



Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way



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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.



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Safeguarding Team



We are your Safeguarding Team

We are here to help!



Mrs Quinn

Mrs Quinn
Acting Principal



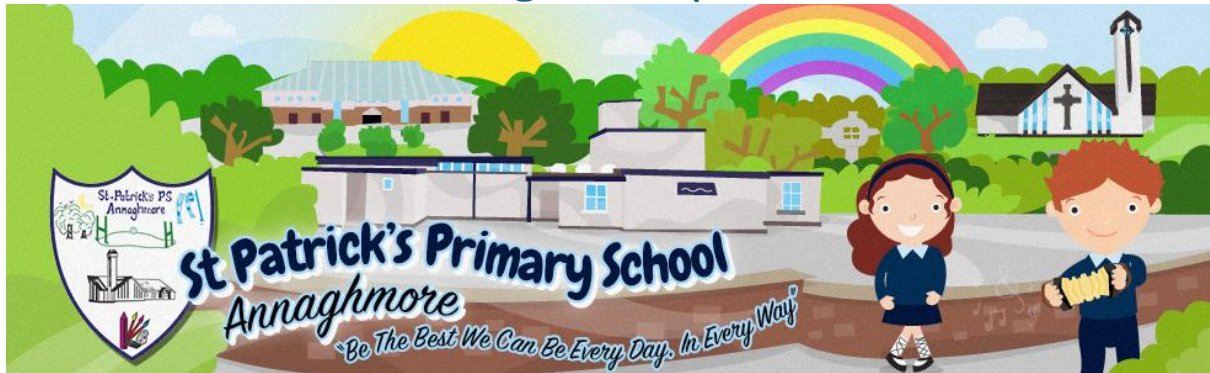
Mrs Kenwell

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 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

Monday 16th March 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.

Please note change, St Patrick's Day Holidays

An additional staff day has been added to the calendar for this term by the Minister of Education. This day will be taken on Monday 16th March

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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.

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>

Punctuality

Punctuality is an important part of creating a calm, focused start to the school day. We ask that all pupils arrive by **9.05am**, to be ready for class at 9.10am, or come when the gates open at **8.50am** for outdoor play, so they are settled and ready for learning. During February, we will be working together to improve punctuality across the school. When children arrive late, it causes disruption to the class and interrupts learning routines, making it harder for pupils to begin their day positively. By ensuring that children are on time each morning, we help support their wellbeing, confidence, and overall progress. **Please make a good start to the month of February and arrive on time. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.**

We also understand that, on occasions, unexpected matters arise, and children may have genuine reasons for being late. This is fully understood, and we appreciate your continued support in helping pupils arrive on time wherever possible.

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@stpatrickspcs.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

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!

Morning Club

During periods of severe weather, it may be necessary to make adjustments to our Morning Club. This is to ensure the safety of all children and adults who attend. Remember to check our messaging service for updates regarding any adjustments.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is on February 10th. Since our school will be closed for midterm on this date, we will partake in activities during the week beginning 2nd February. P7 have been very busy preparing promotional videos to highlight the importance of safety online. This will be shared with all classes.

Useful information for parents and guardians can be found by clicking on the link below.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

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Face to Facebook

We are pleased to be offering a parent workshop, Face to Facebook. This interactive workshop will provide an up-to-date overview of what's happening online, exploring topics such as cyberbullying, social media, sexting and practical tips about boundaries that could be helpful in the home. Face to Facebook builds the confidence of parents & carers, equipping them to deal with the opportunities and challenges online, and inspires them to use their unique influence as we all navigate our ever-evolving digital world. We would encourage as many parents as possible to attend on Thursday 16th April 2026 at 7pm in our school hall. More details will follow. Please keep this date free.



Crazy Hair Charity Day February 27th

We are delighted to support Saphara this year through a *Crazy Hair Day* on Friday 27th February. This fundraiser is being held in conjunction with two of our past pupils, Beth Brady and Cara O'Neill, who now attend St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon. The girls are taking part in the Saphara "Be The Change" project, a life-changing programme that empowers young people to work in partnership with disadvantaged communities. To help support the girls' fundraising efforts, we are inviting all pupils to come to school with their craziest, most creative hairstyles. The wilder, the better! Suggested Donation: £2 All money raised will go directly towards the charity and the work carried out by Saphara.

P7 Grandparents and Special People St Brigid Cross Making

We rounded off the month with a truly special and very successful St Brigid's Cross-Making Workshop, bringing together our P7 children, their grandparents, and the special people in their lives. The room was filled with chatter, smiles, and busy hands as the generations worked side by side, sharing stories, techniques, and treasured memories. It was a heart-warming celebration of tradition, giving our pupils the opportunity to learn a cherished Irish craft while creating new memories with the people who matter most to them. Events like these remind us of the strength of our school community and the importance of keeping the craft—and the spirit—of St Brigid alive for future generations. A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us for such a meaningful and memorable afternoon. Please see our website and Facebook page for photographs.

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Dates for your diary

Monday 2 nd February	Swimming P7 Last session
Wednesday 4 th February	Indoor Football Girls Midterm Disco Clonoe Community Centre
Thursday 5 th February	Indoor Football Boys
Friday 6 th February	Credit Union Quiz P7 Quiz Team Feel Good Friday
Monday 9 th – Monday 16 th	Midterm Break
Tuesday 17 th February	School Reopens Road Safety P1-7 PSNI
Wednesday 25 th February	Walk Wheel Cycle Puncture Repair P6/7
Friday 27 th February	Crazy Hair Charity Day Feel Good Friday