



June

2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed-Thur	June 4 th -5 th
Fri	June 6 th
Wed	June 11 th
Wed-Fri	June 11 th -13 th
Thur-Fri	June 12 th -13 th
Thur	June 12 th
Fri	June 13 th
Thur	June 19 th
Tue	June 24 th
Thur	June 26 th
Mon	June 30 th
Fri	Aug 29 th

P7 Production of Oliver in the school hall at 10.30am
P1 and P2 Sports Day-weather permitting
P7 Sports Day-weather permitting
PTA School Uniform Drive
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 Assembly and Disco
Truly Fare Pop Up Shop in the school hall
School closing at noon for the summer holidays
Term 1 2025-26 begins- 9am-noon

SACRAMENTS

Congratulations to our P4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion on Sat May 10th in two beautiful ceremonies. Huge thanks to Fr John and Fr Michael for making the ceremonies 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.

ST THERESE OF LISIEUX CENTENARY

On Thurs 15th May 2025, our P4-P7s gathered in St. Therese Church along with their parents/guardians and the wider parish family to celebrate the centenary of the canonisation of Saint Therese of Lisieux. The children carried huge flowers in the entrance procession adorned with tissue paper symbolising each child's prayers for the Mass. They told the story of St. Therese's journey to sainthood through a moving presentation during which petals were sprinkled in the sanctuary of the church. The children were led in prayer by Fr John and Fr Michael and they sang with impressive passion and energy which contributed enormously to the beautiful ceremony. We have had so many complements on the artwork, the amazing singing and the children's behaviour! The parish treated every child in the school to an ice-cream to celebrate this significant occasion in our school and parish life.

AMBASSADOR ECO SCHOOL

We are delighted that we have been successful in achieving Eco-School's **Ambassador School** status, following submission of a detailed application form and case study to Eco Schools NI. Being an Ambassador Eco-School is recognition that we are an inspirational flagship Eco-School, with exceptional levels of pupil leadership and whole school support which ensures sustainability is embedded in the school ethos. As an Ambassador Eco-School, we have successfully delivered positive change in the culture of the school and are able to demonstrate successful pupil and community interaction. As an Ambassador School, we will be held up as an example of good practice in the Eco-Schools programme and mentor less experienced schools. Huge congratulations to our Eco Team (201 children) whose commitment and dedication has led to this award!

BREAK THE RULES DAY-PTA FUNDRAISER

There was great excitement on 'Break the Rules Day' and £1565.90 was donated to the PTA. Huge thanks to everyone who made a donation and to those that took the time to complete the gift aid forms.

P7 PRODUCTION OF OLIVER

The rehearsals for Oliver are going brilliantly. The children from P1-6 are really looking forward to the dress rehearsal! Tickets are available for both shows. Contact the office asap, if you would like one.

SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING TEAM

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

HEALTHY EATING WEEK

Healthy Eating Week takes place from 9th -13th 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 [here](#).**

NORTH BELFAST PRIMARY SCHOOLS' CUP

St Therese of Lisieux, Holy Cross, St Patrick's and St Bernard's took part in the boys' tournament. After completing the group stages, St Therese of Lisieux and St Patrick's placed first and second to contest the final, with St Patrick's winning out in the end. The inaugural girls' tournament saw St Therese of Lisieux play St Bernard's in the final. In one of the best games this year, an excellent final finished 2-2 and had to be decided on penalties. St Therese managed to secure victory after our keeper saved all but one shot. Well done to all the boys and girls who took part and a huge thank you to Blessed Trinity College for being so accommodating in hosting us once again.

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 babies, Eloise and Ruby. Over the year, the P5s have watched their amazing 'baby teachers' grow and develop, learning first-hand about the important milestones that they go through in the first year of life. They have loved having Eloise and Ruby as part of their classroom and looked forward to their monthly visits! Thanks also to their lovely mums who brought them to school each month for our lessons. **We are also looking for new babies to participate in our programme next year. They need to be 2-4 months old in September/October. Please ask Mrs Hamill for further details.**

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

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.

DREAM SPACE AMBASSADORS-PLATINUM AWARD

Our Primary 7 Dream Space Ambassadors attended a special graduation event at W5 last month, where each received the prestigious **Dream Space Platinum Level Award**—the highest individual recognition available. To achieve this certification, the Ambassadors successfully completed an application process, participated in multiple online training sessions with the Dream Space Team in Dublin, and made significant contributions to the development of ICT across the school. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, the school has also been awarded the Dream Space Platinum Level School Award. We are incredibly proud of our Dream Space Ambassadors for their hard work and the lasting impact they have made on ICT within our school community. Well done to you all.

PTA SCHOOL UNIFORM DRIVE

In line with our culture of sustainability and environmental responsibility, the PTA are organising a collection of 'preloved' school uniforms which will be made available free of charge before the end of the month. If you have any school uniform items still in good condition **that your child has outgrown**, please send them into school from June 11th-13th. They will be sorted and made available before the end of term—a great opportunity to reduce waste, conserve resources and save money!

TRULY FARE POP UP SHOP

As you may know, Truly Fare have closed their shop on the Antrim Road, although we have been informed that they are looking for new premises. We are also aware that some of the major retailers no longer stock brown uniforms. Therefore, we have asked Truly Fare to open a pop-up shop in the school hall on Thursday 26th June from 8:45-9:30am and 1:30-3:30pm. They will be selling brown uniform items as well as PE uniforms.

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 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor



DIGITAL SCHOOLS
AWARDS NORTHERN IRELAND

