

Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way



St. Patrick's Annaghmore
Coalisland Credit Union Quiz Winners

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.***



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

Safeguarding Team

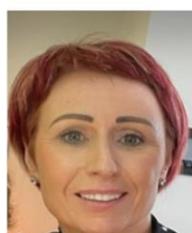
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Mrs Quinn

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Acting Principal



Mrs Kenwell

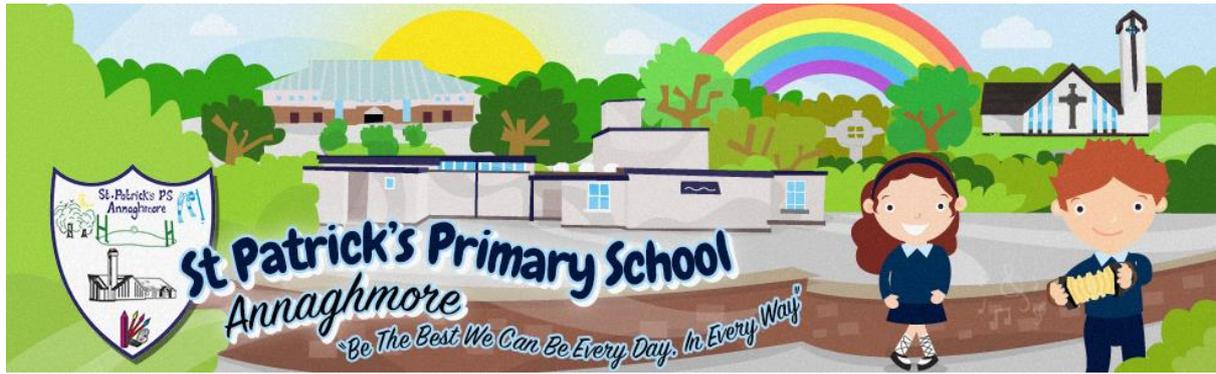
Mrs Kenwell
Designated Teacher



Mrs Kelly
Deputy Designated
Teacher

Well Being Champion Team

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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 front 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

We are delighted to share that we have already noticed an improvement in punctuality across the school. Thank you for your efforts in helping children arrive on time—it is making a visible difference to the start of each day.

Children who arrive between **8.50am and 9.05am** are benefitting from the chance to get outside for some fresh air and play before class begins. This settled, active start helps pupils feel calmer, more focused, and ready for learning at 9.10am.

Please continue to keep up this great effort throughout February and beyond. Your support has a hugely positive impact on your child's wellbeing, confidence, and readiness to learn.

Thank you once again for your ongoing cooperation.

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.

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!

Face to Facebook Reminder

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.

St Patrick's Day Concert – 11th to 13th March

We are delighted to welcome parents and guardians to our St Patrick's Day Concert, taking place from Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th March.

 **Venue:** School Assembly Hall

 **Start Time:** 10.00am

 **What to expect:** An hour of culture, music and talent from our wonderful children.

Each child has been given two tickets for their allocated day. Tickets are free, but if you wish, a voluntary donation to school funds can be made on the day.

While we regret that, due to large numbers attending and the need for the hall to be used for dinner, we are unable to provide tea and coffee, each attendee will receive a small keepsake as a token of our appreciation.

We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.



Promoting Mathletics in March

During March we are promoting the use of Mathletics. Please try to spend time each evening on Mathletics. The benefits of Mathletics are listed below.

1. Focused, Purposeful Screen Time

When device use is limited to a set amount of time and directed toward Mathletics, children are engaging with high-quality learning instead of passive scrolling or gaming. This ensures that screen time is productive, safe, and educational.

2. Supports Core Numeracy Skills

Mathletics activities are designed to strengthen essential maths concepts in small, manageable chunks. Regular short bursts help children:

- Build fluency
- Practise core facts
- Improve mental maths
- Reinforce what they have learned in class

A few focused minutes each day can make a big difference.

3. Personalised Learning at their Level

The programme adapts to each child's ability and provides tasks that are:

- Challenging but achievable
- Matched to their current progress
- Designed to boost confidence

This personalised approach helps children move forward step by step.

4. Immediate Feedback Helps Learning Stick

Mathletics gives instant feedback, meaning children can see right away whether they're correct and why. This helps them:

- Learn from mistakes
- Develop independence
- Build self-motivation

6. Boosts Confidence and Engagement

The rewards, certificates, and progress tracking make learning enjoyable. When used consistently, Mathletics can help children feel:

- Proud of their progress
- More confident in class
- Motivated to improve further

Morning/Afternoon Club

We are pleased to continue offering our Morning and Afternoon Clubs. Please take a moment to revisit the agreements signed up to in September. The smooth delivery of this service depends on the cooperation and support of all families, and we appreciate your help in ensuring it runs safely and effectively.

Morning Club Start Time

Please note that Morning Club begins at 8.00am.

Staff are not available before this time, so children must not be dropped off early for safety reasons.

Weekly Payment

- A £5 fee per club is payable at the beginning of each week.
 - This fee applies regardless of how many days your child attends except for school closures.
 - Payments support staffing, resources, and activities for all children.
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Behaviour Expectations

- Children are expected to follow the club's behaviour rules and show respect to staff and other pupils.
 - For safety, staff instructions must be followed at all times.
 - **If behaviour repeatedly breaches expectations, a child's place may unfortunately be withdrawn.**
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Agreement

By using Morning/Afternoon Club, families agree that:

- The weekly **£5 fee** will be paid at the start of each week.
 - Children will follow all behaviour expectations and instructions.
 - Failure to meet these expectations may result in their place being withdrawn.
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Thank you for your cooperation and continued support in helping us maintain positive, well-organised clubs

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 4 th March	Confirmation practice Clonoe Chapel 10am
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day Dress Up
Friday 6 th March	P7 Trip Hill of O'Neill Famine
Sunday 8 th March	Credit Union Quiz P7 Quiz Team Regional Finals Glenavon Hotel Cookstown 11am Ceremony of Light Clonoe Chapel 7pm
Wednesday 10 th – Friday 13 th March	St Patrick's Day Concert School Hall 10am
Monday 16 th - Wednesday 18 th March	School closed for all pupils
Saturday 21 st March	Confirmation Clonoe Chapel 3pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Class photos
Thursday 26 th March	First Confession P4 Clonoe Chapel 7pm