



# April 2026



## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed	April 1 <sup>st</sup>
Thur	April 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tue	April 14 <sup>th</sup>
Mon-Fri	April 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	April 30 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	May 1 <sup>st</sup>
Mon-Tue	May 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>
Sat	May 16 <sup>th</sup>
Mon-Tue	May 25 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup>
Wed-Thur	June 3 <sup>rd</sup> -4 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 5 <sup>th</sup>
Wed	June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Thur	June 11 <sup>th</sup>
Thur-Fri	June 11 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>
Fri	June 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thurs	June 18 <sup>th</sup>
Tue	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  
School Photographer for P1 and P7  
PTA Fundraiser -Break the Rules Day  
Bank Holiday -school closed  
P4 First Holy Communion -11am  
Bank Holiday -school closed  
P7 Show 10.30am  
P1 and 2 Sports Day – weather permitting  
P7 Sports Day – weather permitting  
P5 and 6 Sports Day – weather permitting  
P7 Residential Trip to Ganaway  
P3 and 4 Sports Day – weather permitting  
PTA Summer Disco  
School closing at noon for the summer holidays

### **P6 PASSION PLAY**

Our P6s will present the story of the Passion to the school community on Wed April 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 at 10am.

### **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.

### **ST PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT**

Huge congratulation to all the children who contributed to our St Patrick's Day celebrations. We had outstanding performances from our orchestra, the very talented children in the P4 and P5 year groups, the KS2 dancers, the P7 singers, the P7 tin whistle group and our P7 compère! What a talented bunch!

### **TRÓCAIRE FUNDRAISING**

From Farmyard Hullaballos and Crazy Hair Days to walking in solidarity with a family in Rwanda, the children are enjoying their fundraising activities for Trócaire. Please make sure any donations are sent in before we close for Easter.

### **SCHOOL WEBSITE**

Check out our [website](#) for lots more news and photos.

### **BREAK THE RULES DAY-PTA FUNDRAISER**

Huge thanks to our very hardworking PTA who have just purchased a class set of hurling equipment for use during KS2 PE lessons. Thanks also to everyone who has supported the fundraising efforts by filling in gift aid forms, attending the Halloween Discos and giving so generously towards Break the Rules Day last year. A fantastic community effort to raise so much money! The next PTA fundraiser is our 'Break the Rules Day' on Fri May 1<sup>st</sup>. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. Further details will be sent home.

### **SCHOOL NURSING NEWSLETTER**

Every school in the Belfast Trust is supported by a dedicated team of School Nurses. These nurses work both in schools and in the community to promote the health, development, and well-being of all school-aged children. Each team is led by a Specialist Community Public Health Nurse, who helps identify health needs early and provides support to children and families when it's needed most. Their newsletter available [here](#) contains a wealth of information, resources and contact details on healthy lifestyle / eating, bedwetting (enuresis), emotional wellbeing/self-harm, dental health, immunisations, behavioural concerns, family support and general health and development.

## SPORTING NEWS



The boys and girls from Primary 7 took part in the North Belfast heats of the Belfast City Council cross-country championships at a wet and windy Grove Playing Fields on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. With a strong overall showing, we had a number of podium and top 10 performances that has secured representation at the finals day in Mallusk in April. Well done to all of the boys and girls who represented the school with fantastic pride and determination.



Our girls and boys Gaelic football teams took part in their Cumann na mBunscol semi-finals in March in very challenging weather conditions. The girls battled bravely against Good Shepherd PS and, despite a strong second half display, were narrowly beaten. In the boys' match, St Therese PS fought back superbly in the second half to overturn an early deficit and secure victory against Bunscoil na Fuiseoige. Well done to both teams on two excellent performances!



## TRANSFORM ED/AMENDED HOLIDAY LIST

The Department of Education (DE) is carrying out a major review of the education system in Northern Ireland. The review, TransformED NI, outlines a comprehensive strategy for the transformation of teaching and learning in Northern Ireland. As part of this process, DE have granted schools two additional Staff Development Days this year to support the Transform Ed programme and curriculum review. Therefore, we will be closed to pupils on two additional days later this year: Monday April 13<sup>th</sup> and Tue May 5<sup>th</sup>. The amended holiday list is available [here](#).

## 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

Huge thanks to all our families for supporting World Book Day on March 5<sup>th</sup> -so many wonderfully creative costumes and characters in school that day! A very enjoyable way to celebrate the joy that reading brings. Huge thanks also to Chichester Library for inviting our P4s to a fantastic workshop with author, Ashwin Chacko, who read one of his books and shared how he brings his stories to life. Ashwin then led the children in a fun illustration session where they learned how to create their own characters.

## SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

The Book fair arrives after the Easter break Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April with some great titles and the very popular 3 for 2 offer available again this year. Our school receives commission on all book sales, so we are very grateful for all your support which helps us purchase new literacy resources for our school. Buying times and details to follow.

## 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 won spot prizes for taking part in the Big Walk & Wheel!

A few safety tips to remember:

- Ensure your bike/scooter is locked during the day.
- Wear a helmet when cycling/scooting.
- Be aware of traffic.
- 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 in the main playground - weather permitting.

<b>P1/2</b>	<b>05/06/25</b>
<b>P3/4</b>	<b>12/06/25</b>
<b>P5/6</b>	<b>11/06/25</b>
<b>P7</b>	<b>10/06/25</b>

## DOGS

Reminder that **no dogs** should be on the school site other than guide/assistance dogs. Please share this expectation with those who collect your child(ren)!



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