



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Welcome to our weekly Sway newsletter.

Thanks to Ronan Mullan and Rory Hasson who helped produce this week's newsletter.

Please remember next week we are on our mid-term break so school will be CLOSED from Monday 9th Feb-Friday 13th Feb. Please enjoy the break and keep safe.

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 the cost of toast . Please enclose £1.75 in an envelope clearly labelled with the name and class.**
- **Mid-term break: Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February inclusive.**
- Monday 16th February: P7 (Mrs Mc Closkey's class) commence swimming. We depart at 9am sharp.
- Tuesday 17th February: Healthy Kidz coach in school. P4-P7 please bring PE gear.
- Tuesday 17th February: 3pm-4pm P5 Hurling/camogie after schools
- Thursday 19th February: 7pm 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. INTERVIEW TIMES ARE IN PUPIL SCHOOL BAGS TODAY.
- 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 7 class who took part in their Service of Light on Monday evening. This is an important event in preparation for their sacrament of Confirmation. Many thanks to all involved.



PRIMARY 7 PARENTS

Please find the link to order our school leavers hoodies for the two Primary 7 classes. Click on the link below to be re-directed to MFC the company providing the hoodies.

All information regarding sizes are available and it is also possible to order items with initials. The link will close on Friday 20th February at 10am.

Please do not feel under any obligation to purchase. If you have any queries please contact the school.

St. Patrick's Primary School, Rasharkin (Leavers 26)

<https://link.mfc-sports.com/97RU72>

closes 20/02/2026 10:00



Primary 1 have been very busy working on their Maths and counting skills.



P1 count and match to fix the broken hearts.



They can add .



P1 enjoy hearts maths games.





Well done to the Primary 7 pupils who were selected to represent our school at the half-time games last Sunday at the Antrim V Clare hurling game. Unfortunately the score was not as hoped for, however our children played their hearts out and Rory even got a few special autographs!













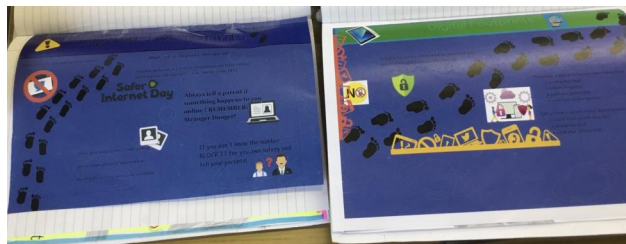
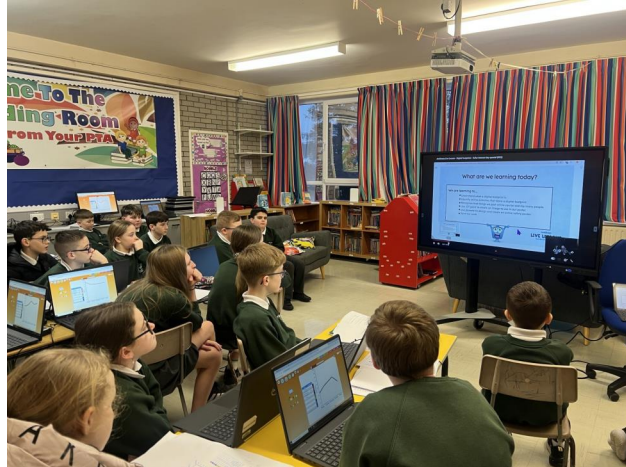
This week has been non-fiction week, where every pupil in our school has been reading, investigating and learning lots from their non-fiction books. Activities ranged from sorting books, completing thinking maps, creating quizzes and learning new vocabulary. Well done to everyone!





Mrs Mc Closkey's Primary 7 class have been busy working on creating posters about keeping safe online. They participated in a live lesson with Just2Easy and produced some excellent posters on our digital footprints.





This week the Primary 2,5, and 6 classes participated in their continuing Shared Education Programme. We welcomed the children and staff from Rasharkin Primary School to take part in coding and music workshops.



















Mrs Duffin's Primary 7 class made St. Brigid crosses this week. Well done everyone. This is a skill you will carry on for many years to come.



- 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.



IMPORTANT

Please find a copy of the new dinner menu.

EAT SMART WEEK THE LUNCH BUNCH					
WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16th February 23rd March 30th April 6th May 13th June	Beef and Peas with Lentils -Or- Chicken and Potato -Or- Roasted Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Selection of Fruit (Apple, Pear, Orange)	Homemade Beef Bolognese -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato with Herb Dressing -Or- Beef Carbonara & Sweet Potato -Or- Tuna Pasta & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Homemade Apple Spangh with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mint Rice -Or- Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Herb Dressing -Or- Chicken Pasta & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Homemade Apple Spangh with Custard	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken & Spring Cabbage -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup -Or- Baked Potato with Sweet Potato & Tomato Sauce & Cheese Sauce -Or- Lemon Pie & Macaroni on the Cob -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Veggie Kebab with Sweet Potato
20th February 27th March 5th April 12th May 19th June	Beef Potatoes and Chicken Balls -Or- Roasted Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Frozen Strawberry Yogurt and Fruit	Chicken Meatballs -Or- Chicken Meatballs -Or- Homemade Apple Spangh with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mint Rice -Or- Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Herb Dressing -Or- Chicken Pasta & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Homemade Apple Spangh with Custard	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken & Spring Cabbage -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato	Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato
26th February 5th March 12th April 19th May 26th June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers -Or- Mighty Mac 'n' Cheese -Or- Golden Fries & Spaghetti Noodles -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Baked Potato with Mashed Potatoes	Homemade Beef Bolognese -Or- Spring Potato with Chicken -Or- Roasted Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Fruit Pasta & Herbed Baby Potatoes -Or- Baked Potato with Mashed Potatoes	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mint Rice -Or- Chicken & Tomato Pasta with Herb Dressing -Or- Chicken Pasta & Sweet Potato -Or- Chicken Potatoes & Sweet Potato -Or- Homemade Apple Spangh with Custard	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken with Herb Gravy -Or- Roast Chicken & Spring Cabbage -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato -Or- Roast Chicken & Sweet Potato	Baked Pork Sausages -Or- Chicken and Potatoes with Rich Gravy -Or- Chicken and Potatoes with Rich Gravy -Or- Chicken and Potatoes with Rich Gravy -Or- Chicken and Potatoes with Rich Gravy -Or- Chicken and Potatoes with Rich Gravy
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MILK, WATER, BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY
 MENU SUBJECT TO PRODUCT AVAILABILITY
 IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR SPECIAL DIETS, PLEASE CONTACT www.burtoncatholicprimary.co.uk

This term we have enjoyed our Healthy Kidz lessons with Coach Aine. Not only have been been developing our agility and skills, we have recognised the importance of team work and problem solving.





Well done to the Primary 7 children who represented the school at the Credit Union Quiz on Friday.



The Nursery children are learning about People Who Help Us. We were delighted for Doctor O'Mullan to come and visit us in the nursery and teach us more about how doctor's help us.







On Thursday Stephen came into P6 to deliver the salmon eggs that the class will take care of. The pupils were so excited and cannot wait to take on this role of responsibility. Later in the year they will visit Bushmills Fishery.







The Nursery children enjoyed baking heart shaped shortbread for Valentine's Day!





Well done to the Primary 7 boys who participated in the Cumann na mBunscoil hurling competition in Antrim Forum yesterday. The boys played their hearts out and were successful in reaching the quarter final of the cup competition.



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 has been distributed and is in your child's school bag today. 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.



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



Congratulations to our January AR winners !!! Missing from the picture are Robert O Mullan and Jemima Smith in P7.



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



Congratulations to the Primary 4 children who participated in the After Schools Art class with Mrs Mc Closkey and Mr Armstrong. During their 6 weeks of work they produced clay Christmas decorations and painted their interpretation of Picasso's work- they are amazing!





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.

