



June 2026 Newsletter

Our final month of the school year has arrived...please read through carefully all the information below.



We will be holding sports day for P1-P7 (weather permitting) on Tuesday 9th June. Please see attached timetable of events below.

- Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend from 9.30am onwards.
- Lunch time for the children is between 12-1pm, we ask for Parents/Guardians to leave the school premises during this time.
- P4-P7 Sprints and relay races will be held from 1pm onwards in the top playground- parents/guardians welcome to return for these.
- **Please note that in the interests of health and safety, that all children must remain with their class teacher. It is a full school day as normal.**
- Children should wear their own appropriate sports gear/footwear and suncream if the weather suggests necessary.

We look forward to a day of celebrating achievement and the participation of all with our school community. There will also be a special treat for each child for their participation later in June.

**Good Shepherd Primary and Nursery School
Sports Day Timetable of Events**

Time	P1, P2, P3	P4, P5, P6, P7
9.30-10.15	P1-P2 Sports Activities - Lower Playground P3 Sprint/Relay Races - Top Playground	9:30 - 12 noon Basketball shoot (PE hall)
10.30-10.45 (BREAK)	Break	Standing long jump/Tug O War (Grass below Nursery)
11.00-11.45	P1-P2 Sprint Races - Top Playground P3 Sport Activities - Lower Playground P1-3 Sports Day Activities conclude by lunchtime	Penalty kick (Grass below Nursery) 7-a-side football (Football Cage)
12.00-1.00	LUNCH	
1.00-2.00	P1-P2 Play activities in class	1.00 - 2.45 P4-P7 Sprints & Relay Races
1.00-3.00	P3 Play activities in class	



As we approach the end of the school year, please ensure any outstanding balances on ParentPay are settled, including dinner money.
Thank you!



Our uniform swop shop is back! Children can wear their own clothes from Monday 22nd June until the end of the school year in order for uniforms to be

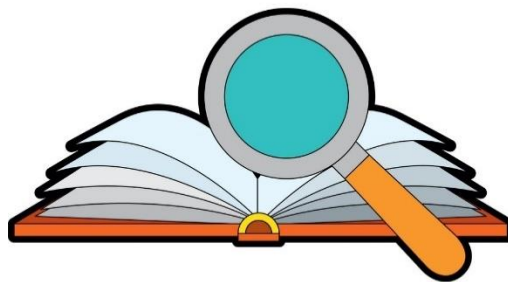
donated. **We will be accepting donations on Monday 22nd June only. However, Primary 7 children will need to wear their uniform on Monday 29th June for their leavers mass.**

Please leave any donations of clean, good quality uniforms into school on Monday 22nd June to the school office. We welcome Nursery- Primary 7 uniforms.

We welcome donations of: any uniform items, coats or shoes and school bags which are in good condition.

Uniforms will then be organised for parents/guardians to browse and collect on **Tuesday 23rd June & Wednesday 24th June 9-4pm** from the school assembly hall. All Free!

Any uniforms donated which have not been collected will be donated to a local charity.



We also ask for everyone to have a hunt at home for any school books and return them. Thank you!



Sleep is an important part of your child's routine, health and wellbeing. Information on the best advice for sleep routines for your child can be found here:

<https://healthwell.eani.org.uk/news/family-health/sleep-advice-children>

STUDENT COUNCIL

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CAKE SALE!

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE



DONATIONS
WELCOME
THAT MORNING

50p

MAXIMUM SPEND



♡ Thank you for your support! ♡

*No Nuts Please!

Sun Safety Reminder:



We would encourage Parents/Guardians to apply sun cream on their child before they start school each day if the weather indicates a risk. Children can bring a sunhat to school (please label with their name). We would also encourage the children to bring water each day to stay hydrated. Summer uniform can be worn anytime in the third term. Boys may wish to wear plain navy shorts and a short sleeve white shirt, while girls may wish to wear blue/navy gingham summer dress.

Our Sun Safety Policy can be accessed here:

https://view.officeapps.live.com/op/embed.aspx?src=https://storage.googleapis.com/siteassets/swd/475/docletter/20210325024627_80_Good_shepherd_care_in_the_sun.docx



Teaching and learning starts at 9am every day. It is important that your child is punctual for school. School gates open from 8.45am. **Breakfast club is open from 8.10am. No need to book in for the breakfast club- £1 a day per child. Please enter the school grounds via the Nursery pedestrian gate.** In the interests of health and safety, children should not be left unsupervised at the school gates before they open.

Safeguarding Information



In the interests of health and safety we now ask that children do not bring any shellfish products or nut products to school for either break or lunch. This includes Nutella.



We would like to take the opportunity to remind parents/guardians that **no cars are permitted inside the school grounds at any time** unless this has been pre-arranged with Mrs McCafferty or you are a blue badge holder. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence.

Please ensure that the school gates are kept clear. Cars should not be parked on the yellow zigzag lines outside the school gates at any time. Please talk to your child about general road safety. Enter and exit the school using the pedestrian gates only. Once your child is collected from school, please keep them beside you at all times. These measures are in the interest of everyone's health and safety. Thank you!

Members of the Schools Safeguarding team are:

The Chair of the Board of Governors (Mr P. Duffy)

The Designated Governor for Child Protection (Dr M Gormley)

The Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs Maria Harley)

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Mrs S. McCafferty).

Other members of Safeguarding Team:

Mrs P. Houston/Mrs R Warne /Mrs Kyle/ Mrs A Donnelly/Mr D Herron.

School policies can be found on the school website under the 'My School' section. There is also a wide range of support information for parents in the 'Parents Section' of the school website. This is updated regularly.

The school holiday lists can be accessed here:

<https://www.goodshepherdps.net/parents-area/holiday-list/>


The new school dinner menu can be accessed here- please check which week we are on as there is a 4 week menu:


<https://www.goodshepherdps.net/parents-area/dinner-menu/>



Please ensure that you download the Schools NI App which is linked to our website. Click on the ? on the app and ensure that notifications are turned on. This is our central means of communication.

Date	What's On?
Monday 1st June	Children of Fatima Prayer Group visit P4-P7
Monday 1st June	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm
Monday 1st June	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-2.50pm, P3 & P4: 3-3.50pm
Tuesday 2nd June	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.50pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.50pm
Tuesday 2nd June	Farren's Construction Water Pipe Workshop Primary 7
Wednesday 3rd June	'New to our School' Primary 1 Sept 2026 visit @2.30pm
Wednesday 3rd June	Primary 7 Swimming
Wednesday 3rd June	Nursery trip to Jungle King
Wednesday 3rd June	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7
Wednesday 3rd June	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm
Wednesday 3rd June	Derry Soccer Cup @Foyle College
Thursday 4th June	Primary 7 Fan the Flame Celebration of the Eucharist @Celtic Park
Thursday 4th June	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm
Thursday 4th June	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm
Friday 5th June	Primary 7 Cricket
Friday 5th June	Primary 5SM Swimming
Monday 8th June	Digital Leaders Alchemy Technology Services Visit
Monday 8th June	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 3
Monday 8th June	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-2.50pm, P3 & P4: 3-3.50pm
Tuesday 9th June	Sports Day (Weather Permitting)
Tuesday 9th June	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.50pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.50pm
Wednesday 10th June	Primary 7 Swimming
Wednesday 10th June	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7
Wednesday 10th June	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm
Thursday 11th June	North West Swimming Gala
Thursday 11th June	All County Girls' Gaelic Final
Thursday 11th June	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm
Thursday 11th June	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm
Friday 12th June	Nursery Sports Day

Friday 12th June	Primary 5SM Swimming
Friday 12th June	Primary 7 Cricket
Friday 12th June 	Student Council Bring and Buy Cake Sale- Please bring in any donations to our Bring and Buy Cake Sale. Children welcome to purchase a bun from our student council. 50p maximum spend.
Monday 15th June	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm LAST WEEK
Monday 15th June	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-2.50pm, P3 & P4: 3-3.50pm LAST WEEK
Monday 15th June	Primary 3 trip to Tropical World
Tuesday 16th June 	Ice cream treat for everyone!
Tuesday 16th June	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.50pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.50pm
Wednesday 17th June	Nursery Reports Handed Out
Wednesday 17th June	Primary 5 Visit Lurgybrack Farm
Wednesday 17th June	Primary 7 Swimming LAST WEEK
Wednesday 17th June	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7 LAST WEEK
Wednesday 17th June	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm LAST WEEK
Thursday 18th June	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm LAST WEEK
Thursday 18th June	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm LAST WEEK
Friday 19th June	Nursery Graduation Mrs Warne's Class @9.30am Mrs Kyle's Class @11am
Friday 19th June	Primary 7 Cricket
Friday 19th June	Primary 5SM Swimming LAST WEEK
All after school clubs have now ended. Thank you for all your support during the year!	
Monday 22nd June	Non-uniform for the remainder of the school year!

	<p>*Primary 7 should wear uniform for their leavers' mass on Monday 29th June.</p>
<p>Monday 22nd June</p>	<p>Open for uniform donations- thank you!</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd June</p>	<p>Uniform Swop Shop 9-4pm in the Assembly Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd June</p>	<p>Primary 5 Foyle College Event</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th June</p>	<p>Uniform Swop Shop 9-4pm in the Assembly Hall</p>
<p>Thursday 25th June</p>	<p>P1-P7 School Reports Handed Out</p>
<p>Friday 26th June</p>	<p>Primary 7 Cricket</p>
<p>Monday 29th June</p>	<p>Primary 7 children to wear school uniform. Primary 7 Leavers Mass @1pm St. Columb's Church, Chapel Road. Primary 7 children leave from the Chapel with Parents/Guardians.</p>
<p>Tuesday 30th June</p>	<p>School Finishes at 12noon Dinner available for those who are entitled to free school meals only. No packed Lunches.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"> School reopens for children on Tuesday 1st September 2026. *Nursery and Primary 1 children will have individual start times. School reopening information will be communicated in due course via the school website and schools NI app. </p>	

PRAYER TO END A SCHOOL YEAR

God of Wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for all who have shared in the work of this school.

We ask you to bless them in your love and give them refreshment and peace. We praise you, God, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.



**Have a
Safe and
Happy
Summer!**

On behalf of all the staff, we would like to wish our entire school community a safe and happy summer break. Thank you for all your support throughout the year. *Mrs S. McCafferty*