***February Newsletter 2025***

ST PATRICK’S PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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.***

**Opening Times**

School gates open at 8.50 am. Children should be in school by 9.05am at the latest to begin class at 9.10am. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time. Late comers will be marked as late on the roll.

**Attendance**

Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the vital foundations of a child's life. Please ensure children attend school unless ill.

**Leaving School Early**

At times it is necessary to take your child out of school early. Children should either bring a note to the class teacher or parents / guardians should call the school secretary to arrange. **A parent or guardian must come into the school to collect the child.** Teachers cannot be contacted via our Facebook page or the website.

**Admissions to Post Primary 2025**

[**https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/transfer-post-primary-school**](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/articles/transfer-post-primary-school)

Please click on the link above to access the EA portal for transfer to post primary school. Information can also be found on our website. The closing date is February 20th.

**Safer Internet Day**

Safer Internet Day is on February 11th. Since our school will be closed for midterm on this date, we will partake in activities during the week beginning 3rd February. P7 have been very busy preparing promotional videos to highlight the importance of safety online. This will be shared with all classes. P6 & P7 will promote safer internet with our younger children during this week.

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

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

**Hurling**

We are delighted to have hurling for P6 & 7 each Friday with Tyrone Gaa Coach Damhlaic Rush. The children are really enjoying the opportunity to practice and develop their hurling skills.

**Athletics NI**

We are very fortunate to be chosen as a pilot school for athletics coaching by Athletics NI. The P7 children are receiving expert coaching from Padraig Doran.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Week Beginning 3rd February -** Safer Internet / Children’s Mental Health Week

**Week Beginning 10th February –** School closed for midterm.

**Thursday 20th February –** Admissions for post primary applications close.

**Friday 28th February –** Swimming begins for P7