



# June 2026



## IMPORTANT DATES

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>  
 Fri June 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Thur June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Thurs June 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Tue June 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Tue Sept 1st

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  
 P7 Leavers Mass in St Therese Church at 11am  
 Good Relations Event for P2  
 P7 Leavers Assembly and Disco  
 School closing at noon for the summer holidays  
 Term 1 2026-27 begins- 9am-Full Day for P2-P7 pupils

### SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sat May 16<sup>th</sup>. Huge thanks to Fr John and Fr Michael for making the ceremony so special and to the PTA for the lovely First Communion Tea back at school. Thanks also to everyone who sent in biscuits, buns and traybakes and who volunteered to serve the teas and clean up afterwards. Many hands make light work! The beautiful First Communion Cakes were enjoyed by the P4s in school! Please keep the boys and girls in your prayers.

### HEALTHY EATING WEEK

Healthy Eating Week in St Therese of Lisieux PS takes place from 8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> June. During Healthy Eating Week we will be reminding the children about our Healthy Eating Policy which asks that only fruit/vegetables are eaten at break and that still water is the only drink brought to school, in a reusable bottle. **The policy is available on our [website](#).**

### P7 PRODUCTION OF ANNIE

The rehearsals for Annie are going brilliantly and we are really looking forward to the dress rehearsal! Tickets are available for both shows. Contact the office asap, if you would like one.

### SUN SAFETY

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

### HOLIDAYS 2026-27

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

### GREEN FLAG

We are delighted to have been awarded our 7th Green Flag award in May. The assessors stated, it is **"Excellent to see such a large eco committee of 201 pupils, 46% of the school actively involved in Eco activities from recycling, energy saving, healthy lifestyle choices, biodiversity and planting. Your involvement in the Roots of Empathy programme since 2017 and your Bronze award for Rights Respecting School has ensured the practices are embedded throughout the school. Congratulations on your Ambassador School status."** Huge congratulations to our entire school community for our combined efforts to achieving another Green Flag award!

### ATTENDANCE



### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS –

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

|                 |   |              |
|-----------------|---|--------------|
| 100% Attendance | 0 Days Missed   | Excellent    |
| 95% Attendance  | 9 Days of Absence<br>1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed   | Satisfactory |
| 90% Attendance  | 19 Days of Absence<br>3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed | Poor         |
| 85% Attendance  | 28 Days of Absence<br>5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed | Very Poor    |
| 80% Attendance  | 38 Days of Absence<br>7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed | Unacceptable |
| 75% Attendance  | 46 Days of Absence<br>9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed  | Unacceptable |

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year – that's nearly 4 school weeks.

## CASHLESS PAYMENT SYSTEM

Unfortunately, the EA is not supplying schools with a Cashless Payment System at the current time. From our parent survey last year, we know this is something many of our families would like us to have in place. Therefore, we are purchasing a system that we hope to have operational for Sept. We will need an up-to-date email address so please look out for further information later this month.

## SPORTING NEWS

Our P7 pupils enjoyed a fantastic series of football events at the De La Salle Sports Complex as part of the North and West Belfast Festival Days. The girls delivered exceptional performances throughout their tournament, winning all four matches to secure overall victory. Their skill, teamwork and determination were outstanding, and they represented the school with great enthusiasm and respect. The boys also impressed, remaining unbeaten in their group and finishing runners-up on goal difference. They progressed to a hard-fought semi-final, showing resilience and commitment throughout. In the St Therese of Lisieux Cup, organised by Mr Reynolds for North Belfast schools, the girls played brilliantly but were beaten on the day. Huge congratulations to the boys who were crowned overall winners! Well done to all pupils for their effort, attitude and teamwork! More detail available on our website.



## ROOTS OF EMPATHY

'Roots of Empathy' is a worldwide PDMU programme which is proven to increase empathy among its participants. We have been a Roots of Empathy school since 2017. The P5 children and teachers would like to say a special thank you to their Roots of Empathy baby, Emily. Over the year, the P5s have watched their amazing 'baby teacher' grow and develop, learning first-hand about the important milestones she goes through in the first year of her life. They have loved having Emily as part of their classroom and looked forward to her monthly visits! Thanks also to her lovely mum who brought her to school each month for our lessons.

## DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS-PLATINUM AWARD

We are incredibly proud of our Primary 7 Dream Space Ambassadors, who graduated at their award ceremony in W5. Over recent months, they have taken part in activities and training with Microsoft and Maynooth University, developing leadership skills and promoting digital learning across our school, alongside further work on Google Classroom. Thanks to their hard work, we have achieved the Dream Space Platinum School Award for the second year in a row—the highest recognition possible.

## GOOD RELATIONS EVENT

We are excited to have been chosen to take part in a Good Relations Event this year. The P2 classes will have an opportunity to take part in a clay and creative activity session while having fun with their friends. We are delighted to have Fionnuala O'Neill from Art Print Therapy hosting our workshop. Children will have the opportunity to create a clay design. As this is a Good Relations Event we are inviting one adult per child to assist with the activity (a grandparent, parent or a childminder). This event will take place in school on Thursday 25 June.

## IMPORTANCE OF SLEEP

DE have produced a newsletter on the importance of sleep, exploring the research behind how sleep affects learning, outlining what happens in the brain during sleep, how poor habits undermine performance and practical steps to improve sleep. Check it out [here](#).



## BIKE MARKING EVENT

A sincere thank you to everyone who took part in the recent PSNI bike marking event. Both days were a great success, and it was fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved. A special word of thanks to the PSNI officers who generously gave their time and expertise to support the initiative.

## SPORTS DAYS-WEATHER PERMITTING

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

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| <b>P1/2</b> | <b>05/06/26</b> |
| <b>P3/4</b> | <b>12/06/26</b> |
| <b>P5/6</b> | <b>11/06/26</b> |
| <b>P7</b>   | <b>10/06/26</b> |



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