



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Designated Child Protection Teachers: Mr McKane and Mrs Wilson



PARENT WORKSHOPS

Join us on Thursday night for the first of our two parent workshops. Details are on page 5 of this newsletter.



Our next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 17 September** at **7.00pm in Room 12**. We had a fabulous year in 2024-25 and we are looking forward to another exciting year! Please consider attending and making a positive contribution to school life.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



We have a cupboard in school which is bursting at the seams with unnamed uniform! Please ensure your child's jumpers and coats are named so they can be returned if they are mislaid.

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Congratulations



Daire achieved his first stripe in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu last week



Maggie ran a kids' marathon and Kristal got a distinction in her drama exam.

Attendance

As we begin a new school year, I would like to take a moment to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance for all pupils across every year group.

> Learning and Progress

Every school day matters. Children learn best when they attend consistently, as each lesson builds on the last. Frequent absences — even for short periods — can disrupt learning and make it harder for children to keep up with their peers.

> Routine and Wellbeing

Regular attendance helps children establish routines, build friendships, and feel secure in their school environment. These experiences are essential for emotional wellbeing and social development.

> Long-Term Impact

Studies show that children who attend school regularly:

- Achieve better academic outcomes.
- Develop stronger social and communication skills.
- Are more confident and engaged in their learning.

> Term-Time Holidays

In line with **Department of Education policy**, holidays taken during term time are recorded as **unauthorised absences**. I kindly ask that families avoid booking holidays during school terms to ensure children receive their full educational entitlement.

We appreciate your continued support in helping every child make the most of their time in school. If you have any questions or need support with attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Mrs Wilson - Principal



Diary

DATES

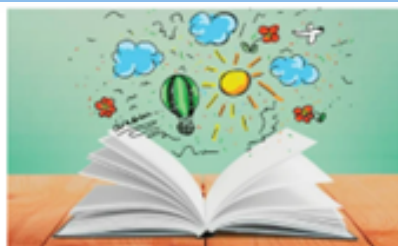
- **Nursery Welcome Event** – Tuesday 23 September at 5.00pm
- **P7M Parental Consultations** – Thursday 2 October
- **P7A Parental Consultations** – Friday 3 October
- **PTA Meeting** – Wednesday 15 October at 7.00pm
- **Nursery to Primary 6 Parental Consultations** – 13-17 and 20-23 October
- **PTA Halloween Party** – Wednesday 22 October
- **Exceptional Closure** – Friday 24 October (Please note this will no longer be used for Parental Consultations)
- **Christmas Tree Sale** – Saturday 29 November
- **Christmas Fair** – Saturday 6 December
- **Half-Term Holiday** – 27-31 October
- **P4-P7 Christmas Concert** – Tuesday 9 December at 7.00pm
- P1 Nativity** - Wednesday 10 December
- P2 Nativity** - Thursday 11 December
- P3 Nativity** - Friday 12 December
- **Term 1 Finishes** – Friday 19 December

PARENT WORKSHOPS

PARENT WORKSHOP - PRIMARY ONE INFORMATION EVENING

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 5.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Primary 1 information evening. Come along to find out all about life in P1!
Open to all current P1 parents. Please reply to your child's teacher to indicate if you are planning to attend.



PARENT WORKSHOP - ACCELERATED READER

THURSDAY 18 SEPTEMBER AT 5.45PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

Accelerated Reader. Come and hear the rationale behind our Accelerated Reader program. Get a better understanding of book levels, targets and Z.P.Ds! Visit our school library to see the range of books on offer and have opportunity to ask questions about A.R. Open to all parents in Primary 4- Primary 7, especially P4 parents who have children participating in A.R for the first time.

Please reply to your child's class teacher if you are planning to attend.



BOOK FAIR DELIVERIES

A number of books have been delivered to school which were ordered during the last Book Fair. Please call into the school office and Mrs Murray will give you your order. Books which aren't claimed by the end of September will go into our school library.

COMMUNITY NOTICES & ADVERTISEMENTS

Please note that neither the services advertised on the remaining pages nor those providing them, have been checked or verified by the school.

CAST SCHOOL OF SPEECH AND DRAMA



**IMPROVISATION
STORYTELLING
GAMES
POEMS · FESTIVALS
CONCERTS
LAMDA EXAMS**

P1-3

**14:00-
14:50**

P4-7

**15:00-
16:15**

**£10.25
PER LESSON
PER CHILD**



**WE COLLECT THE CHILDREN
FROM THE SCHOOL AND
WALK THEM TO THE YMCA**

**E-MAIL: cast.school
@ntlworld.com
PHONE: 07824992423**



"Can I get a phone?"



"My friend has a phone, please can I get one?"



Simple question, but what is your answer?

Are you debating this question?

Do you feel smartphones are to be avoided?

Has your child just got their first phone?

We understand your responsibilities & concerns.

Parentline has gathered information to help you to make this decision and help keep everyone informed, connected and safe.

Packed full of useful links, support & guidance. Helpful Q&A's to use with your child.



For your FREE PACK

Call us now 0808 8020 400

Panthers After-Schools Athletics program at Mary Peters Track

About the Program: Panthers Term 1 Athletics

- When: Mondays, 4 pm – 5 pm
- Dates: 6 October – 8 December 2025 (8 weeks)
- Who: Children aged 8–12 (divided into 8–9 year olds and 10–12 year olds)
- Cost: £40 total for the full 8-week term
- Events: Running, jumping, and throwing—designed to be fun, inclusive, and skill-building activities
- Venue: Mary Peters Track, Belfast

<https://ani.opentrack.run/en-gb/x/2025/GBR/panthersmptterm1/>