



May 2026



IMPORTANT DATES

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

FIRST COMMUNION TEA

The PTA very kindly provide a lovely First Communion Tea in school after the First Holy Communion ceremonies. However, they need volunteers, new and old, to help with this on Sat May 16th. 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. Tin Man photography will be available in school to take family /individual photographs on the day at a very reasonable cost.

Donations of cakes/ traybakes/biscuits etc for the Communion tea are also very welcome and can be left at the office from Tue May 12th.

BREAK THE RULES DAY-PTA FUNDRAISER

'Break the Rules Day' is on Fri May 1st May. Children can choose to break certain 'rules' by making a donation to the PTA. Huge thanks to Pizza Crew for sponsoring the day by donating a £5 voucher for each child taking part and for giving us a £20 voucher to be balloted in each class. Please return donations and gift aid forms by Friday.

Our P7s have enjoyed making use of the hurling equipment which has recently arrived in school- thanks to everyone in the PTA for your fundraising!



SACRAMENTS

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

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 APPEAL

Huge thanks from Trocaire to everyone who contributed to our Trocaire appeal over Lent - £2856.47 was donated.

BIKE MARKING – PSNI VISIT

The PSNI will be visiting our school on Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th May to carry out bike marking. Bike marking helps ensure that bikes can be returned to their owners if they are lost or stolen. Further details will be shared with parents shortly.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

A massive thank you for the support we received during our Book Fair Week. We had hundreds of books for sale, and it was so well attended every day! There was such a great buzz throughout the school about authors, books and stationery. Due to your generosity we will be able to buy lots of new books for our school. We hope that the children enjoy their exciting new reads!

SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

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

SPORTING NEWS

April was a busy month with big events for the boys and girls of St Therese of Lisieux. The boys from P6/7 took on Good Shepherd PS in the final of the Cumann na mBunscol Championship. Despite a very committed performance, Good Shepherd managed to secure victory and bring the trophy back to Poleglass. The annual Feile Gerard Lawlor took place at Naomi Eanna. Due to the weather, the event was moved to an indoor tournament. The boys enjoyed a great day out and one child received the Gaelgoir an Lea award for their excellent Irish speaking. Our final event of the month was the Belfast City Council Cross Country Finals at Mallusk Playing Fields. The majority of the P6/7 children took part in the open finals whilst some qualified for the main finals courtesy of their top 10 heat finishes. At the end of business, we had three children finish first, second and third in their races and three others placed in the top 10. A fantastic performance from all the children involved. Well done to all who took part!

THE GREAT MATHEMATICS BAKE OFF COMPETITION

Why not have a go at putting your child's measuring skills to good use by entering our annual mathematics 'Bake Off' competition!

This will give your child an opportunity to practise measuring ingredients, handling different quantities and monitoring time by baking a delicious treat! Encourage and help your child to measure ingredients and to read scales with an appropriate degree of accuracy. This could be a lovely activity to do with your child during one of our holidays in May. The competition is open to all children from P1-P7. Each entrant must submit an **A3 or A4 poster of their work**. This can include photographs, pic collages, drawings, etc.. **Don't forget to include lots of mathematical information!** All entries must be submitted to the class teacher by Thursday 4th of June.

GOOD LUCK and HAPPY BAKING!!

UNIFORMS

The children look so smart in their school uniforms. 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. Please note that the **only** logo on our PE uniform is the school badge on the sweatshirt. Plain navy jogging bottoms/shorts are readily and cheaply available. Trainers should be **dark** and as plain as possible. We ask that branded sportswear is **not** worn to school as it is not part of our PE uniform.

SCHOOL COUNCIL BALLOT

Our School Council did a great job selling ballot tickets for the children's Easter ballot. As well as developing their maths skills they made over £500 which they will use to top up our lunchtime activities. Thanks again to the McCready family who donated the lovely Easter Hamper!

TREK

TREK is a 2 week PDMU (Personal Development and Mutual Understanding) programme which focuses on recognising, respecting and accepting difference in our society. The four TREK values are **Truth, Respect, Empathy and Kindness**. All classes will be taking part in this programme in May.

SPORTS DAYS-WEATHER PERMITTING

Sports Days are planned for the following dates in the main playground - weather permitting. Parents are invited to attend.

P1/2 05/06/26

P3/4 12/06/26

P5/6 11/06/26

P7 10/06/26

SAFE CYCLING

Due to the improvement in the weather there are more children scooting/cycling to and from school. We just wanted to take this opportunity to remind you all of a few safety tips:

- 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.

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 remember to apply sun cream if it is very hot.

PARKING CHALLENGES

As always, parking in the immediate vicinity of the school is difficult. Please park with care and consideration, being careful not to block gateways/drives/footpaths and being especially vigilant when reversing. Parking on yellow zig-zag lines is an endorsable penalty, which means three points and a fine. Please share this expectation with those who collect your child. The PSNI will be monitoring the situation in the weeks ahead.

HOLIDAYS 2026-27

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



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