



February

2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Sat	Feb 1 st
Thur	Feb 6 th
Mon	Fri Feb 10 th -14 th (inclusive)
Mon-Fri	Feb 17 th -21 st
Mon-Fri	Feb 17 th -20 th
Thur	March 6 th
Thur	Mar 13 th
Mon	Mar 17 th
Thur	March 27 th
Thur	April 17 th
Mon	April 28 th
Mon	May 5 th
Sat	May 10 th
Mon-Tue	Mav 26 th -27 th (inclusive)

St Brigid's Day
P7 Confirmation in Holy Family Church at 11am
School closed for Spring Half Term
Safer Internet Week
Cash for Clobber Week
World Book Day
St Patrick's Day Concert 10am and 1pm
School closed for St Patrick's Day holiday
P3 First Confession at St Therese Church at 11am
School closing at noon for the Easter holidays
School reopening for Term 3
School closed
P4 First Holy Communion
School closed

SACRAMENTS

Please remember our P7 pupils and their families in your prayers, as they make their final preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We hope the children have a wonderful celebration of the sacrament and that it provides a valuable opportunity for them to get closer to God and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit as they journey into the future.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK/GRANDPARENTS DAY

During the week 20th-25th January, our whole school and parish community celebrated Catholic Schools Week on the theme of *Alive in Christ*. The high point of the week was, as always, Grandparents' Day on the Wednesday when we were delighted to host a huge number of our much-loved grandparents. Judging by the feedback from grandparents on departure, they really enjoyed their special day with the children. We hope their decorated door hangers will have pride of place in their homes and remind them of the Jubilee Year of Hope.



FEAST OF ST BRIGID

Beannachtai Lá Féile Bríde oraibh! Happy St Brigid's Day on Feb 1st. Well done to our P2s who told us all about the life of St. Brigid in their assembly. Through drama, narration and singing, we learnt about the life of a very special Irish saint.

ST THERESE CELEBRATION

On Thurs Jan 23rd, the children from P5-P7 led a parish Mass to launch the year of celebrations marking 100 years since the canonisation of St. Therese of Lisieux. The children contributed magnificently to the beautiful celebration through their participation in the readings and hymns. We look forward to further events to mark this truly significant year in the life of our parish community.



SPORTING NEWS

The boys and girls of P6/7 have had a busy month with several events taking place. The boys in P7 took part in the BPSFA 5-a-side Tournament at the Shankill Leisure Centre against 7 other teams from across Belfast. The boys started slowly and grew into the tournament to eventually finish in 3rd place. The girls in P6/7 took on Victoria Park PS in the first round of the Liz Bryson Cup at Avoniel Leisure Centre. In a highly competitive game St Therese managed to score midway through the first half and went in ahead at half time. The second half followed much the same way with competitive football and St Therese managing to score another goal. With time almost up, Victoria Park pulled one back to make for a nervous last few minutes but St Therese showed great composure to hold out for victory and progress to the next round of the cup. The boys in P7 took part in the Cumann Na mBunscol indoor football championship at the Colin Glen Dome. Pitted against St John the Baptist PS and St Joseph's Slate Street, the boys managed to push SJB all the way before they prevailed. In the second game, the boys gave an excellent performance to secure victory against St Joseph's. Well done to all of the boys and girls who took part in the various teams.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day 2025 in Feb is based around the theme **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'**. The children across the school will be learning about being safe, positive and responsible online, protecting themselves and others, as well as supports available to them, alongside the issue of scams online.

The Department of Education have made the **'Safer Schools NI'** parent app available. This app helps you to navigate the digital world and give you the tools to protect your child when they are online.



Search for **'Safer Schools NI'** in the App/Play Store. Follow the instructions to register and create an account, select our school and input **2030** when asked for a code.

Most social media platforms are not designed or recommended for primary school children. If parents allow their children use any of these platforms, please be vigilant about your child's online activity and review their devices on a daily basis to ensure that they are not being used inappropriately.



DIGITAL SCHOOLS AWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND



POST PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS SEPT 2025

The application process for P7 children transferring to post primary school in Sept 2025 is now open. Applications via EA Connect must be submitted by Thur Feb 20th at 12 noon. The comprehensive EA booklet 'Applying for a Year 8 Post Primary Place' was shared on the P7 Dojo on Jan 21st. Further information, videos, and individual school criteria are also available on the EA website [here](#). The EA Admissions Helpdesk is open from Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm, throughout the application window and can be contacted at 028 9047 0177. Alternatively, they can be emailed at postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk. Please phone the school if additional advice or guidance is needed.

CASH FOR CLOBBER

Start packing your bags! The Cash for Clobber collection is back to raise funds for learning resources to complete our school garden. If you have any clean items of clothing, shoes, bed linen, towels or curtains which you would be willing to donate, please bag up and drop into our school hall anytime between Mon 17th and Thurs 20th February. Each child will receive one entry into a draw for each bag donated, with the winning ballot receiving a pizza party for their class!

WORLD BOOK DAY

The countdown is on, and we have just five weeks until we celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March**. There will be range of activities happening throughout our school and we are looking forward to seeing lots of book characters made from junk/construction materials or vegetables from all our classes. Last year's creations can be seen [here](#).



ADVICE NI

Independent advice on benefits, money, debt, tax credits, accessing additional support, and managing your bills is available from Advice NI on 0800 915 4604 or by email at advice@adviceni.net. See <https://www.adviceni.net/> for further information.

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Mon to Thur: 8.30am-4.15pm Fri: 8.30am- 3.15pm