



March

2025

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	April 28 th
Fri	May 2 nd
Mon	May 5 th
Sat	May 10 th
Mon-Tue	May 26 th -27 th (inclusive)
Thur-Fri	June 12 th -13 th
Mon	June 30 th

SACRAMENTS

Our P7s made their Confirmation in February in a beautiful ceremony. The ice cream treat provided by the PTA was well deserved.

Please remember our P3s in your prayers as they prepare for their First Confession.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

The orchestra, P4 and P5 year groups, P7 tin whistle group and dancers from P4-7 will perform at our St Patrick's Day concerts on Thur March 13th at 10 am and 1pm. The programme will be the same for both performances, so parents/carers are most welcome to attend whichever suits best. Tickets (£5) on sale at the door.

SCHOOL HARDSHIP PROGRAMME

We are using our Belfast City Council School Hardship funding to offer Free School Meals (FSM) more widely and to subsidise the Breakfast Club for families not entitled to FSM. If your child is **not** currently entitled to FSM and you would like avail of these supports, please email info@stthereseoflisieux.belfast.ni.sch.uk asap. Please put **School Hardship Programme** in the subject line of the email. We aim to respond to all requests and ensure a fair distribution of our allocation so that as many families as possible can benefit. However, the funding is limited and once it has been allocated it is unlikely that more will be made available. Information about FSM/Uniform Grants eligibility is available online [here](#).

IMPORTANT DATES

World Book Day
St Patrick's Day Concert 10am and 1pm (P4 and 5)
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
Book Fair Week
PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
School closed
P4 First Holy Communion-10am (CMcC)/12noon (KN)
School closed
P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

SAFER INTERNET WEEK

Safer Internet Week took place during 17th - 21st February, with all year groups engaging in fun, interactive learning activities, teaching the importance of how to stay safe online. The theme for this year is **'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'** As part of the celebration Week, P7 Digital Leaders delivered a very informative online safety assembly to P3- P7 classes, giving lots of practical advice about staying safe. They also held a very informative Q&A session from pupils who had questions relating to Internet safety. A family online safety presentation, voiced by some of our pupils, is also available on Dojo and the school website [here](#) to support discussions at home.



Remember the **'Safer Schools NI'** app, funded by DE, has a host of helpful information/ advice about online safety. To access, download the app, create your account, select our school and input **2030** when asked for a code.

PSNI VISIT

A big thank you to the North Belfast PSNI for coming to talk to P4-P7 about online safety during Safer Internet Week. The officers reminded the children of the importance of keeping our details private and protected while gaming and interacting with others online. The children were also reminded about the dangers of using social media and messaging platforms, as well as age restrictions and the consequences of inappropriate behaviour.

SPORTING NEWS

The P6/7 girls football team took part in the BPSFA 5-a-side tournament at the Shankill Leisure Centre competing against schools from right across Greater Belfast. The girls gave an excellent account of themselves with victories, draws and a single defeat which lead them to eventually finish third overall in their group, missing out on a place in the semi-finals by 1 point. Well done to all of our girls for their fantastic performances and being exemplary ambassadors for the school.

Our girls' gaelic football team took part in the Cumann Na mBunscol Indoor Football league at the Colin Glen Indoor 3G dome at the beginning of February. The girls played three games in their group and gave committed performances to push their opponents to the end of each game. Well done girls and good luck for the upcoming football championship.

The boys and girls from Primary 6 & 7 took part in the qualifying trials for the Belfast City Council Cross Country Championship which takes place on the 4th of March at the Grove playing fields. Running approximately 1.5km, over 70 children took part for just 32 places. The huge interest was inspiring to see and the camaraderie amongst them all was refreshing. Well done to those who qualified and good luck in the North Belfast heat.

Huge thanks to parents who help with transporting children to the various events. Buses are very expensive and it is also proving very difficult to book buses for short trips.

CREDIT UNION QUIZ



Congratulations to the pupils that represented P6 & P7 at the local Credit Union Quiz. There were many tough questions incorporating a broad range of topics and the children eagerly used all of their knowledge to come 2nd in both categories! Many thanks to the Credit Union for providing treats for the quiz teams. An enjoyable event for all involved!

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Designated Teacher for Child Protection-Mr Coyle
Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection-Mrs Acum

CASH FOR CLOBBER

We were overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who contributed to the Cash for Clobber appeal in February. A whopping 1260kg of items were donated, raising £252 towards our outdoor learning resources. We are also delighted to announce that Lucia in Mrs McIlwaine's class was the winner of our raffle, and has won a pizza party, (sponsored by Fireaway Pizza) for her class in the coming weeks!

WORLD BOOK DAY

Only one week to go until World Book Day on **Thursday 6th March!** We will have lots of activities happening in every class to celebrate this special day. The children will not be dressing up, but we are looking forward to seeing all the book characters made from junk, construction materials or vegetables. Have a look at the incredible creations from last year. <https://www.stthereseoflisieux.co.uk/news/world-book-day-2024-a/> Our Book Fair Week will be just after the Easter holidays, from Monday 28th April- 2nd May.



BEING WELL DOING WELL (BWDW) SURVEYS

Thanks to the pupils, staff, parents and governors who completed the BWDW surveys last term. A huge majority of responses agreed that the school provides lots of opportunities that promote positive emotional health and wellbeing. We look forward to the further opportunities that being involved in this 5-year project with the Education Authority will bring.

BEREAVEMENT

Marie Rigby, who worked in our canteen for 15 years has died after a short illness. No matter how busy, Marie always had a smile and a kind word for every child. We offer our deepest condolences to her family. St Therese of Lisieux pray for her.



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