



Cool News

February 2026

Diary Dates

After-School Clubs

There are two after-school clubs running this term for our Yr 3-7 pupils. Readers Retreat - a request of our school council - is currently running on Monday afternoons. Ceilidh Dancing is available on Thursday afternoons and is delivered by Ruth Clarke.

Child Protection

Our Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Joy Carrothers while our Deputy Designated Teacher is Mrs Julie Mitchell. Our Designated Governor is Rev. Robert McFaul. If you have any concerns of a child protection nature, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yr 5-7 MultiSports

The community and wellbeing co-ordinator from Fermanagh and Omagh District Council will be delivering 12 multisports sessions to our Yr 5-7 pupils on Monday afternoons. These sessions will include circuit training and badminton.

Parent Teacher Meetings

School will close at 12.45 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd February and Thursday 5th February, after an early lunch to facilitate Parent Teacher meetings. These meetings will be held in the school hall between 1.15—3.15 p.m. and will be drop-in sessions.

To help with organisation:

Surnames beginning H—Z: drop-in session **Tuesday 3rd February**

Surnames beginning A—G: drop-in session **Thursday 5th February**

If your drop-in session does not suit, please contact either your child's class teacher or the school office to arrange an alternative appointment. Supervision is available in Room 2 for your child/children during your interview.

Shared Education

Our Yr 1, 3 and 7 pupils will be participating in Shared Lessons this term which will focus on Games Based Learning. Teachers will be supported by AMMA in the planning and delivery of these lessons.

Our Yr 5 and 6 pupils will be travelling to the Flaxmill Centre for a Mental Health and Wellbeing session delivered by Core Kids. This session is being organised by the Flaxmill Centre.

3rd & 5th Feb: Parent Teacher Meetings. School closes at 12.45

11th Feb: School Closed. Staff Development Day

12th & 13th Feb: School Closed: Half-term holidays

16th Feb: Yr 5-7 NI Science Festival Workshop

18th Feb: Yr 5 & 6 Mental Health and Wellbeing Session at Drumduff

19th Feb: Cooley Caterpillars

25th Feb: visit from Athletics NI

26th Feb: Mandarin Roadshow

12th March: Cooley Caterpillars

17th March: Bank Holiday: School Closed

27th March: School Closes at 12 noon: No school dinners

30th March: School Development Day (School Closed)

31st March - 10th April: Easter Holidays

16th April: Cooley Caterpillars

5th June: Primary School Sports Day

12th June: Nursery Unit Sports Day

15th & 16th June: Yr 6 & 7 Residential

26th June: Leavers Assembly

All dates are subject to change.

Forest Schools

Our school was successful in funding application to allow our school to gain the accreditation of being a 'Forest School'. This will involve Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Carrothers gaining a qualification as a Forest School Leader and will initially involve Yr 1-4 pupils being involved in the programme. A Forest School is one which takes learning outdoors and where pupils are encouraged to develop their curiosity and motivation to learn. The outdoor sessions for our Yr 1-4 pupils have started and we plan to further develop and extend the practice throughout our school.

PTA

Our PTA were recently successful in a Grant application which will allow for the completion of the path to the Outdoor Classroom, to make this a fully accessible space for all. The PTA have also been able to purchase further resources, including waterproofs, an iPad and outdoor learning resources.

The PTA is continuing to fundraise and apply for Grants to help boost the educational resources that we have in our school. Unfortunately this is much needed support that we heavily rely on as our school budget simply does not allow us to purchase additional resources to support the teaching and learning within our school.

We would like to thank our PTA and all those who support them in their various events and activities.

Mandarin Roadshow

Our weekly Mandarin lessons for our Yr 1-7 pupils are delivered on a Thursday morning by our tutor Xia Qimeng. On Thursday 26 February we will be hosting a Mandarin Roadshow for our Yr 1-7 pupils which aims to share aspects of the Chinese culture with pupils.

Applying for a Year 8 Place

The Application Portal for Year 8 is now open and will close on 19 February. This is an online process and is available on the EA website eani.org.uk



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