



Be The Best We Can Be Every Day In
Every Way



St Patrick's Annaghmore P7

Dragon's Den 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."***

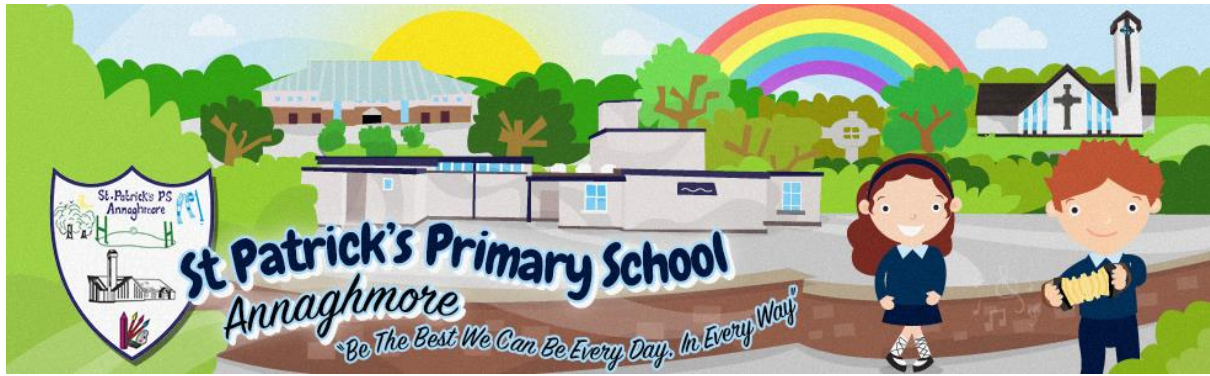
Our School Prayer.

***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

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

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.

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P7 Dragon's Den Enterprise Project

P7 pupils recently took part in their very own version of *Dragon's Den*. Working in groups, each team developed and presented a business case based on selling fidget toys to the rest of the school.

The children gained invaluable knowledge and practical experience in running a business, including budgeting, teamwork, decision-making and presenting to an audience. Each team was given a budget of £70 and had to carefully plan how best to invest their money before pitching their ideas to our 'Dragons'.

Following the presentations, the P7 pupils will now be actively involved in running their own enterprise. Any funds raised will go towards supporting their end-of-year trip and providing activities to help mark the end of their primary school journey.

We are grateful to our "Dragons" who made the experience both engaging and meaningful by sharing their time, expertise and constructive feedback with our P7 pupils.

Forest School Friday

On Friday 24th April the children enjoyed a wonderful Forest School session, making the most of the outdoors and the beautiful sunshine. They took part in a range of engaging activities, including making s'mores, building dens, playing outdoor games and having a treasure hunt. Forest School provides many benefits, helping children to build confidence, teamwork and problem-solving skills while encouraging a love of nature and outdoor learning. The sun was shining, spirits were high, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



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Positive Behaviour Team

We are very proud of the positive steps we have taken to enhance our school environment. With the help and support of our caretaker, Dara, we have created our own school garden and are now ready to begin growing our own vegetables. Our class planters have been replanted, helping pupils to develop responsibility, teamwork and an appreciation for nature. In addition, our Positive Behaviour Team successfully secured a grant from Coalisland Credit Union, which has funded these valuable initiatives and supports our ongoing work to promote positive behaviour and wellbeing across the school.



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Move More in May – Supporting Physical Activity and Wellbeing

During the month of May, our school will be taking part in our Move More in May initiative, designed to encourage children to be more active, look after their wellbeing and develop positive self-care habits. This initiative supports our ongoing work through the Being Well Doing Well programme and reflects our commitment to promoting healthy, happy learners.

Throughout the month, children will be encouraged to move more each day both in class and outdoors. To motivate and engage pupils, children will be counting their steps each day in school, with steps being totalled for each class. At the end of each week, classes will take part in a friendly competition to see which class has moved the most. This is a great way to promote teamwork, motivation and enjoyment of physical activity, rather than focusing on individual competition.

Alongside physical movement, we are also placing a strong emphasis on emotional wellbeing and self-care. Children in P3-7 will receive "A Little Book of Feelings" and "A Little Book of Taking Care of Me", which will be explored in class and supported through discussion activities. These resources help children to recognise and express their emotions, understand their needs and learn simple, effective strategies to care for themselves.

Our School Council and Positive Behaviour Teams will be involved in this initiative.

Parents can support *Move More in May* at home by encouraging:

- Short walks or active play after school
- Family movement activities such as cycling, dancing or games
- Talking about feelings and using the strategies from the wellbeing booklets
- Celebrating effort and participation rather than competition

By combining movement, self-care and emotional awareness, *Move More in May* helps children to develop lifelong habits that support both physical health and emotional resilience. We look forward to a positive, active and enjoyable month for everyone involved.



Dates for your diary

Friday 1 st May	Staff Training School Closed for Pupils
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday School Closed for All
Thursday 7 th May	P7 Love for Life
Tuesday 12 th May	P3 to Orchard County
Friday 15 th May	Football Tournaments Derrylaughan St Patrick's Academy
Wednesday 20 th May	P3 Orchard County in Annaghmore
Thursday 21 st May	Football Tournament Edendork Primary School
Monday 25 th May	Bank Holiday School Closed for All