



## Weekly Newsletter

09.3.26

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's shaping up to be another busy week in school and we're delighted to highlight our P1-P3 Sports Morning, which are sure to be a fantastic event for pupils and families alike. Please take a moment to read through everything included in this week's newsletter so you don't miss any key dates, activities or updates.

Also, this is the last week of after school activities.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mr J. Clarke

Dear Parents/ Carers,

**Botanic**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Put your sports shoes on!

We welcome you to school next week to take part in some fun sporting activities with your child.

We promise it won't be anything difficult – no levels of fitness are required!

We'll even bring the tea and biscuits.

**9.00 – 10.30**



Calling all grown-ups from P1, P2 and P3!



Children don't need more things. The best toys a child can have is a parent who gets down on the floor and plays with them."  
– Bruce Perry

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## THIS WEEK IN BOTANIC ...

Monday	P1 Sports and Arts Parent Morning 09.00 - 10.30
Tuesday	P2 Shared Education - Holy Rosary will visit BPS P5 and P7 - Swimming Football Match
Wednesday	P3 Sports and Arts Parent Morning 09.00 - 10.30 Play Centre - P7
Thursday	P2 Sports and Arts Parent Morning 09.00 - 10.30 French P3/4/6/7
Friday	Religious Assembly P5 CWA Dance

Please make sure your child is ready to learn each day! Children should come to school with their all belongings and be in school for 9.00am each morning.

As we support our pupils observing Ramadan, please note that if a fasting child becomes very unwell during the school day, we will offer them food or drink as part of our duty of care. If you do not wish for your child to receive food under any circumstances, please provide written communication to the school. We aim to respect religious practices while ensuring the wellbeing of all pupils.



## ENGLISH CLASSES - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

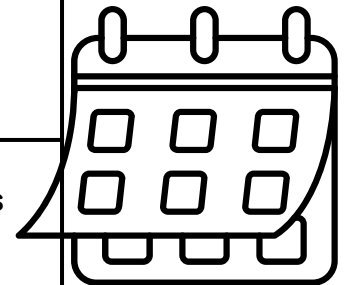
In partnership with People 1<sup>st</sup>, we are hosting English classes for Parents and Carers every Wednesday.

This course will take place every Wednesday 9.30am - 12.30pm.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## CALENDAR DATES - MARCH AND APRIL 2026

16 <sup>th</sup> March	School Development Day - No pupils in school
17 <sup>th</sup> March	School Closed for St. Patrick's Day
27 <sup>th</sup> March	End of Term 2 - 12 noon finish for all pupils
13 <sup>th</sup> April	School Development Day - No pupils in school
14 <sup>th</sup> April	School reopens for pupils. Term 3 begins



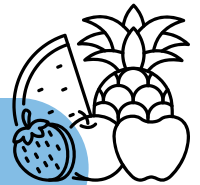


## MORNING ROUTINE



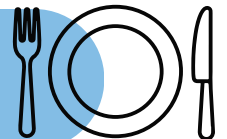
The school doors open at 8.55am and close at 9.00am. It is very important that children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss any teaching and learning. Please make every effort to be in school by 9.00am.

## HEALTHY BREAKS



Pupils have a break mid-morning and pupils are encouraged during this period to eat only fruit, vegetable or bread based products and drink only milk or water.

## DINNER BOOKINGS



Dinners must be booked by Sunday evening for the week ahead. If you provide a packed lunch for your child, please tell us via the school app.

It is important to make payments for all dinners you book upfront. Dinner will not be provided if you do not make a payment. School will contact you to bring a packed lunch for your child.

Please pay all outstanding Snack, Dinner, Morning Club, Nursery Fund, Swimming money ASAP.

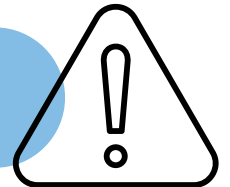


## HEAD LICE



Parents/Carers should regularly check their child's hair for head lice. If they need treatment, it is available free from chemists. We encourage pupils with long hair to wear it tied back in school as a preventative measure.

## ALLERGIES



We have a number of pupils with allergies in the school and therefore ask that everyone cooperates by not sending in the following products:

- All nuts including horse chestnuts
- Kiwi

Any breaks or packed lunches brought into school must not contain the above products. PLEASE NOTE: Many chocolate spreads DO contain nuts.

Please check ingredients carefully.

Unfortunately, due to issues arising from the labelling of products, birthday cakes must not be sent into school.

## OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School, for more information please go to the school website. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to Ms Murray, our Designated Teacher for Child Protection or Mr Clarke, School Principal.



## ATTENDANCE

It is important that children come to school every day. Please ensure any family trips are planned in school holidays. Unauthorised attendance is monitored and reported to the Education Welfare Service.



### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.



**Key  
Point**

Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.