



May

2025

Mon-Fri	April 28 th -May 2 nd
Fri	May 2 nd
Mon	May 5 th
Sat	May 10 th
Thur	May 15 th
Wed	May 21 st
Mon-Tue	May 26 th -27 th (inclusive)
Wed-Thur	June 4 th -5 th
Fri	June 6 th
Wed	June 11 th
Thur-Fri	June 12 th -13 th
Thur	June 12 th
Fri	June 13 th
Thur	June 19 th
Tue	June 24 th
Mon	June 30 th

SACRAMENTS

Please keep our P4 children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion this month.

FIRST COMMUNION TEA

The PTA very kindly provide a lovely First Communion Tea in school after the two First Holy Communion ceremonies. However, they need volunteers, new and old, to help with this on Sat May 10th. We ask P3 and P5 parents in particular to consider volunteering for an hour or two as the P5 families were able to avail of the event last year and the P3 families will benefit next year. Please contact the school office or any PTA member if you can help.

Donations of cakes/ traybakes/biscuits etc for the Communion tea are also very welcome and can be left at the office from Tue May 6th.

BREAK THE RULES DAY-PTA FUNDRAISER

'Break the Rules Day' is on Fri May 2nd. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. Please return donation/gift aid forms by Friday.

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Book Fair Week
PTA Fundraiser-Break the Rules Day
School closed
P4 First Holy Communion-10am (CMcC)/12noon (KN)
Centenary Celebration Mass 10am St Therese Church
School Photographer for P1 and P7
School closed
P7 Production of Oliver in the school hall at 10.30am
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
P7 Leavers Mass in St Therese Church at 11am
P7 Leavers Disco
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

P6 PASSION PLAY

Congratulations to our P6 children who presented the Passion Story to the school community during Holy Week. The children were amazing and showed such reverence in their readings, drama and singing. It was a beautiful way for us all to reflect on the events of Holy Week and to prepare for Easter.

TRÓCAIRE FUNDRAISING

The P7 boys and girls launched our Lenten campaign with a digital presentation for the school on the work of Trocaire in Guatemala. They discussed issues surrounding the impact of global warming and how we as a community have a role to play in reducing its impact. The children from P1-7 then engaged in a wide range of fundraising activities for this very worthy cause including a Farmyard Hullabaloo, Crazy Hair Day, Zumba Challenge, Readathon, Disco, Circuits, Football and an 8km walk. Huge thanks to everyone who supported the fundraising efforts. £3376.41 was raised-an amazing total and testament to the generosity of our community.

TREK

Well done to all the children for their efforts and enthusiasm during the recent TREK programme. TREK is a 2 week PDMU (Personal Development and Mutual Understanding) programme which focuses on recognising, respecting and accepting difference in our society. We spent time discussing the 4 TREK values of Truth, Respect, Empathy and Kindness and the ways in which the children display these values.

SPORTING NEWS

Huge congratulations to our P7 boys who were crowned 2025 Inter Schools Futsal Champions in April. After playing all their group matches, they topped the table with two victories and a draw. They beat Nettlefield in the quarter-final and Holy Cross Boys' in the semi final. The final saw St Therese take on St Bernard's, Wynchurch. From the first kick off, St Therese took control of the game and quickly built a strong three nil lead which looked like they had secured the title. However, a spirited comeback from St Bernard's with two goals brought the game back to life. A series of close misses and great saves meant that St Therese managed to hold on and secure the victory.

Boys from P5-7 took part in the Corn Gerard Lawlor Memorial Day at Naomh Eanna CLG before Easter. They played a round robin series of games against local schools. On a glorious day for football, St Therese's boys demonstrated a range of excellent skills in defence and going forward. Well done to all our boys and a big thank you to all who organised the day.

Well done also to the P6 and P7 boys and girls who got through to the Belfast Schools Cross Country Championship final in April. They showed determination and grit and were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

SPORTS DAYS-WEATHER PERMITTING

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

P1/2 06/06/25

P3/4 13/06/25

P5/6 12/06/25

P7 11/06/25

MUSIC SUCCESS

Huge congratulations to the P6 and P7 children who did their violin exams recently. Every one of them got a distinction! Mrs Larmour and Mrs Mulholland are very proud of them all!

PHOTOGRAPHER

Whitehall Studios Photography will be in school on Wed May 21st to take individual photographs of children in P1 and P7. If the P1 and P7 children have siblings in other year groups, they will facilitate family photographs, if parents wish. Further details will be shared in the next few weeks.

SUN SAFETY

Hopefully, we will have lovely weather in May and June. Please make sure your child has a sunhat (labelled with name and class) and apply sun cream if it is very hot.

PERIOD DIGNITY POLICY

As part of our Pastoral Care policies we have developed a new policy following on from the Executive's Period Dignity Act. The draft is available to read [here](#) on our website. Comments/suggestions/questions on the policy from parents/carers are welcomed via email.

P4 CHILDREN SAVE EASTER

P4 children in Ms McClenaghan's class had great fun completing a mission to find the Easter Bunny and save Easter for children all over the world! They received a message telling them that Gru and his minions had kidnapped the Easter Bunny and hidden him somewhere in the school!!! However, the minions could not remember where they had hidden the Easter Bunny! Their mission was to follow the mathematics trail around the school, solving problems along the way. The children worked together to solve problems, using great mathematical language to explain their thinking, and applying a range of problem-solving strategies. Mrs.O'Prey was VERY PROUD of all her little helpers!

BOOK FAIR WEEK

We are delighted that it has been a very busy Book Fair Week. Parents are welcome to attend from 2-2.30 on Friday May 2nd. The Book Fair is an important part of our school year for all classes. It generates so much buzz throughout the school and we receive a significant amount of commission on sales. This helps provide reading resources for every classroom. Thank you so much for your support.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please make sure that all clothing is labelled clearly so mislaid items can be returned to their owner. It is important to check the labels regularly to ensure that name/class are still visible. With the lovely weather we are currently experiencing, lots of cardigans and jumpers are being mislaid.

A gentle reminder that the only logo on our PE uniform is the school logo on the sweatshirt. We ask that branded sportswear is **not** worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform. Fireaway Pizza have given us some more Pizza Vouchers so we are using them to promote wearing our uniform with pride. Children wearing the correct uniform in May will be entered into a ballot for Fireaway 9" Signature Pizza vouchers. If anyone needs any uniform items, we have a stock of free 'preloved' items-just ask a member of staff.

BUDDY READING

Our Buddy Reading Programme for all P3 and P7 children has finished. This excellent programme encourages and establishes good reading practices among all the participants. Always a very enjoyable experience for everyone involved as well as giving a great opportunity to the P3s to develop their reading skills and the P7s to develop their leadership skills.

HOLIDAYS 2025-26

The draft holiday list for next year is available [here](#).

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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