



# Cool News

September 2024

## Diary Dates

### 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 school year for our school as we will mark the 20th Anniversary of our opening in March 2025. We are planning to mark this anniversary with a special assembly and also a Celebration Concert in the Spring Term. As a result, we will not be holding our usual Primary School Christmas Performance, but will instead hold a Carol Service in Sixmilecross Church of Ireland.

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

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.

**6th Sept:** School Council Elections: Yr 3-7

**13th Sept:** Eco Council Elections: Yr 3-7

**25th Oct:** Harvest Service @ 9.30

**22nd & 24th Oct:** Parent Teacher Meetings: School closes @ 12.45

**28th Oct - 1st Nov:** (inclusive) School Closed: half-term

**11th Nov:** Remembrance Assembly

**11th - 14th Nov:** Anti-Bullying Week

**29th Nov:** Drop-in Day

**13th Dec:** Nursery Open Morning

**5th Dec:** Nursery Christmas Performance

**18th Dec:** School Carol Service

**20th Dec:** School closes at 12 noon: No school dinners

**23rd Dec - 3rd Jan:** (inclusive): School Closed: Christmas holidays

**All dates are subject to change.**



### 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 Learning

Yr 1-4 classes will continue to use SeeSaw to communicate and share some home learning activities for pupils with home. 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 Google Classroom to share home learning activities and Class DoJo to communicate and share our reward system with home. Google Classroom can be downloaded as an app or via [classroom.google.com](https://classroom.google.com). Pupils will use their c2k username and password to sign in. 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 (Y5-7)
- 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](mailto:info@cooley.omagh.ni.sch.uk) and not Mrs Anderson directly.** 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. on Monday 2nd September for Yr 2 pupils.

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