



St.Patrick's Primary School Sway Newsletter

Dear Parents,

After a slow start this week with a few snow days, we welcomed everyone back to school for Term 2. We were delighted to see all the happy faces, ready for a new term of fun and work.

Thanks to Jude Mooney and Killian Bradley 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 12th January: Mrs Duffin's class go swimming. 9am sharp.
- Tuesday 13th January: FINAL P4 art class from 3pm-4pm.
- Tuesday 13th January: Quiz Club for P6/P7 from 3pm-4pm. Please return forms to school on Monday.
- Tuesday 13th January: Healthy Kidz After School hurling and camogie for P5 boys and girls, costing £4.00 per session for 6 weeks, £24.00 total. **Please see the information below and click on the link for booking online. Please do so before Tuesday.**
- Wednesday 14th January: Mrs Mc Guigan from St Conor's College, will be in school to take the P7 classes for a PE session. Please bring PE gear and wear suitable shoes.

- Wednesday 14th January: Cumann na mBunscoil Quiz- details to follow on Monday for those involved.
- Sunday 18th to the 24th January: All classes will celebrate Catholic Schools Week– Normal Lives, Called to Holiness. All classes will attend Mass on 23rd January.
- Saturday 24th January: SEAG test results. Post primary portal opens.
- Mid-term break: Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February inclusive.

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/>

NURSERY PUPILS ENTERING PRIMARY ONE IN SEPTEMBER 2026 AND CHILDREN ENTERING NURSERY IN SEPTEMBER 2026.

EA Connect has opened for online applications for Pre-School and P1 where verification/supporting documents are submitted. Please contact the school if you have any queries regarding completing the online forms. Please click on the link below:

www.eani.org.uk

Key dates for SEPTEMBER 2026

- 10 December 2025**
Admissions Criteria published
- 7 January 2026**
Applications open at 12 noon
- 21 January 2026**
Applications close at 12 noon

www.eani.org.uk

www.eani.org.uk/admissions

APPLICATIONS OPEN ON 7 JAN 2026

Pre-School & Primary 1
admissions criteria for
September 2026 now
live at www.eani.org.uk

eacconnect

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/>

ea Education Authority

preschooladmissions@eani.org.uk
primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

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!



Healthy Kidz will run hurling and camogie for the Primary 5 boys and girls after school, commencing on Tuesday 14th January from 3pm-4pm. Please click on the link below to book you child's place.

<https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/healthy-kidz-st-patricks-ps-rasharkin-term-2-2026-ballymena-0bc148a0-54ca-4c30-95e5-f3cc1ece69e2>



ST PATRICK'S PS, RASHARKIN

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

£24 FOR 6 WEEKS
COMMENCING 13TH JANUARY 2026

TUESDAY 6 WEEKS
P5 HURLING/CAMOGIE
@ 3PM-4PM



BOOK VIA [HEALTHY-KIDZ.COM](https://www.healthy-kidz.com)

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On Tuesday the nursery children had lots of fun playing in the snow , they even built a snowman!







On Thursday afternoon P6 had lots of fun participating in Shared Education at Rasharkin Primary School where they were learning the importance of keeping safe on-line.







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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PRIMARY SIX AND SEVEN CHILDREN

Please note the portal for selecting your P7 child's secondary school place will open on 27th 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. This week we have been visited by Mrs Ferguson from St.Conor's with 2 past pupils Cora Hegarty and Caedhan Mawhinney and Mr Armstrong from Our Lady of Lourdes.

Please see information for Loreto College, Coleraine, St.Louis Grammar School, Ballymena and St Conor's Open Days which take place in the coming days.

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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 **LORETO COLLEGE COLERAINE**
OPEN DAY

Spirituality & Excellence **SATURDAY 10TH JANUARY 2026**

Loreto College invites prospective Year 8 pupils and their parents to attend our Open Day.

The Principal's address is at:

9.30am for families living West of the River Bann 11am for families living East of the River Bann

Guided tours will commence after each address.

Year 12 students hoping to apply for post-16 studies are also welcome to attend.

See our website for more details
www.loretocollege.org.uk

ST LOUIS GRAMMAR SCHOOL, BALLYMENA
'Ut sint unum' - that they may be one

You are invited to our

OPEN EVENINGS




Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd January 2026

for P6/P7 pupils and their parents | Principal's First Address 7pm

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