read. Always ask a parent or a teacher.
- 4) Always be kind online: Remember once you send a message or post a picture, you cannot take it back. Before you press send, ask yourself: Is this nice?
- 5) TELL SOMEONE: Do not keep it a secret. Find a trusted adult and tell them straight away. You will never get in trouble for telling an adult if something went wrong.

#### **PTA Just Dance**

A huge thank you to our fantastic PTA and staff for organising and supervising our 'Just Dance' event before half term. The dance floor was well and truly tested with some very enthusiastic moves.

With brilliant prizes, great music and lots of laughter, it was an evening packed with fun for everyone involved.

Due to popular demand and the clear evidence that we have some serious talent in our midst, this is definitely an event we will be repeating.



### Comber Parkrun

This month we held an information assembly about Junior parkrun! Junior parkrun is a free, community event where you can walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate. Junior parkrun is 2km, dedicated to 4-14 year olds and their families and friends of all ages, every Sunday morning at 9:30am with a really fun warm-up starting at 9:25am. Junior parkrun is positive, welcoming and inclusive; there is no time limit and no one finishes last. Everyone is welcome to come along!

Excitingly, we are encouraging pupils, teachers and families connected to Londonderry Primary School to come along together to **Comber Junior parkrun on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.** It will be an amazing experience to walk, jog, run or volunteer with so many friends at Junior parkrun. By joining in this event together, we can then be recognised as a Parkrun Primary! Even though it is a free event, you must pre-register for parkrun before attending. You can register for free at [www.parkrun.org.uk/register/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/) or by scanning the QR code on the information letter that will sent home with your child. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March!



### Numbots

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. We are really excited to launch this motivational maths initiative!

***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     |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March   | World Book Day                         |          |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March     | Comber Park Run                        | 9.30am   |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> March  | Super Saturday: Grannys' afternoon tea | 10am-1pm |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March   | Jungle Book Matinee                    | 2pm      |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March | Jungle Book Evening Performance        | 7pm      |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | Easter Service                         |          |

## 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

**Trusted Adults.** A child who feels safe is ready to learn. Take a moment each day to listen and check in. Simple check-ins such as asking 'What was the best part of your day?' or 'Is there anything you are unsure about?' can make a big difference to children's confidence and wellbeing.

 **Contact Us**

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Website: [www.lderryps.co.uk](http://www.lderryps.co.uk)

Office Hours: 8:40am – 4:00pm

**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.**