



Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way



Food Bank Appeal

2025

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

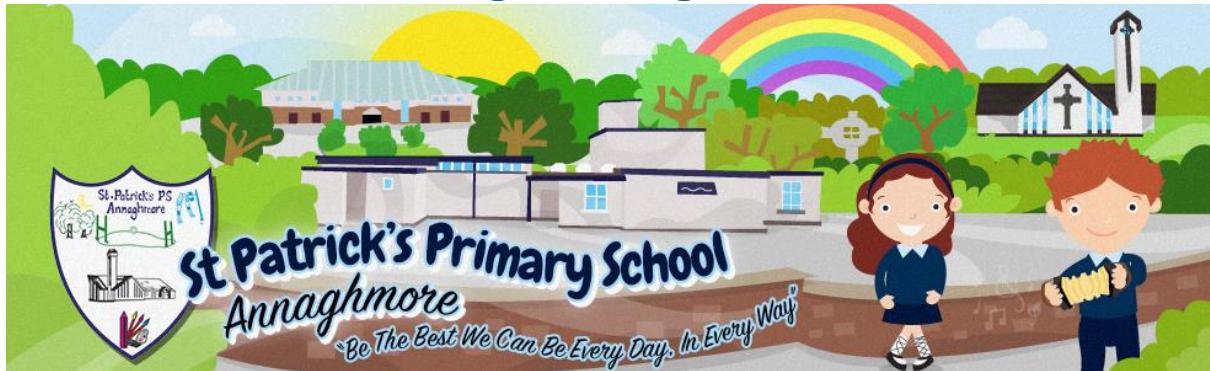
Every day in every way,

Amen.



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Safeguarding Team



We are your Safeguarding Team

We are here to help!



Mrs Quinn
Acting Principal

Mrs Quinn



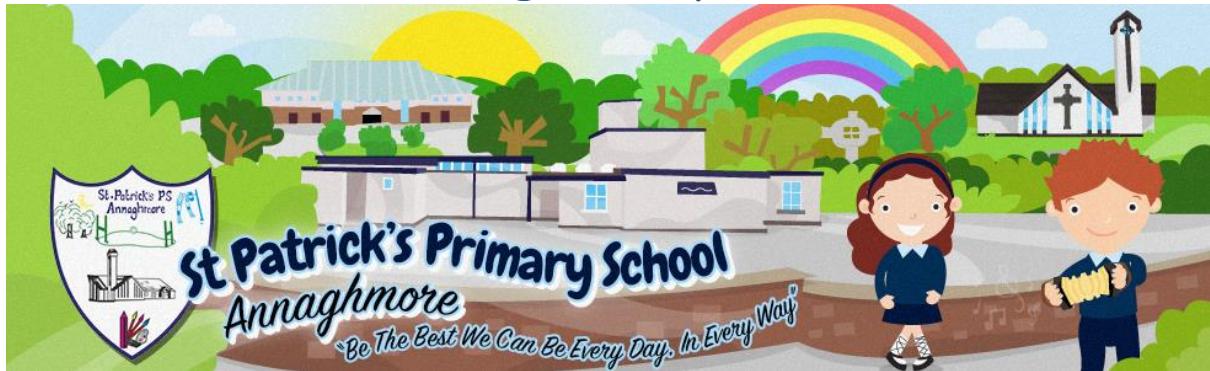
Mrs Kenwell
Designated Teacher

Mrs Kenwell



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 3rd October-no children attend

Thursday 30th Friday 31st Monday 3rd November-Halloween Holidays

Monday 8th December- no children attend

Monday 22nd December 10.45am finish for Christmas

Term 2

Term 2 begins Tuesday 6th January 2026

Monday 9th February- Monday 16th February School reopens Tuesday 17th February

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

Thursday 2nd April 10.45am finish for Easter

Term 3

Term 3 begins Monday 13th April

Monday 4th May Bank Holiday

Monday 25th May Bank Holiday

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

Monday 29th June 10.45am 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.

🚫 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 new cost is £3.10 per child per day, or £15.50 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.

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/education/Attendance%20Matters%20-%20DE%20and%20EA.pdf>

Safeguarding

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

Important Reminder – End-of-Day Collection

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.

Contacting Staff

Should you need to contact staff, please use one of the following methods only:

- Contact the school secretary
- Send a note
- Email the school at info@stpatrickssps.coalisland.ni.sch.uk

Please do NOT use social media to contact staff.

School Railings

For health and safety reasons, children should be supervised at all times outside the school gates. Please ensure that your child does not climb on the railings.

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!

Eco Council Toy Swap

Our Eco Toy Swap was a fantastic whole-school effort, with amazing involvement from pupils, staff, parents and our wonderful Eco Council. Thank you to Mr McErlean and his Eco team for organising. Parents were delighted to clear out pre-loved toys — and even happier to see new ones coming back again!

Thanks to everyone's generosity, we raised over £400. This money will be used to enhance the daily experiences and wellbeing of all our children in school.

🌿 Thank you for your kindness, support and eco-friendly enthusiasm!
Together we've made a positive difference for both our school and the planet. 🌿♻️



Wonderful News from St Patrick's!

This Christmas brought extra joy to St Patrick's

❤️ Erin from our Specialist Provision Room welcomed a baby girl, Rya-Marie.
❤️ Mr Hanna also celebrated the arrival of his daughter, Neansai.

We send our warmest congratulations to both families on their precious new arrivals.

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Exciting Technology Upgrade in Our School

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news. Thanks to our hardworking PTA, the incredible support of you, our parents, and the generosity of our sponsor, we have been able to install a state-of-the-art projector, enhanced sound system, and a new audio control hub for microphones.

Our Movie Night was the very first major event to showcase this fantastic new setup — and it's safe to say the quality was unbelievable.

This brilliant resource will be used in many ways across the school — from assemblies and performances to celebrations, parent events, and classroom learning experiences. It will truly enrich the daily life of our children.

 A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this happen. Your continued support makes an extraordinary difference in our school. 



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Christmas Raffle

A huge well done to all our lucky winners in this year's Christmas Raffle! We hope you enjoy your prizes and the festive cheer they bring.

We also want to extend a massive and heartfelt thank you to all our wonderful sponsors. Your generosity, kindness and continued support mean so much to our school. Each prize donated helps us to create more opportunities, make meaningful improvements, and enrich the school experience for all our children.

Thanks to the incredible support of our families, sponsors and wider community, we raised an astonishing £3,902. 

This is a truly outstanding amount, and every penny will go directly towards enhancing school life, improving resources, and creating even more positive experiences for our pupils.



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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 6 th January	School reopens for all
Tuesday 6 th – Friday 16th	Parent Meetings
Monday 12 th / 19 th / 26 th January	Swimming P7
Tuesday 13 th January	Walk Wheel Cycle Trust Two Wheels P1 Road Safety P4/5
Friday 30 th January	Feel Good Friday

Coaching with Liam continues Wednesdays for P6/7. Hurling Coaching Mondays P4/5

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