

April Newsletter 2025



Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way

ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Our Mission Statement.

"Inspired by our faith in Christ,

St. Patrick's Catholic P.S. will provide:

A happy, secure and caring learning environment

Which promotes all to be the best they can be

Full of optimism, ambition and with a love of learning.

Working in partnership with our community

We will ensure St. Patrick's P.S. makes a difference."

Our School Prayer.

Dear St Patrick,

Help us to make our school

A happy, caring and safe place

Where we can be

The best we can be

Every day in every way,

Amen.



Safeguarding Team St Patrick's



Annaghmore

We are your Safeguarding Team

We are here to help!



Mrs Quinn

Mrs Quinn
Acting Principal



Mrs Kenwell

Mrs Kenwell
Designated Teacher



Miss McVeigh

Mrs Kelly
Deputy Designated
Teacher

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team in school is Mrs Quinn, Mrs Kenwell and Mrs Kelly. The posters are displayed throughout the school. Children can speak to any member of the team or their class teacher if they have any concerns.

Opening Times

School gates open at 8.50 am. Children should be in school by 9.05am at the latest to begin class at 9.10am. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Late comers will be marked as late on the roll.

Attendance

We have just two full weeks of school until Easter. Please try to have your child in school every day. We are aware that there has been sickness throughout the school recently. These are all genuine reasons for absence. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Please ensure children attend school unless ill or another genuine reason.

Leaving School Early

At times it is necessary to take your child out of school early. Children should either bring a note to the class teacher or parents / guardians should call the school secretary to arrange. **A parent or guardian must come into the school to collect the child.**

Hurling

Hurling continues for P6 & 7 each Friday with Tyrone Gaa Coach Damhlaic Rush.

Football

We are delighted to welcome back Tyrone Gaa Coach Liam Slater for the summer term. Liam will begin on Wednesday 2nd April. P4 -P7 will be involved over the next 12 weeks on a rota basis.

Clonoe O'Rahilly Football Training

We are also delighted to have our afterschool Gaelic football training for P6 & P7 on Fridays from 3pm to 4pm.

Athletics NI

We are finished our Athletics NI coaching from Pdraig Doran. We hope to have this opportunity again. Thank you to Pdraig for working with us over the past 6 weeks.

Swimming

P7 swimming will continue each Friday until 11th April. P6 begin swimming on April 30th

Messaging Service

Our messaging service has been working well. It has greatly reduced the amount of paper being used in school particularly for permission letters. If you are not receiving messages or require a new link to be sent, please contact the school office. It is important that parents read the messages sent and reply if required to do so.

Confirmation

Congratulations to our P7 children who were confirmed on Saturday 29th March. Thank you to Mr Hanna for preparing the P7 class for this sacrament and for preparing the choir. A special thank you to the children from P5 & P6 who sang in the choir. You did a fantastic job!

Green Day

We had a very successful Green Day on March 13th. The children gave a great display of musical and dancing talent. We hope you enjoyed the videos online.

Choir Event

The highlight of last month was our choir event on March 20th in St Joseph's Convent, Donaghmore. The children from P6 & P7 choir had the wonderful opportunity of singing, accompanied by a string orchestra, from Music Makers Youth Orchestra. This was a very memorable event for our children and parents. Thank you to Mr Hanna for preparing the choir, to EA Music Service for the invite and to Mrs Rachel Hanna for conducting the orchestra.

Feel Good Friday

On Friday 14th March we had our first Feel Good Friday. The children enjoyed a relaxed and chilled day. We were delighted with the donation of fruit for all classes from Lynch's Spar, Clonoe. A big thank you to them. Overall, Feel Good Fridays can create a more positive, engaging, and supportive learning environment for children. We hope to enjoy a feel good every month to promote wellbeing.

Outdoor Areas

You will all have noticed the painting on our outdoor play area. Thanks to the staff who did a fabulous job. It is our intention to further develop our outdoor areas however a lack of funding makes this difficult. Together with the school council we have many wonderful ideas. Outdoor play is very beneficial for the holistic development of children, supporting their physical, mental, social, and cognitive growth.

Easter Raffle

The school council have organised an Easter Raffle. The tickets will go on sale on Monday 31st March. Tickets are £1 per strip. We hope you can support them. They have been instrumental in providing playground equipment for break and lunch times. They want to continue to improve our facilities and resources. They have done a great job this year so far.

Live here Love Here

Our Live Here Love Here project is nearing completion. A lot of work has gone into the preparation of our planters. The Eco Council and Mr McErlean have worked on Thursday evenings to make the planters ready for this week's planting. Thank you to everyone in the community who have been a massive help to us with this project. See our website for photos and sponsors.

KMAC Coaching

KMAC coaching continues each Thursdays for after school. P1-4 will take part in coaching on Tuesdays in school for 6 weeks. The cost of coaching for P1-4 is £5 for the 6 weeks.

Website / Facebook

For all the latest news from St Patrick's keep watch on our website and Facebook page.



Our newly painted outdoor equipment

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 3 rd April	Religious Inspection P3 & P7 First Confession P4
Monday 7 th April	Shared Ed P4 Orchard County Shared Ed P7 Annaghmore P1 Health Assessments
Tuesday 8 th April	P1 Health Assessments Smokebusters Talk P5-P7
Thursday 10 th April	Athletics NI Event Dungannon Leisure Centre
Friday 11 th April	Feel Good Friday
Tuesday 15 th April	Derrytresk Blitz P7
Thursday 17 th April	Early Finish 11am
Friday 18 th - Friday 25 th April	School closed for Easter
Monday 28 th April	School reopens
Wednesday 30 th April	P6 Swimming begins
Thursday 1 st May	PTA Bank Holiday Disco Clonoe Community Centre 6.30pm