



Cool News

September 2025

Diary Dates

5th Sept: School Council Elections: Yr 3-7

12th Sept: Eco Council Elections: Yr 3-7

24th Oct: Harvest Service @ 9.30

21st & 23rd Oct: Parent Teacher Meetings: School closes @ 12.45

27th - 31st Oct: (inclusive)
School Closed: half-term

11th Nov: Remembrance Assembly

10th - 14th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week

28th Nov: Drop-in Day (Primary School)

4th Dec: Nursery Christmas Performance

11th Dec: Christmas Concert (9.30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Primary School)

12th Dec: Nursery Open Morning (11 a.m.—1.45 p.m.)

19th Dec: School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners

22nd Dec - 2nd Jan: (inclusive):
School Closed: Christmas holidays

5th Jan: School Development Day (School Closed)



Welcome Back

We hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer, enjoyed their break and are feeling ready for the new school year! We are pleased to welcome all of our pupils, both those who are new to Cooley and those who are returning.

This is an exciting year for our Nursery Unit as it moves to providing 4.5 hour sessions.

Please continue to follow our Social Media pages and visit our school website to keep up-to-date with the latest news and information.

There are a number of changes in our staffing this year. Mrs Grace Daly will be acting as Mrs Keys' maternity cover in the Nursery, Mr Andrew Jones is replacing Mrs Pinkerton as lunchtime supervisor and we also welcome Mrs Jonea Magee as SEN Classroom Assistant in our Yr 1/2 classroom. Miss Erin Hetherington will be with us as a student teacher in our Yr 5/6 class for the school year.

Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Carrothers, our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Mitchell. Mrs Byrne is our SENCo.

We wish you all an enjoyable school year.

Thank You

The staff would like to thank everyone who gave gifts and cards at the end of term last year. We really appreciated your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Attendance

A copy of the school attendance policy has been sent home. Please take the time to familiarise yourself with the practices and procedures regarding school attendance. We encourage pupils to attend school as much as possible, as vital learning opportunities can be missed through unnecessary absences. We would ask that family holidays are planned during school closures to avoid missing any days off school.

Please note that should your child's attendance fall below 85%, school is obliged to follow procedures and liaise with our Education Welfare Officer regarding the matter. Attendance will fall below this level if your child is absent from school for 28 days over the course of the school year.

Nut Free School

Due to a number of pupils with a nut allergy, our school remains a nut free zone. No products which contain nuts are allowed in school at any time.

Home Communication

Yr 1-4 classes will continue to use SeeSaw to communicate class notes and to share some home learning activities for pupils. SeeSaw can be downloaded as an app and information about joining up will be sent home with pupils.

Yr 5 - 7 classes will be using Class DoJo to communicate class notes, any home learning and to share our reward system with home. Information about joining up to Class DoJo will be sent home with pupils. **N.B** There is no cost for accessing Class DoJo, please select the free version if downloading the app.

Please check both these platforms daily to keep up to date with news and activities within your child's classroom.

Classroom Resources

As our school budget continues to be limited, we would ask that pupils bring the following items to school:

- Well stocked pencil case: pencils, rubber, pencil sharpener (Y2-7), pen (Y6 & 7)
- Pritt Stick – 40g
- 30cm ruler (Y4-7)
- A4 Tuff Bag zip wallet/Plastic wallet
- A4 ringbinder (Y5/6)
- Box of tissues
- Water Bottle (for Classroom use)

Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Breakfast Club & Cool Kids

Our Breakfast Club continues to be a drop in service and can be paid on the day or at the start of the week. The cost is £3 per session. Attendance at our Cool Kids should be booked in advance, preferably at the start of the week and no later than 24 hours in advance, to allow for staffing arrangements to be made. Please email info@cooley.omagh.ni.sch.uk to book. Payment can be made online or in cash to the office. Please contact the school office for payment details.

Cool Kids will be available from 2.15 p.m.—3.15 p.m. from Monday 2nd September for Yr 2 pupils.

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