



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Sway newsletter.

Thanks to the Primary 7 children who helped produce this weeks newsletter.

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 many change, beyond our control.

- **Please remember the increase in the cost of toast . Please enclose £1.75 in an envelope clearly labelled with the name and class.**
- Monday 26th January: Mrs Duffin's P7 class go swimming.
- Tuesday 27th January: Post primary (year 8) admissions for September 2026 open at 12 noon. Applications are completed online, with the portal closing on 19th February at 12noon.
- Tuesday 27th January: P5 hurling/camogie after school 3pm-4pm
- Tuesday 27th January: Quiz Club 3pm-4pm
- Thursday 29th January: P3 Assembly 1:30pm
- Sunday 1st February: Antrim half-time games representatives (more information for those selected once we receive it)

- Monday 2nd February: Service of Light for P7 pupils at 6:30pm in the Church.
- Friday 6th February: Credit Union Quiz in Kilrea. (More information for selected pupils to follow)
- Mid-term break: Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February inclusive.
- Monday 16th February: P7 (Mrs Mc Closkey's class) commence swimming.
- Week beginning Monday 23rd February: Parent Teacher Meetings for P1,P2,P3,P4,P6.
PLEASE NOTE PRIMARY 7 INTERVIEWS HAVE ALREADY BEEN COMPLETED AND PRIMARY 5 INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR LATER THIS TERM.
- Those classes involved in interviews will go home at 2pm every day of the week commencing 23rd February to facilitate meetings. The Primary 5 and 7 classes will remain in school as normal until 3pm.

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

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.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS:

At present we are trying to ensure all parents of pupils in our school have access to the Seesaw app. Nursery to P3 should already be logged in, as this platform has been in use from September.

All pupils from P4-P7 have received their QR codes and instructions. If you cannot log in please inform the school so we can try to fix the problem.

It is our plan eventually, that the link for the Sway newsletter will be sent via Seesaw to reduce costs to the school for text messaging.

Seesaw

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 Saturday 24th January (tomorrow) the Primary 7 children who sat the SEAG examination will receive their results. All the children are in our thoughts and we want each and every one of them to know they are capable of greatness, this exam is only one step in the journey. We are proud of each of you for doing your very best!

Please remember the importance of children wearing full school uniform. Track suit bottoms are NOT permitted in school even on PE days. P4-P7 classes should bring gear to change into for PE lessons. We thank you sincerely for your support on this issue.



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!



This week we celebrated Catholic Schools Week, with the theme being **Normal People called to Holiness.**

The Primary 7 classes started the celebrations with an assembly on Monday afternoon; on Wednesday we welcomed the grandparents of our P1 and P2 classes and we completed the week with Mass for the whole school on Friday.

Within each class we completed many important activities recognising the importance of prayer, finding out about many holy people and what we can do at school and at home to do good.

The Primary 7 classes were also busy preparing for their Service of Light.

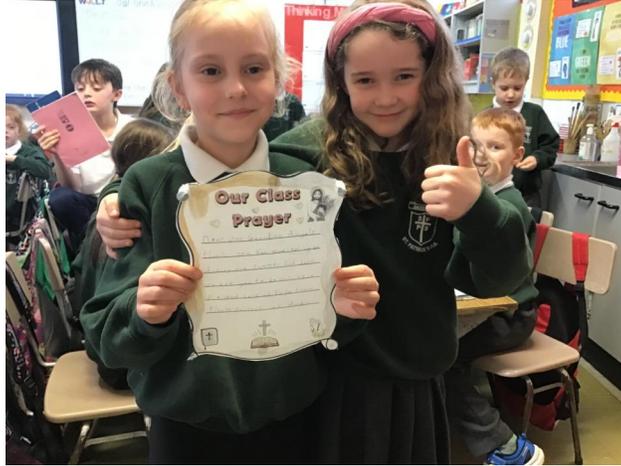
Many thanks to all those who attended. It made our week very special!







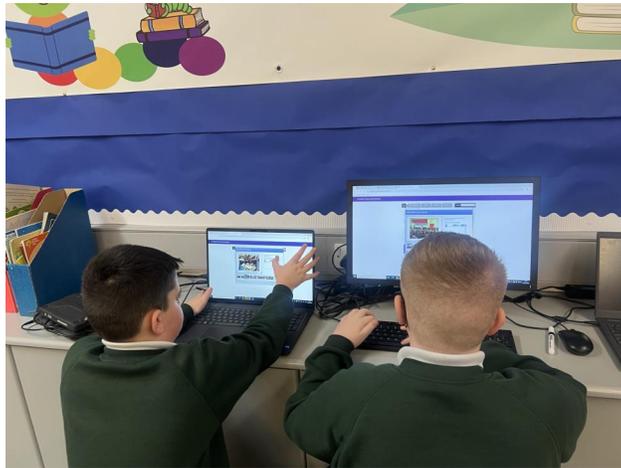






Primary 7 have been working hard on producing Photostory projects for Catholic School Week and on their creative fables from their Literacy lessons. They have used many skills to create, illustrate, photograph, use voice overs and annotate. Well done boys and girls!







Congratulations to the pupils from P1-P7 who received Pupil of the day this week.
Congratulations everyone!



Well done to the P7 girls who represented the school at the Cumann na mBunscoil indoor camogie blitz on Thursday and reached the semi-final of the cup competition. We were so very proud of the girls who displayed excellent skill and sportsmanship.



Well done to Cora McGilligan who has been selected to represent NI in the Dance World Cup in July. To be picked from over 1700 entries shows how talented Cora is. We wish Cora good luck at the competition.



Last week the Primary One class had a special treat of making toast and hot chocolate. How lucky were they! They were also very busy with their winter play activities.







On Thursday the Primary 2, 5 and 6 classes all had the opportunity to participate in a K'nex workshop with Rasharkin Primary as part of their Shared Education. This was great fun for everyone!













Primary 7 Parents:

As we approach Confirmation we are getting ready for the Service of Light.

If possible can you please send your child's baptismal candle into school. Please enclose in a small plastic bag and label with their name. This event will be held on Monday 2nd February at 6:30pm in the Church.

Please remember the importance of being to school on time each morning. All classes from P1-P7 begin their learning at 9am. Any late arrivals must be recorded as late on the school attendance.

Also where possible, please try to schedule appointments after school for children. Again, leaving school early reduces learning and must be recorded on the pupil attendance.

