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Londonderry Primary School Newsletter

March 2026

A message from Mrs Weir

As we reach the end of another busy and successful term, it is lovely to reflect on the many activities and achievements that have taken place across the school community.

Our pupils have represented the school wonderfully in a number of football, netball and hockey matches this term. It is always fantastic to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and sporting spirit on display. Thank you to Mr Barr, Mrs Watters and Miss Bell who give their time to organise and support these events.

World Book Day was a great success. The whole school enjoyed taking part in DEAR (Drop Everything and Read) and a popular book swap. A big thank you to Mrs Lowry for organising such an enjoyable day that celebrated our love of reading.

We also celebrated a milestone for our school with our first Parkrun, which was a huge success. We are now officially a Parkrun Primary School, and it was wonderful to see so many children enjoying being active together. A huge thank you to Mrs Bingham for introducing this new initiative that families can enjoy together on a Sunday morning.

This month we took time to recognise the very important role grandparents play in our school community. Mrs Hutton warmly welcomed our Grannies to school for lunch on Saturday 21st, giving them the opportunity to spend time together and enjoy a lovely afternoon with their grandchildren. It was a very special occasion, and we will look at creating a similar event for Granddads next year.

Our recent production of The Jungle Book was super. A huge well done to the talented pupils who performed so confidently and enthusiastically on stage. Special thanks must go to Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Brittain and Mrs McCormick for the tremendous work that went into preparing such a wonderful show which truly showcased the talent within LPS.

We finished the term with our Easter Service, which was a perfect way to reflect together and be thankful for our school community. Thank you again to Mrs Gillespie for organising the service and to Mrs Ward and Mrs Hamilton for their work with the choirs.

We are delighted that our new P1 pupils for the 2026–27 school year have now been notified of their places at Londonderry Primary. We look forward to welcoming any new families into our school community, and we hope any younger siblings are already feeling excited about beginning their journey with us.

Finally, a big congratulations to our PTA 'LPS in Bloom' winners. The winning pieces are now proudly displayed in the reception area for everyone to enjoy.

All that remains is to wish everyone a very happy and restful Easter break. We hope you enjoy some family time and perhaps even a little sunshine; or at the very least, a few dry days!

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April. Thank you, as always, for your continued support which it is greatly appreciated and makes such a positive difference to our school.

Warm regards,

L. Weir

Summer Uniform

After the Easter break children can wear our summer uniform.

Girls: Red check gingham dress, white socks, black school shoes. Foundation stage children may wish to wear a pair of cycling shorts underneath for when they are using the outdoor play equipment.

Boys: Navy shorts / trousers, red polo shirt with school crest and black school shoes.

David Crawford School Wear: Red polo shirts and jumpers on sale for £5.

Arrangements for withdrawal from Religious Education and Collective Worship

The Department of Education has announced plans to revise the RE core syllabus for implementation from September 2027. In the meantime, schools will continue to deliver Religious Education in line with current statutory requirements.

Parents retain the right to withdraw their child from Religious Education or Collective Worship. Any parent wishing to exercise this right should contact the Principal to discuss the arrangements for withdrawal.

LPS in Bloom Designs



We had such a fabulous response for our PTA 'LPS in Bloom' event. Check Facebook for our winning entries chosen by Campbell from Tesco!

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.
- Monday 13th April: School reopens
- Tuesday 14th April: Dublin Parents' Meeting, 3pm
- Friday 24th April: P7 Leaver photographs, Choir and Team pictures
- Monday 27th: Ganaway Parents' Meeting 3.05pm
- Friday 1st May: School Closed (SDD day for new curriculum)
- Monday 4th May: School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- Tuesday 5th May: Book Fair Arrives
- Saturday 9th May: P7 School Placements available on the Portal

Advance Notice

Change to Dragons Den Summer Scheme dates

- Wednesday 1st July – Friday 3rd July (3 Days)
- Monday 6th July – Friday 10th July (5 Days)
- Monday 20th July – Friday 24th July (5 Days)
- Monday 27th July – Friday 31st July (5 Days)
- Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August (5 Days)

School News & Highlights: *Check out our school Facebook page for photographs of the events this month.*

Belfast Marathon

We are delighted to share that five relay teams made up of our fantastic staff and parents will be taking part in the Belfast City Marathon this year!

They will be running not only for the challenge, but also to raise funds for our school. Every mile completed will help support improvements for our pupils, with a special focus on setting up a school library so that our children have access to even more wonderful books and reading opportunities.

If you would like to support our runners and contribute to this project, please consider donating through our crowdfunding page. Every donation, big or small, will make a real difference.

We are incredibly grateful to our dedicated staff and parents who are giving up their time and energy for our school community.

You can donate here:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/lpsmarathonteam>

School Show

What a show! Our talented pupils truly shone on stage, impressing everyone with their confidence, energy and creativity. They really did themselves and our school proud. Thank you to Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Brittain and Mrs McCormick for all the time and energy they put into this performance over the last few months. These performances are not possible without a dedicated team bringing everything together and putting in the hard work behind the scenes.



Easter Service

We ended Term 2 today with our Easter Service. It was a lovely and meaningful occasion for our school community. Our pupils spoke with confidence as they shared the Easter message, reminding us of hope, kindness and new beginnings. Well done to all our pupils for their thoughtful contributions. Thank you to Mrs Gillespie, Mrs Ward and Mrs Hamilton for putting the service together and leading the choir.



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
Friday 24 th April	P7 Leaver Photographs
Friday 24 th April	Teams / Choir Photographs
Saturday 9 th May	P7 School Allocations on Portal

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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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.