



# April

## 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Mon	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
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Fri	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Mon	May 5 <sup>th</sup>
Sat	May 10 <sup>th</sup>
Mon-Tue	May 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup> (inclusive)
Fri	June 6 <sup>th</sup>
Wed	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thur-Fri	June 12 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 13 <sup>th</sup>
Mon	June 30 <sup>th</sup>

P6 Passion Play 10am  
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  
P1 and P2 Sports Day-weather permitting  
P7 Sports Day-weather permitting  
P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway  
P5 and P6 Sports Day-weather permitting  
P3 and P4 Sports Day-weather permitting  
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

### SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P3 pupils who made their First Confession last week. Our thanks go to their families, Fr Michael Spence and Fr John O' Lavery who supported them so well as they prepared for the sacrament. Thanks also to the P7s who sang with the P3s during the ceremony.

### ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT

Huge congratulation to everyone involved in our St Patrick's Day celebrations. We had outstanding performances in both concerts from our very talented children in the P4 and P5 year groups, the KS2 dancers, all our musicians including the new P7 tin whistle group, as well as our new P6 compère! What a talented bunch!

### TRÓCAIRE FUNDRAISING

With the reception of ashes on Ash Wednesday, the Lenten journey has well and truly begun. We have designated a special period for fundraising for Trócaire to help those less fortunate than ourselves. During their assembly, P7 introduced us to a family in Guatemala who are suffering greatly from the effects of climate change. Over the next two weeks all classes will take part in a sponsored challenge to help gather much needed funds to help others in need throughout our world. During these financially challenging times, any support is greatly appreciated.

### P6 PASSION PLAY

Our P6s will present the story of the Passion to the school community during Holy Week. This is always one of the highlights of our year and a beautiful way to reflect on the events of Holy Week and to prepare for Easter. Parents/ carers of P6 children are welcome to attend on Wed April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

### BREAK THE RULES DAY-PTA FUNDRAISER

Huge thanks to our very hardworking PTA who presented us with 32 new iPads earlier this year! Thanks also to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts by filling in gift aid forms, taking part in the Asda Cashpot, attending the Halloween Discos and Summer Fair (sponsored by Lidl), and giving so generously towards Break the Rules Day 2024 . A fantastic community effort to raise so much money! The next PTA fundraiser is our 'Break the Rules Day' on Fri May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. Further details will be sent home.

### ONLINE PAYMENTS SYSTEM

A number of parents have asked about the school introducing an online payments system. These systems are very expensive to purchase, and the Education Authority have been talking about providing one at no cost to schools for several years. They are currently finalising a new Information Management System for schools and we hope that an online payments system will be part of the package!

## SPORTING NEWS

The 6/7 boys played Stranmillis in the quarter final of the league in a highly competitive match which saw Stranmillis win 1-0 to progress to the next round. Fantastic performances by all involved on both sides.

The girls from P6/7 took on St John the Baptist PS in the quarter finals of the Liz Bryson Cup. The game was full of great attacking and excellent defending from start to finish. In the last minute of extra time, St John the Baptist got the crucial goal to take them through. A wonderful effort from all the girls!

P6 and 7 boys took part in the Inter Schools Futsal tournament at the Shankill Leisure Centre. Placed in Group 1 against some tough opponents, the boys finished third in the group to qualify for the play offs. They managed to win every match in the playoffs with an excellent victory over Six Mile PS in the final to come out top on the day and qualify for the overall final's day. A superb achievement for the boys!

Our boys from P6 and 7 took on St Patrick's in the rescheduled Cumann na mBunscol Division 4 League Final. The game was an extremely competitive and high scoring affair which saw a lot of great scores, tackles and saves from both sides. St Therese managed to win the game with a scoreline of 6-9 to 5-8 and secure the title for this year. Well done boys.

Thirty-two children from P6 and 7 competed in the cross-country championship at the Grove playing fields. In a highly competitive field, all four teams managed to secure their places at the final in Mallusk in April. In the overall individual races, we had multiple children in each race placing in the top 10 and even some podium finishes which also secured their individual places in the final.

## ENGINEERING WEEK

As part of Engineering Week activities, our P7s enjoyed participating in a workshop led by engineers from AECOM. The children got an insight into the role of an engineer before they participated in a practical activity where they used spaghetti and marshmallows to build a structure. A fun way to develop both problem solving and team work skills.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

Thanks to the McCready family for the fabulous Easter Basket they have donated. The School Council are selling ballot tickets at breaktime for the basket and other prizes at 50p per ticket. They will use the money raised to buy small games/equipment for lunchtime activities.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Our thanks to all the families who helped us make World Book Day on March 6<sup>th</sup> so special. The amazing creativity and ingenuity of our community was demonstrated in the huge variety of characters on display in school that week. Have a look at them [here](#).

## BOOK FAIR WEEK

We are delighted that the Book Fair will be returning to our school just after the Easter break on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**. There will be hundreds of books from lots of authors and the 3 for 2 offers will be available. The event creates so much excitement throughout the school and we receive commission on the sales. This helps provide resources for all our classes. More details about the fair will be sent out before Easter.



## BIG WALK AND WHEEL

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

Congratulations to all the boys & girls that have won spot prizes so far for taking part in the Big Walk & Wheel! It's not too late to be in with a chance of winning a prize so make sure to walk, scoot or cycle to school over the last few days if you can!

A few safety tips to remember:

- Please ensure your bike/scooter is locked during the day.
- Please wear a helmet when cycling/scooting.
- Please be aware of traffic.
- Please remember that school is a pedestrian zone-nobody should be cycling or scooting in school grounds.

## SPORTS DAYS-WEATHER PERMITTING

Sports Days are planned for the following dates - weather permitting.

<b>P1/2</b>	<b>06/06/25</b>
<b>P3/4</b>	<b>13/06/25</b>
<b>P5/6</b>	<b>12/06/25</b>
<b>P7</b>	<b>11/06/25</b>



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