**December Newsletter 2025** 



# Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In Every Way

#### ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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#### Feel Good Friday



#### **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.





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Safeguarding Team



We are your Safeguarding Team

We are here to help!



Mrs Quinn

Mrs Quinn
Acting Principal



Mrs Kenwell

Mrs Kenwell

Designated Teacher



Mrs Kelly

Deputy Designated

Teacher

Well Being Champion Team



# We are your Well Being Champion Team We are here to help!



Mrs Orla Taggart, Mrs Fiona Kenwell, Mrs Paula Kinsella, Ms Kathy Hughes, Ms Maria Hughes, Mrs Bridie Boyle, Mr Niall Hanna

As part of our ongoing commitment to pupil wellbeing, St Patrick's Primary School is proud to be implementing the Being Well Doing Well programme this year - a five-year initiative designed to support and strengthen pupil wellbeing across all aspects of school life. This initiative focuses on supporting children's emotional health, resilience, and overall wellbeing—recognising that when children feel well, they learn well. Through a range of activities, lessons, and whole-school approaches, the programme helps pupils develop key life skills such as self-awareness, empathy, managing emotions, and building positive relationships. We are looking forward to embarking on this journey.

Below are dates for school closures from September 2025.

Term 1

School begins Monday 1st September.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October-no children attend

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November-Halloween Holidays

Monday 8th December- no children attend

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 11am finish for Christmas

Term 2

**Term 2 begins Tuesday 6th January 2026** 

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February School reopens Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 17th March Wednesday 18th March St Patrick's Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11am finish for Easter

Term 3

Term 3 begins Monday 13th April

**Monday 4th May Bank Holiday** 

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday** 

Thursday 11th June Friday 12th June – no children attend

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 11am finish for Summer** 

Holidays may be subject to change.

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#### Routines for School Day.

School begins at 9.10 am

Gates open at 8.50 am

P1/2 finish at 1.50 pm

P3 finish at 2pm

P4/5 finish at 2.50pm

P6/7 finish at 3pm

On wet days children should be collected from the covered area at the front of the school. Please enter the playground and collect your child / children.

#### **Break / Lunch / Dinner**

#### **Healthy Breaks & School Dinners**

To support wellbeing and learning, every pupil should bring a healthy snack and water each day. We encourage nutritious options such as fruit, vegetables, plain breadsticks, rice cakes, sandwich, along with still water in a reusable bottle. One snack item is enough to ensure a quick transition to the playground.

O Please note: No nuts or nut-based products are allowed in school due to severe allergies. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe.

For those paying for school dinners, the cost is £2.60 per child per day, or £13.00 per week.

- All dinner money must be paid in full on Monday mornings.
- Please send the **exact amount** in a clearly labelled envelope.

Please clearly label all lunch boxes and water bottles.

### **Updating Contact Details / School Messaging Service**

If you have changed your phone number or moved house, please make sure to provide your new contact details to the school secretary as soon as possible. This will allow us to update your information on SIMS.

#### Please note:

If we do not have your current mobile number, you will not receive important messages from the school, including reminders and urgent updates.

# Please read and reply if necessary to school messages.

Thank you for helping us keep our records accurate and communication smooth.

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#### **Attendance**

Good attendance is vital for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing. Everyday counts!

Please book family holidays during school closure periods to avoid missed learning time.

Pupils arriving after 9.10am are marked late on the register. Being on time helps your child settle into the school day and supports a calm, focused start. It also means less disruption to the class and a smoother start to the day for everyone.

If you arrive late, please do not enter the school with your child. Wait with your child until the door is opened. Available staff will guide them to their classroom if required.

Thank you for helping us promote strong attendance and punctuality.

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#### **Safeguarding**

Our policy and summary leaflet are available in our Parent section of the website.

#### <u>Important Reminder - End-of-Day Collection</u>

If someone **other than a parent or usual carer** is collecting your child, please inform the class teacher **in advance** by phoning the school or sending a written note.

This is very important to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **Early Collection**

We understand that, on occasion, children may need to be collected early from school to attend appointments or other commitments. To avoid disruption, we kindly ask that you call the school office or send a note to your child's class teacher in advance. Additionally, for child protection reasons, we request that parents remain in the porch area and do not enter the corridor when collecting children early. Thank you for your cooperation and support in helping us maintain a calm and safe environment for all pupils.

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We would like to extend our commiserations to Clonoe O'Rahilly's following their recent result. We want to take this opportunity to thank the team for the incredible joy and excitement they brought to our school community after their County Title victory. Your success inspired our pupils and staff, creating unforgettable moments of pride and celebration. You have shown us the true meaning of teamwork, determination, and resilience – qualities we strive to nurture in our own school every day.

### <u>Christmas Trips 😈</u>

This week begins our Christmas trips for this year. P1 and P2 will be heading to Navan Fort on 4<sup>th</sup> December, P6/7 will be going to the Ulster American Folk Park on 9<sup>th</sup> and P3/4/5 on 10<sup>th</sup> December. Daffodil and Snowdrop rooms will be going to Cookstown Leisure Centre on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Any outstanding payments should be made to the class teacher.

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# 🛕 Annual Carol Service Announcement 🜆

Our Annual Carol Service is on Thursday 4th December at 7:00pm in St Patrick's Church, Clonoe. Children should wear their school uniform. **Coats should be removed once inside the chapel and kept by parents/guardians. Please be seated by 6.45pm.** 

We look forward to welcoming families and friends for what promises to be a joyful and memorable event.

#### **Christmas Jumper Daily Mile**

We're excited to announce that our Annual Christmas Jumper Daily Mile will take place on Friday, 5th December! Get ready to spread some festive cheer as children and staff come together for a fun, active event. Let's make this a day to remember as we celebrate health, happiness, and the joy of Christmas.

#### Food Bank

Our School Council is proud to organise a donation drive for the Coalisland Community Food Bank. We kindly ask families to send in non-perishable food items to help support those in need within our community. Every contribution makes a difference and reflects the spirit of kindness and generosity that we value at St Patrick's. Thank you for your support!

#### **Eco Council Toy Swap**

Our **Eco Council** is delighted to host a **Toy Swap** on **Friday, 5th December**! This is a fantastic opportunity to **reuse, recycle, and reduce waste** while spreading joy this festive season. Pupils are encouraged to bring used toys they no longer need and donate to the sale. By taking part, we're helping the environment and learning the importance of sustainability – all while having fun! Thank you for supporting our Eco Council's efforts to make a positive difference. All money raised will go towards school funds.

#### **Coats**

As the weather gets colder, we kindly remind all pupils to **wear a coat to school each day**. Outdoor learning and play are important parts of our school routine, and being dressed appropriately helps everyone stay warm and comfortable. Please ensure that your child's name is on their coat. Thank you for your support!



# **<u>A</u> Christmas Holidays**

School will finish on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December for Christmas holidays.

Please note early finish times.

Snowdrop and Daffodil 10.30am

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P1-3 10.45am

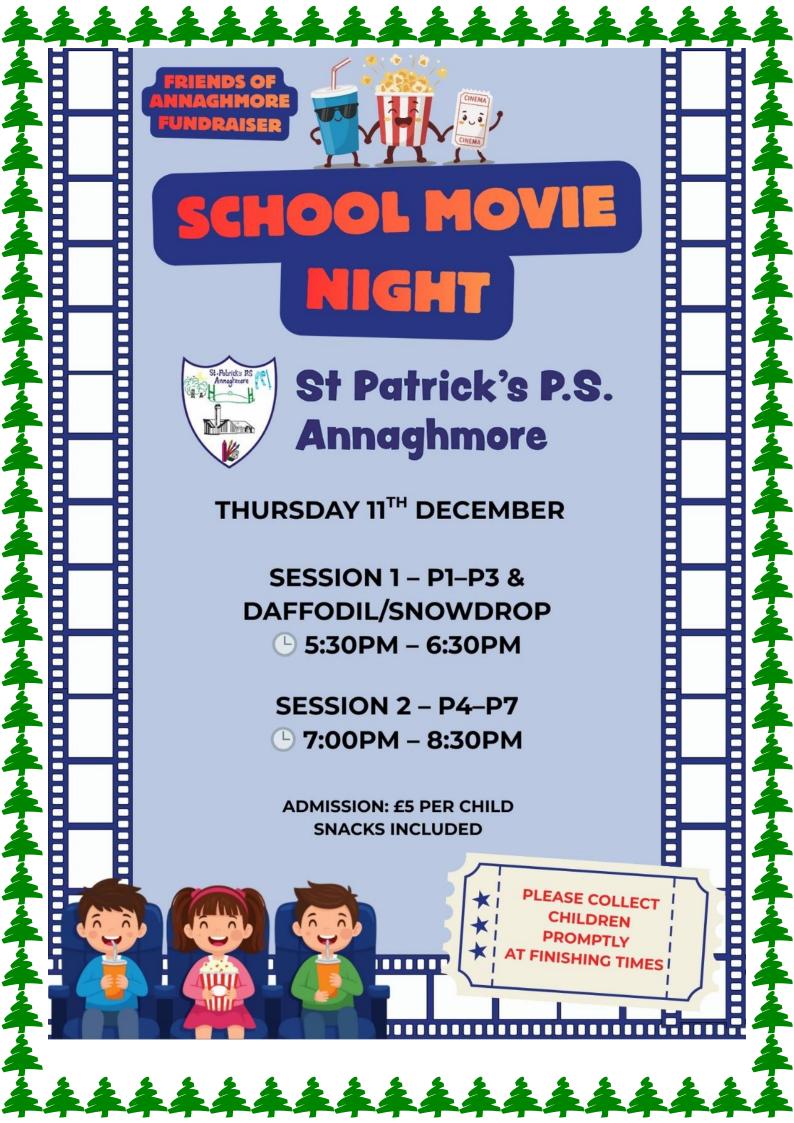
P4-7 10.50am

School reopens on Tuesday 6th January 2026



Check out our poster below for all the details about our upcoming Christmas Movie Night. We appreciate your support.

<u>Please follow our school website and Facebook page for photos of all our school events</u>



# **Dates for your diary**

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	P1/2 trip to Navan Fort
	Carol Service 7pm Clonoe Chapel
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Feel Good Friday
	Christmas Jumper Day
	Eco Council Toy Swap
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Staff Day
	No children attend
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Ulster American Folk Park P6/7
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Ulster American Folk Park P3/4/5
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Nativity for Little Flower Nursery
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	P1 Nativity for Family and Friends
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Early closure for Christmas holidays

Coaching with Liam continues Wednesdays for P5/6. Hurling Coaching Mondays P4/7

Last swimming session for P5 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December