



# Cool News

February 2024

## Diary Dates

**1st Feb:** Deep Fat Fryer Amnesty event

**5th–9th Feb:** Children's Mental Health Week

**6th Feb:** Safer Internet Day

**7th Feb:** School Photographer

**8th Feb:** Cooley Caterpillars

**12th–16th Feb:** School Closed: Half-term

**29th Feb:** Farm Family First Aid Event @ 7 p.m.

**11th–15th Mar:** Literacy Week & Book Fair

**14th Mar:** Cooley Caterpillars

**18th Mar:** School Closed: Bank Holiday

**21st Mar:** Hooley in Cooley (PTA)

**26th Mar:** Nursery Unit closes at 11 a.m., Primary School closes at 12 noon: **No school dinners.**  
Non-uniform: £1 donation.

**27th Mar–5th April:** School Closed: Easter Holidays

**30th & 31st May:** Yr 6 & 7 Residential

**5th June:** Primary School Sport's Day

**12th June:** Nursery Unit Sport's Day

**All dates are subject to change.**

### Cool Kids Club

The hours for our Cool Kids Club have now been extended until 5.30 p.m. each day. Snack is provided in Sessions 1 and 2 and homework support is provided in Session 2. Please book your child in advance to attend this club, preferably on a Monday but no later than the morning that you require it.



### Lost Property

Please ensure that items of clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. There are a number of items currently in our lost property collection. If you are missing items of your child's uniform, please contact the school office.

### Cooley Caterpillars

Our first session of Cooley Caterpillars was held on Thursday 11th January in our school assembly hall. There was a great turn-out and we are looking forward to our next session on Thursday 8th February. Cooley Caterpillars will be held on the second Thursday of every month, 9.15–10.30 a.m. and is open to all babies, toddlers and their carers. Please spread the word among your friends, families and neighbours.

We would also like to say 'thank you' to our parent volunteers who are helping to organise and run the sessions each month.

## Winter Weather

As the cold weather has now truly arrived we would like to remind all parents to ensure that children have a coat with them each day and possibly a hat, scarf and gloves. On snow days, pupils should bring a change of clothes, snowboots/wellie boots and a change of socks. Pupils without a change of boots and socks will not be permitted outside on snowy days.

On snowy and icy mornings, priority will be given to clearing the pathways at the front of the school, including to the Nursery entrance, the main school entrance and the front classroom doors. Yrs 1—4 should access the school via the front classroom doors on such mornings. Please take care when accessing the school premises on such days.

Should school be required to close in any exceptional circumstances, parents will be informed via a text message, our social media channels and the school website. When necessary, a phone call will also be made. Home learning will be delivered via SeeSaw and Google Classroom when there is a whole school closure.

## Shared Education

A number of Shared Education trips with staff and pupils from St. Oliver Plunkett primary school, Beragh were held during January. Yr 3 and 4 paid a visit to the Ulster American Folk Park, funded by Omagh and Fermanagh District Council's Community Relations Fund, Yr 5 and 6 paid a visit to the Armagh Planetarium and Yr 7 visited Parkanaur for an outdoor Woodland Wellbeing workshop.

## The Amazing Journey

On Wednesday 17th January Yr 1-7 pupils enjoyed a visit from 'The Amazing Journey'. During this visit, pupils were taken on a journey through the Bible, guided in part by some Biblical characters, including Moses, Rahab and Queen Esther. At the end of the session, pupils had the opportunity to dress up and taste some food which included honey, dates and grapes.

## PTA

The next PTA event will be a 'Hooley in Cooley' on Thursday 21st March. This will be an evening of fun for people of all ages to enjoy. We hope that you will keep the date free in your diary and plan to attend along with your family and friends.

**Global**  
Horizon Skills

**\*Free First Aid Kit\*  
for Attendees**

**cafre**  
College of Agriculture,  
Food & Rural Enterprise

**\*FREE\***

**Farm Family  
First Aid**

**Thursday 29th February  
7-9.30pm**

Venue:

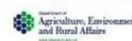
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**To book your place:**

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