



Weekly Newsletter

23.03.26

Easter is just around the corner – please see below some details regarding this week.

Easter Hamper Raffle Tickets on sale!
£2 per ticket



PTA Scavenger Hunt
£1 per entry

Pupils can wear non-uniform on Friday.



Term 2 ends Friday 27th March at 12 noon.



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THIS WEEK IN BOTANIC ...

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| Monday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P4 and P5 Lyric Theatre Workshop 1-3pm• P6 Parent SEAG Transfer Meeting 2.15pm |
| Tuesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• P1 - Nurse Assessments• Play Centre - P2• Swimming P5/P7• Belfast Giants Visit P4-7 |
| Wednesday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Play Centre - P5• P1 - Nurse Assessments• No Choir |
| Thursday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• French P3/P4/P6/P7 |
| Friday | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Non-Uniform - School ends at 12noon. |

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.



ENGLISH CLASSES - WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

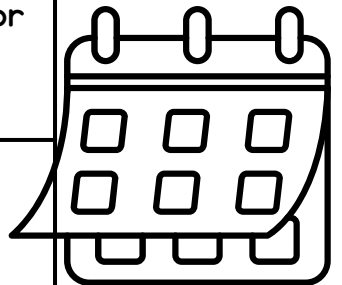
In partnership with People 1st, we are hosting English classes for Parents and Carers every Wednesday.

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

Everyone is welcome to attend!

CALENDAR DATES - APRIL AND MAY 2026

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| 27 th March | End of Term 2 - 12 noon finish for all pupils |
| 13 th April | School Development Day - No pupils in school |
| 14 th April | School reopens for pupils. Term 3 begins |
| 4 th May | May Bank Holiday - School Closed for pupils |
| 25 th May - 26 th May | May Bank Holiday and Staff Development Day - School Closed for pupils |



P7 Leavers Assembly will be Friday 26th June 2026

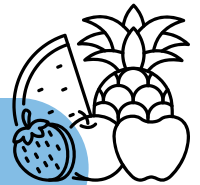


MORNING ROUTINE



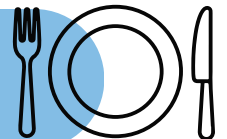
The school doors open at 8.55am and close at 9.00am. It is very important that children arrive to school on time so that they do not miss any teaching and learning. Please make every effort to be in school by 9.00am.

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.

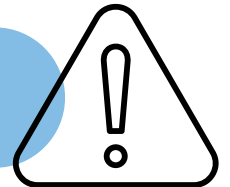


HEAD LICE



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.

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| 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.