

Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way



St Patrick's Annaghmore
Confirmation Class 2026

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

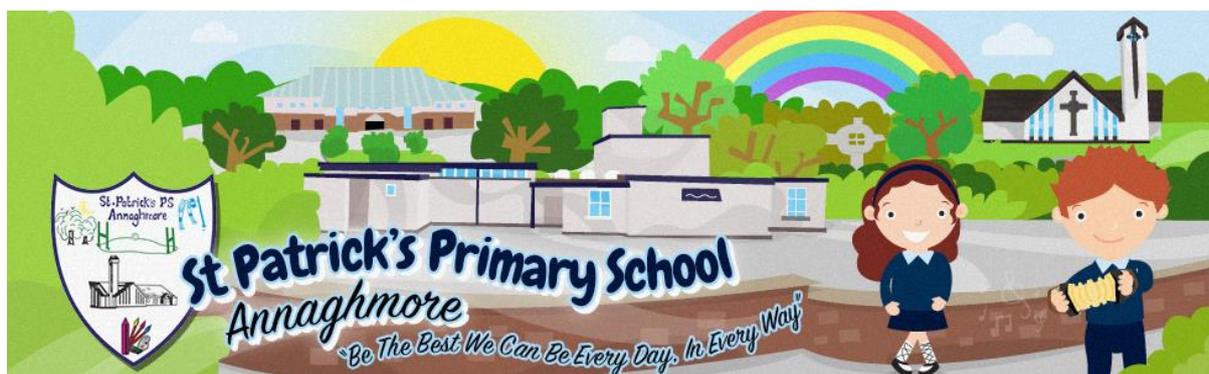
Every day in every way,

Amen.



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Safeguarding Team



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We are here to help!



Mrs Quinn
Acting Principal



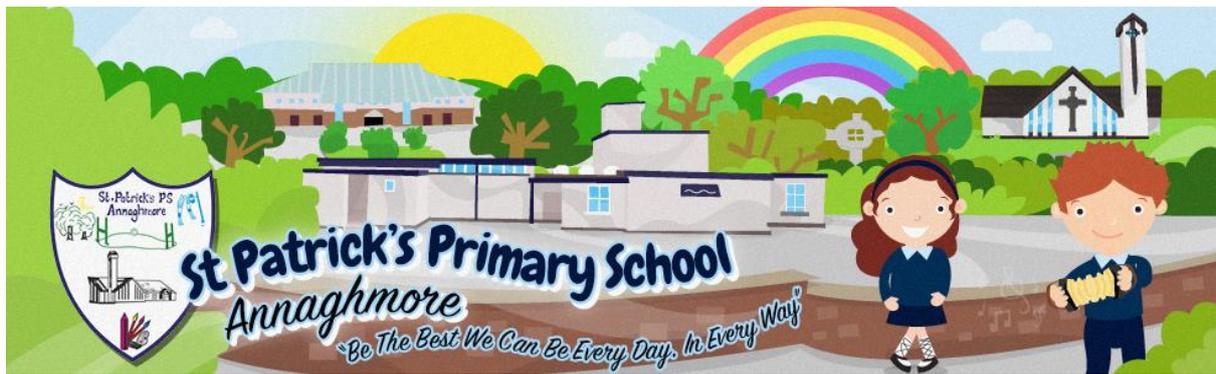
Mrs Kenwell
Designated Teacher



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

Friday 1st May TransformED Teacher Training

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 extra training day granted by Minister of Education

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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>

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!

Confirmation 2026

A huge congratulations to our Primary 7 children who were confirmed on Friday, 21st March. It was a beautiful day, and we are so proud of each and every one of you. Wishing our P7 pupils and their families continued blessings on this special journey.

First Confession 2026

A big well done to all our Primary 4 children who made their First Confession on March 26th. We are very proud of you as you take this special step in your faith journey. You now begin your preparation for First Holy Communion on May 30th — an exciting and meaningful milestone. Keep up the wonderful work!

Confirmation Choir

Thank you to our wonderful Primary 5 and Primary 6 children who kindly gave up their time on Saturday, 21st March to form our Confirmation Choir. Your commitment, teamwork, and beautiful singing helped make the ceremony very special. We are very proud of you all — well done! Thank you to our parents for providing transport.

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.

🍀 St Patrick's Day Concerts – Thank You 🍀

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents, guardians and families for your wonderful support following our St Patrick's Day concerts. We were delighted with how well the children performed, and it was lovely to see such a great turnout. Your kind messages, encouraging words, and generosity are truly appreciated. They mean so much to the staff and children, and they help make occasions like this even more special. Thank you once again for your continued support.

🌸 Easter Message to Parents 🌸

As we come to the end of a busy and productive term, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support. Your encouragement, cooperation, and partnership make such a positive difference to school life, and we are truly grateful. We wish you and your families a very Happy Easter. Enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the new term! 🍷🌟

FACE TO FACEBOOK



PARENT EVENING

Thursday, 16th April

7pm

SCHOOL HALL

April Accelerated Reader Focus – “Spring into Reading!”

Accelerated Reader offers children a personalised reading journey by helping them choose books matched to their ability, building confidence and enjoyment as they read. Regular quizzes strengthen comprehension and encourage pupils to think carefully about what they’ve read, while the points, targets and rewards help boost motivation. AR also gives teachers clear, useful data to track progress, identify needs, and celebrate success, making it a powerful tool for developing reading skills across the school.

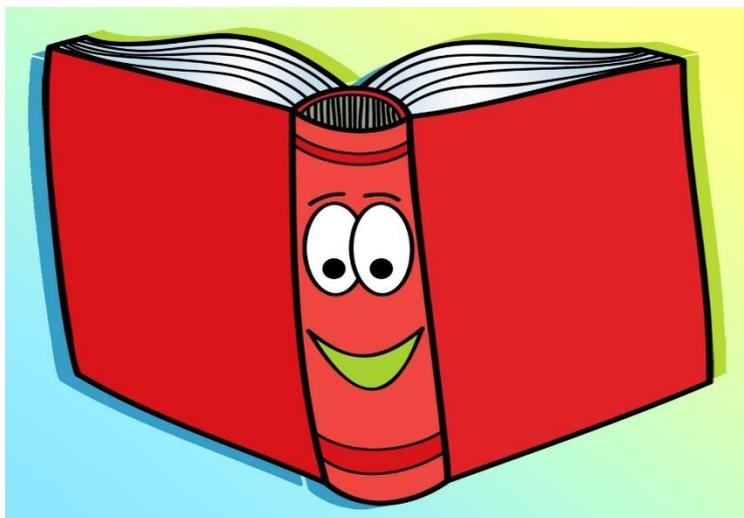
As we begin a new term, we are encouraging all pupils to ***Spring into Reading*** with a special focus on Accelerated Reader (AR) throughout the month of April. The Easter Holidays provide the perfect opportunity to kick-start good reading habits, and we hope everyone enjoys getting lost in a good book over the break!

Throughout April, we will be:

- Continuing daily reading routines in every class
- Encouraging pupils to quiz on the books they enjoyed over Easter
- Celebrating pupils who achieve their targets
- Supporting children to choose books within their level to ensure success
- Promoting reading for pleasure through fun activities

We are asking families to continue supporting this focus by encouraging reading at home each day, chatting about the story, and reminding children to complete their AR quizzes when they finish their book.

Together, we can help every child grow as a confident, enthusiastic reader this term. Let’s enjoy a wonderful month of reading! 🌸📖



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Raffle Easter Egg Hunt Easter Parade
Thursday 2 nd April	Easter Holidays No Morning Club
Friday 3 rd April – Friday 10 th April	School Closed
Monday 13 th April	School Reopens
Thursday 16 th April	Face to Facebook School Hall 7pm
Tuesday 21 st April Wednesday 22 nd April	Shared Education P4 P5
Wednesday 29 th April	Shared Education P3

Our next Feel-Good Friday will be our long-awaited Forest School Friday-date to be confirmed

