



# 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.**
- Sunday 1st February: Antrim half-time games representatives (information has already be sent home. Please note the change of venue to Cushendall) Good luck to everyone!
- Monday 2nd February: Mrs Duffin's P7 class go swimming. (final session)
- Monday 2nd February: Service of Light for P7 pupils at 6:30pm in the Church. Please wear full school uniform and arrive in the Church for 6:20pm.
- Tuesday 3rd February: Healthy Kidz coach in school. P4-P7 please bring PE gear.
- Tuesday 3rd February: 3-4pm P6/P7 Quiz club
- Tuesday 3rd February: 3-4pm P5 Hurling/camogie.

- Thursday 5th February: Cumann na mBunscoil indoor hurling in Antrim Forum. Selected pupils have been informed. Permission slips will be sent home on Monday.
- Friday 6th February: Credit Union Quiz in Kilrea.
- Friday 6th February: P5 attend Mass
- Mid-term break: Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February inclusive.
- Monday 16th February: P7 (Mrs Mc Closkey's class) commence swimming.
- Tuesday 17th February: Healthy Kidz coach in school. P4-P7 please bring PE gear.
- Thursday 19th February: 6:30pm P6 SEAG Transfer Meeting for Primary 6 parents.
- 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.

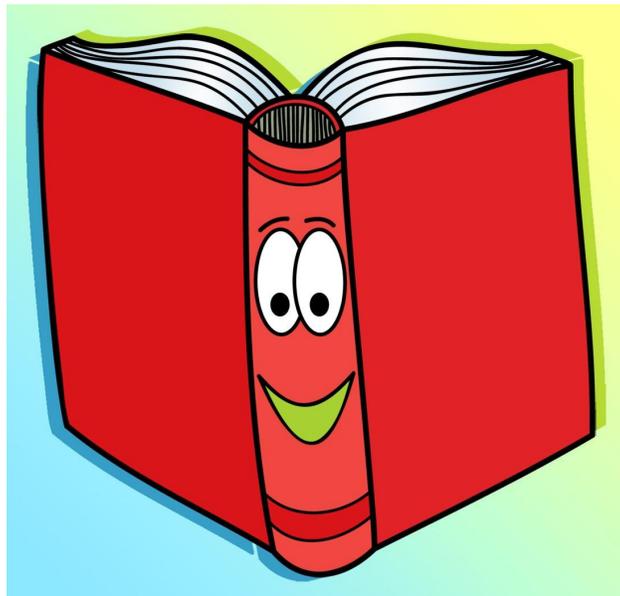
Please find the link below for our new school website. Copy the address and paste into your searchbar.

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

<https://stpatricksrasharkin.com/>

Congratulations to the Primary 3 class who performed their class assembly for parents and family members on Thursday afternoon. This assembly is of particular importance as it is the children's Enrolment Ceremony, in preparation for their Sacrament of Penance. Well done to everyone involved.

To help conclude Catholic Schools Week 2026 and to continue the importance of parents viewing pupils work, we have sent home our Religion books. Hopefully you have enjoyed taking time to discuss your child's work and been proud of the excellent standard of work completed in each class. Many thanks for taking time to complete the evaluation form. If your child's book has not already been returned to school please do so by Monday.

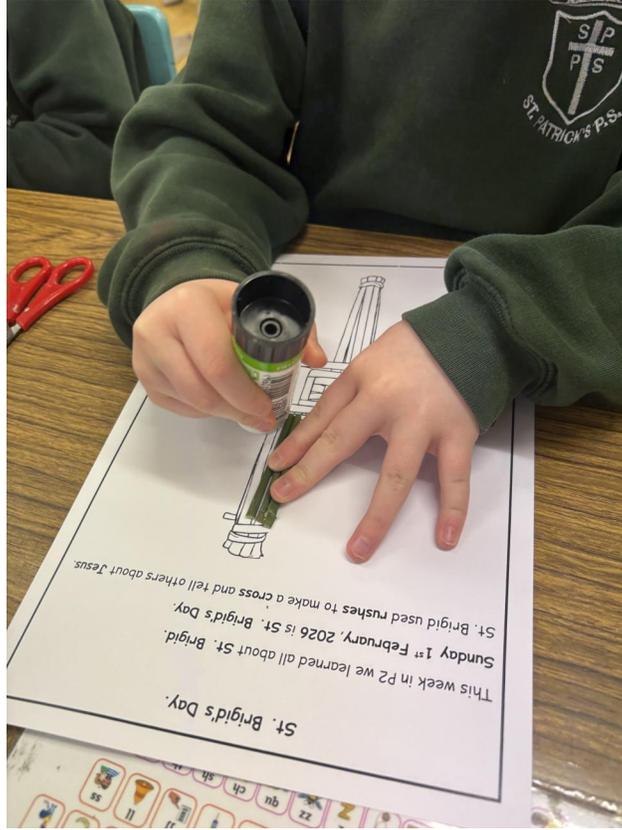
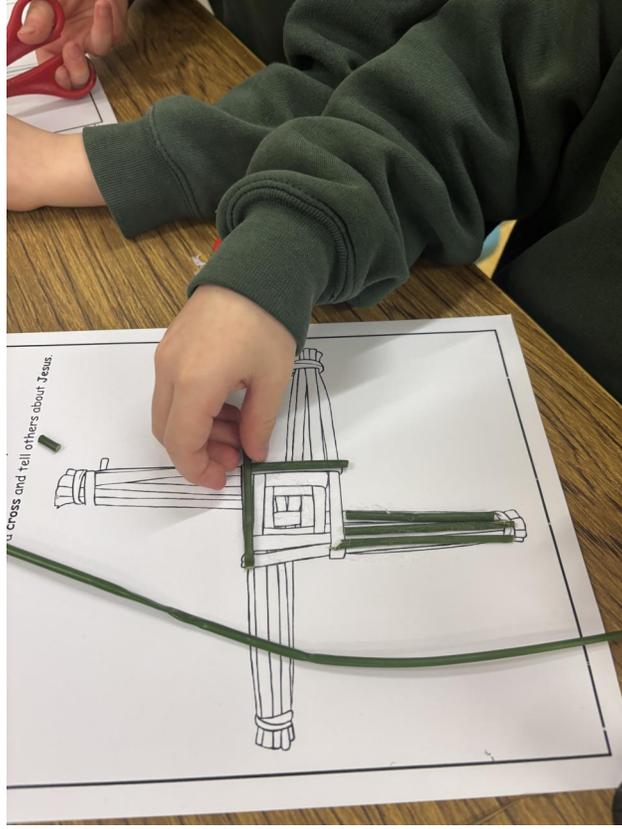


- Post primary (year 8) admissions for September 2026 have opened. Applications are completed online, with the portal closing on **19th February at 12noon**. If you require any assistance in completing the form, or have any queries please do not hesitate contacting the school.



### **St.Brigid's Crosses in Primary 2**

Mrs Mc Fadden made a cross and told the children the story of St. Brigid. Then they were 'using Maths' as they had to measure and cut the rushes to the correct length to match the spaces in the picture. The pupils were using language such as longer, shorter, too long, too short and the exact size. Well done P2!

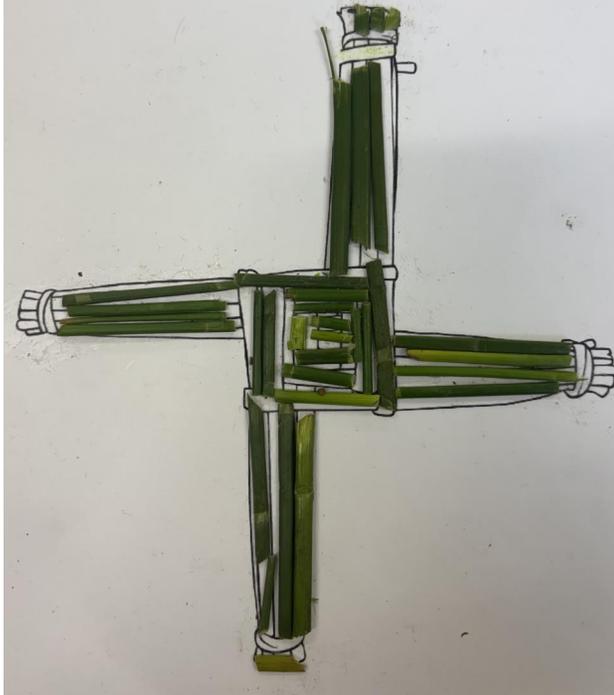




This week in P2 we learned all about St. Brigid.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2026 is St. Brigid's Day.

St. Brigid used rushes to make a cross and tell others about Jesus.



As detailed in last weeks Sway newsletter Parent Interviews for P1-P6 (**excluding P5 and P7**) will take place on Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th February.

Your scheduled interview time will be distributed next week. Pupils will go home at 2pm from Monday 23rd- Friday 27th Feb. (**excluding the P5 and P7 classes who will go home at 3pm as normal**)

Please note Primary 7 interviews have already taken place and Primary 5 will be completed at a later date.



On Wednesday 25th February- Tuesday 3rd March we are welcoming the Travelling Book Company into School. This offers all pupils from Nursery to P7 the opportunity to browse, read

and purchase some beautiful new books and a percentage of what is collected from sales will go straight to new books for our school library.

Parents will have the opportunity to come into school after 2pm and 3pm to browse and purchase if they wish. If you cannot make it, we have linked an online catalogue- unfortunately not all titles can be guaranteed to be in our collection but it may give you an idea of what is available and the cost.

online catalogue:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/bookcases>

Please do not feel under any pressure to buy. All classes will be scheduled to see the books and read together.

## TRAVELLING BOOKS

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



### **St.Mary's GAC**

Training for the following teams will commence in Dunloy Indoor Academy on Saturday 31st January.

P1/2 - Football and Hurling - 2-3pm

P3/4 Hurling 1-2pm

P5/6 Hurling 3-4pm



The Primary 7 classes were delighted to receive the work they produced with Mr Armstrong from Our Lady of Lourdes before Christmas. The standard of work was excellent and something they thoroughly enjoyed.

We are also very fortunate to have Mr Armstrong back in school completing work related to our topic of Hunger, where we are studying the work of JP Rooney.

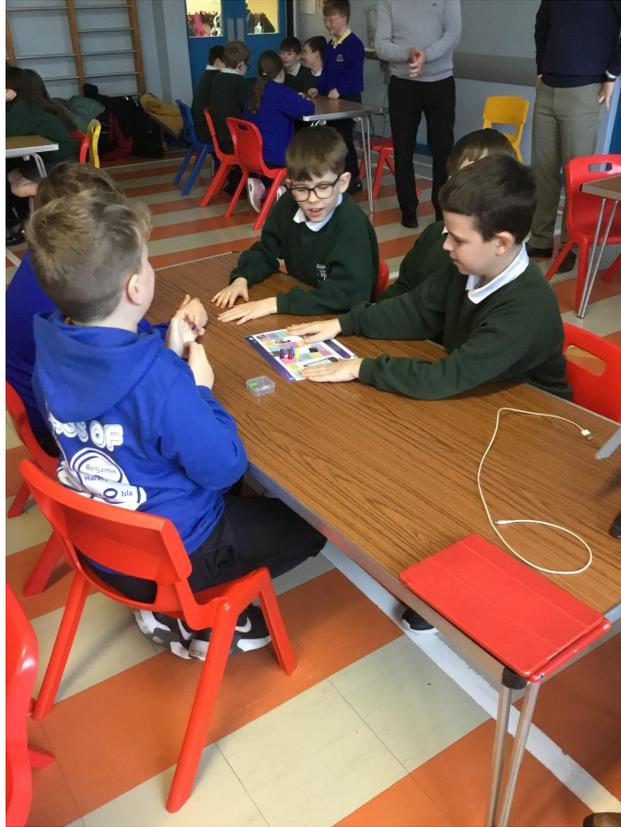






On Thursday Primary 6 continued their work with Rasharkin Primary as part of their Shared Education project. They worked with 'Thrive' to explore the importance of keeping safe online and steps to keep ourselves digitally safe.







Congratulations to Cathain Mc Gregor who was a winner at the recent St. Conor's Open Morning. His prize was personally delivered from the school principal, Mrs Collins, many thanks.



Every year Sean and Rosemary Cochrane, from Dunloy, organise a series of concerts with all proceeds going to charity. Last year they raised an amazing £52,000 which they divided among many local charities, including our own St. Patrick's Primary School PTA. We are so grateful for their continued support and this donation will make a tremendous difference. Thank you also to all who help to sponsor Sean and Rosemary's concerts.



Well done to the P7 canteen monitors, who continue to help and assist the preparation of the canteen at lunch time. They all display great teamwork and initiative!



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.

