



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another very busy first term. We hope everyone has a happy and peaceful Christmas and keeps safe over the festive period.

Thanks also to Rory Hasson and Micheal Mc Tague who helped produce this weeks newsletter.

Hopefully you find our weekly Sway newsletter useful. We aim to give you a snapshot of life in St. Patrick's, while also providing relevant dates and information. If you have any queries please telephone the school office and we will try to help.



Please find important dates and events below. We will try to give as much notice and information as possible, however there may be times when dates may change, beyond our control.

- **Please remember the increase in toast after Christmas. Please enclose £1.75 in an envelope clearly labelled with the name and class.**
- Monday 5th January: all pupils return to school.
- Monday 5th January: P7 Miss Duffin's class go swimming.
- Tuesday 6th January: all classes go to Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at 10am.
- Thursday 8th January: Presenters from Thrive Academy, will be coming to offer workshops to help children in P6 (and one date P5) to develop the necessary skills to tackle online safety concerns and to promote digital resilience. 1.30pm – 2.30pm in Rasharkin PS as part of their Shared Education Programme.

Sacraments: More information will follow closer to the time.

- First Confession: P3 Thursday 5th March at 1pm in the Church
- First Holy Communion: P4 Saturday 16th May at 11am
- Confirmation: P7 Friday 24th April at 11am
- Woodhall Residential: Both P7 classes Monday 27th April- 29th April 2026

Please find the link below for our new school website. Copy the address and paste into your searchbar.

In downloads you can find our recent Curriculum Information Evenings presentations as well as our school policies.

<https://stpatricksrasharkin.com/>

On Monday Mrs Donaghy from the Apostolic Society came into school and was presented with a cheque for £200 from our recent non-uniform day. Many thanks to everyone who contributed to this very worthy cause.



The Primary 5 and 6 had a visitor in school on Tuesday from the Dairy Council. The pupils discovered lots about keeping fit and healthy and eating a balanced diet.





1 - Some Primary 7 pupils decided to read some favourite Christmas stories to the Primary 3 class. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it!







Well done to all the classes who have worked hard on their Shape and Space Maths Competition. Congratulations to the winners in each class.



The Primary 4 Art Club made some wonderful clay Christmas decorations at the class on Tuesday afternoon. Many thanks to Mr Armstrong who provided the clay and helped us paint.

Hopefully these decorations will be a great addition to your tree at home. Also many thanks to the older children who stayed after school to help.







The Primary 5 class had a special hot chocolate and movie treat from Mrs Groogan, to say farewell as she now leaves St.Patrick's to have her baby in the new year. We all wish her all the very best for the very exciting times ahead.







The Primary 7 pupils continue to help out in the canteen each week. Well done to each of them for their great team spirit and hard work!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY SIX AND SEVEN CHILDREN

Please note the portal for selecting your P7 child's secondary school place will open at the end of the January 2026 after results are received.

At this time of year there are lots of Open Days for both P6 and P7 children to attend.

Please see information for Loreto College, Coleraine and St Conor's Open Days in January.

OPEN DAY

Saint Conor's College
Junior Site, Kilrea.

Saturday 10th January 2026

Principal's Address & Guided Tour
Session 1 9.30am - 11.30 am
Session 2 12.30 - 2.30 pm

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PARISH FAMILY MASS

Our December Family Mass will take place on **Saturday 20th at 6.30pm**, and we warmly invite all families in our parish to join us for this special celebration.

During the liturgy, the children will lead us in praying the Rosary, and at the offertory they will place decorations on our Christmas tree, adding to the joy and anticipation of the season.

We hope many families will gather with us as we come together in prayer, celebration, and community.



Wishing You a Happy and Holy Christmas! 🎄

As we wrap up this term, we want to thank all our pupils, families, and staff for their hard work and support. May your holidays be filled with joy, laughter, and special moments together. Stay safe, enjoy the festivities, and have a wonderful break!