



December 2025

Diary Dates

### Christmas Performances

Our Nursery Unit Christmas Performance is on **Thursday 4th December** at **9.30 a.m.** in our school hall. All of our Nursery parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join us on the morning to enjoy a performance of 'The Christmas Story'.

Our Primary School Christmas Performances will be on **Thursday 11th December at 9.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.** Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils will be performing 'The Most Disgruntled Snowman' while our Key Stage 2 pupils will be performing 'Christmas with the Crackers'. Tickets are £5 for these performances, please contact the school office to purchase. Proceeds from ticket sales will go towards our School Charity of the Year - Marie Curie - and school funds.

The Primary School and Nursery Unit will close on Thursday 11th December at 12 noon (no school dinners). Primary School pupils are asked to be back in school for 6.30 p.m. for the evening performance.

### Santa Supper

Our PTA have organised a Santa Supper for Wednesday 3rd December, 6-8 p.m. There will be Christmas Crafts, storytime with Mrs Claus and, of course, an opportunity to have a chat with Santa Claus! A photographer will be available on the night if you wish to purchase a professional photograph with Santa. Tickets are £7 for children (aged 2+), £5 for adults and £35 for a family ticket (2 adults, 4 children). We hope that you can support our PTA on the night and enjoy a fun filled Christmassy event!

### Open Days

Our Nursery Open morning will be held on Friday 12th December, 11 a.m. - 11.45 p.m. The Nursery Unit will close at 10.30 a.m. on that day to facilitate this event.

### Daily Mile: Santa Run

Our Primary School will be participating in the Daily Mile: Santa Run on Thursday 4th December. All Yr 1-7 pupils are asked to bring a Santa hat or a warm woolly hat to school on this day.

**3rd Dec:** Santa Supper

**4th Dec:** Nursery Christmas Performance

**5th Dec:** Yr 1-7 Trip to Pantomime

**11th Dec:** Christmas Concert (9.30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Primary School) School closes at 12 noon. No school dinners.

**12th Dec:** Nursery Open Morning (11 a.m.—1.45 p.m.) Nursery Unit closes at 10.30 a.m.

**18th Dec:** Cooley Caterpillars

**19th Dec:** School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners. Non-uniform. £1 donation.

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

**5th Jan:** School Development Day (School Closed)

**7th Jan:** Application Portal Opens

**8th Jan:** Cooley Caterpillars

**12th Jan:** Yr 7 Taster Day in Omagh High School

**14th Jan:** Yr 2 Shared Education Trip to Ulster American Folk Park

**21st Jan:** Yrs 4 & 6 Shared Education Trip to Enniskillen Castle

**11th Feb:** School Closed. Staff Development Day

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

**All dates are subject to change.**

### **School Council**

Our School Council held a very successful movie themed dress up day. This was organised to raise money for our School Charity of the Year, Marie Curie and School Funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event.

### **Application Portal**

The Application Portal for Nursery Unit and Year 1 pupils will open on Wednesday 7th January at 12 noon and will close on Wednesday 21st January at 12 noon.

### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

We were pleased to have recently been awarded £1,500 through the Tesco Stronger Starts funding programme. This programme seeks to help children thrive in their local community. Our project was one of three which customers in three local Tesco stores could vote for, with our project receiving the most votes. Our project, 'Fight the Hunger Pangs', will allow our school staff to support pupils who are in need and who have had to start the school day without a breakfast because of financial pressures at home. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote for our project.

### **Staffing**

Mrs Anne Anderson will be reducing her working hours in school from January 2026. Beginning in the new year, Mrs Anderson will be working Mondays and Fridays only. The Board of Governors are currently recruiting for a Clerical Officer on Tuesday - Thursday mornings. This will be a new arrangement for our school and one which will require changes in how we operate. In the first instance, we would ask that all general communication, including bookings for after-schools and payment information, is emailed to [info@cooley.omagh.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@cooley.omagh.ni.sch.uk) as this is a shared inbox. Parents are also reminded that Cool Kids' Bookings should be made 24 hours in advance to ensure staffing arrangements can be made. Any emails sent directly to Mrs Anderson will not be received or responded to outside of her working hours.

### **Ulster Scots Leid Week**

We had a very busy and enjoyable week to mark Ulster Scots Leid week. On Monday we hosted the Ulster Scots Agency who had organised a poetry event for Yr 6 & 7 pupils. The event was the culmination of a number of sessions which focussed on the poetry of W.F. Marshall. Pupils from Dromore PS joined us and all pupils learnt more about the Ulster Scots language and its origins. We also enjoyed some piping and drumming from our tutors Ivor and Ian, as well as some storytelling in Ulster Scots.

On Wednesday and Friday Ceilidh and Lambeg drumming sessions were delivered to all Yr 1-7 pupils. These were funded by Fermanagh and Omagh District Council through an application made by our PTA. Pupils and parents enjoyed the sessions delivered by Ruth and Colin. Thank you to the PTA for facilitating this event.

### **Board of Governors**

A new appointment to our Board of Governors has been made by the EA. The new EA representative is Rev. Jonathan Eccles.