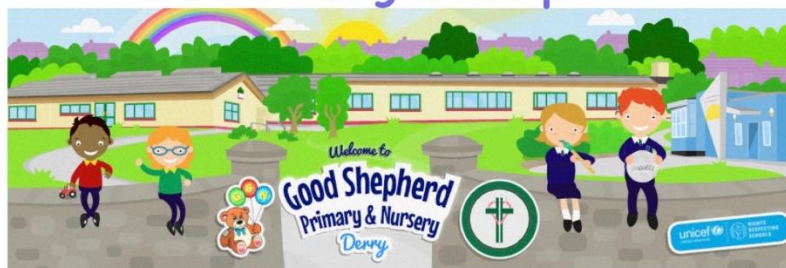




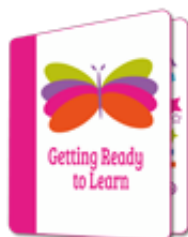
February 2026 Newsletter



Internet Safety
Parent/Guardian
information event
Tuesday 17th
February 5.30 pm



As part of Safer Internet Day, we are holding an information session for Parents/Guardians on Tuesday 17th February 2026 in the school at 5.30pm. This is being facilitated by Mr Harvey and Mr McAleer from All State NI. This is a **very worthwhile event** and aims to keep Parents/Guardians informed on how to keep your child safe online. **This information session will run during the Nursery's big bedtime read. Parents/Guardians attending from P1-P7 will also receive a homework pass for their child. All welcome to attend!**



Our Nursery Big Bedtime Read will be held during our internet safety parent/guardian talk.

Tuesday 17th February @5.30pm

Nursery children are welcome to come in their pyjamas to enjoy a story and a hot chocolate. This is always such a memorable evening...we cannot wait!



Good Shepherd Primary & Nursery School are proud to present the Key Stage 2 production of this monstrously funny new musical comedy...

GROSSBUSTERS: The Monster Musical!

Oozing with catchy songs, crazy characters and comic chaos, it's a guaranteed to be a monster hit with our talented superstars!

Auditions and rehearsals are underway...more information to follow!

...Who ya gonna call?

GROSSBUSTERS!



Help us kit out our team!

We're looking for sponsors from our school community to fund a brand-new soccer kit. If you think you can help please get in touch!



Free Fruit Breaks are Back!

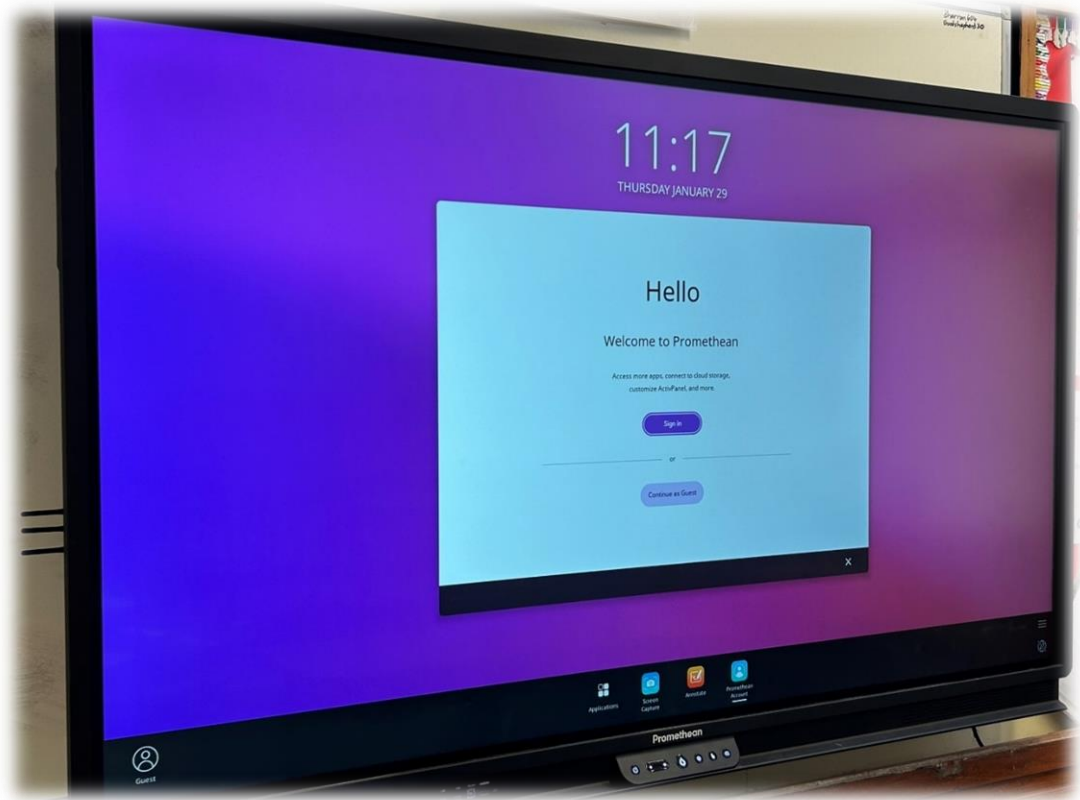
We are delighted to inform our school community that free fruit breaks will be returning on Monday 2nd February and will run for the month of February. This initiative has been kindly sponsored by Bishop's Gate Hotel. Thank you!

Key dates for SEPTEMBER 2026

- 10 December 2025**
Admissions Criteria published
- 27 January 2026**
Applications open at 12 noon
- 19 February 2026**
Applications close at 12 noon

www.eani.org.uk

FAO: Parents/Guardians of Primary 7 children- please ensure you have applied for your child's post primary place by Thursday 19th February. If you need any help please get in touch at the school office.



We are delighted to announce that we have 4 more brand new interactive whiteboards being installed this month. That completes a major investment throughout each and every classroom at our school ensuring the very best in ICT provision for our young learners.



The IFA are running a Disney playmakers programme here at Good Shepherd Primary & Nursery School for 8 weeks, starting Wednesday 28th January and ending on Wednesday 25th March for Primary 1 and Primary 2 classes. With 1 week just completed; the boys and girls are having a wonderful time!



Please respect our staff, we are here to help. Verbal and physical abuse is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.



On Friday 6th February- Rock Red Friday. Wear something red/non-uniform and bring in £1 (£2 max. per family) in aid of The Children's Heartbeat Trust.



MID TERM BREAK

The school will be closed from Monday 9th- Friday 13th February for the midterm break.



Why not take on a new challenge, learn new skills, have fun and make new friends at our after school clubs...

*All clubs must be signed up for before they commence...

Details of new club blocks starting in February...

Day	Club	Year Group & Time	Book/Pay
Monday	R9 Multi-Sports Club	P1-P2 2-3pm P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-4pm	Starting Monday 16th February 2026 £48 for 8 weeks (discount for siblings attending) Book via R9 Website https://www.cognitoforms.com/R9SportsCoaching/GoodShepherdPrimarySchool
Wednesday	Dance with Skills Schools Dance	P1-P2 2-3pm P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-4pm	Started Wednesday 18th February 2026 £36 for 8 weeks (discount for siblings attending) Book directly here: https://skillschool.classforkids.io/

AFTERSCHOOLS SPORTS CLUB

BRAND NEW




WHERE: Good Shepherd PS, Derry

WHEN: Monday 16th February

WHAT: Multisports

TIME: P1-P2 @ 2:00pm - 3:00pm
P3-P7 @ 3:00pm - 4:00pm

COST: £48 for
8 Week Block

HOW TO BOOK: Book Online Via
www.r9coaching.co.uk
10% Family Discount Code:
"SAVE10"



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- ✓ A wide range of styles including hip hop, street, disco, jive, and more
- ✓ Award-winning coaches with All-Ireland, European, and World titles, for all ages and abilities

SESSION DETAILS






**Wednesday
18th February 2026**

Dance

**P1-P2 2:00pm - 3:00pm
P3-P7 3:00pm - 4:00pm**

£36 for an 8 week course.

10% family discount.

HOW TO BOOK

REGISTER: Scan the QR code or visit skillschoolni.com/bookings

PAYMENT: Payment is made online at the time of booking.

IMPORTANT: Cash payments are not accepted.



[skillschoolni.com/
bookings](http://skillschoolni.com/bookings)



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- **spaces are very limited**. Please share this information with grandparents and childminders as refusal often causes offence. If you are a blue badge holder and you avail of parking within the school grounds; **please wait to exit the school grounds until the large crowds have dispersed**. If crossing the road outside the school gates please cross with our school crossing patrol lady, Mrs McQuaid at the dropped kerb.

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 M. 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 Kivlehan/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 note that a new dinner menu will be operational from Monday 16th February 2026.**

What's on at Good Shepherd Primary & Nursery School?

Date	What's on?
Monday 2 nd February	Children of Fatima Prayer Group
Monday 2 nd February	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4 & P5: 3-4pm Week 4
Monday 2 nd February	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 8 LAST WEEK OF CURRENT BLOCK
Tuesday 3 rd February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Tuesday 3 rd February	Young Authors and Book Publishing Club Primary 6 & Primary 7, 3-4pm Week 4
Tuesday 3 rd February	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.45pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.45pm Week 4
Wednesday 3 rd February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Wednesday 4 th February	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 8 LAST WEEK OF CURRENT BLOCK
Wednesday 4 th February	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7 Week 5
Wednesday 4 th February	Primary 7 Mandarin Lessons
Thursday 5 th February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Thursday 5 th February	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 4
Thursday 5 th February	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm Week 4
Friday 6 th February  CHILDREN'S HEARTBEAT TRUST <small>Northern Ireland's Children's Heart Charity</small>	Rock Red Friday- £1 in aid of the Children's Heartbeat Trust. Wear red/non-uniform. Full school day as normal.
Friday 6 th February	Primary 5 DW Swimming Week 4

Friday 6th February	Waterside Credit Union Quiz
Monday 9th-Friday 13th February School Closed for Midterm Break 	
Monday 16th February	New Dinner Menu Starts Today https://www.goodshepherdps.net/parents-area/dinner-menu/
Monday 16th February	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm WEEK 1 OF NEW BLOCK
Monday 16th February	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4 & P5: 3-4pm Week 5
Tuesday 17th February	Nursery big bedtime read @5.30pm
Tuesday 17th February	Internet Safety Talk @5.30pm for Parents/Guardians-homework pass for all those who attend!
Tuesday 17th February	Internet Safety workshops in school facilitated by AllState NI
Tuesday 17th February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Tuesday 17th February	Young Authors and Book Publishing Club Primary 6 & Primary 7, 3-4pm Week 5
Tuesday 17th February	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.45pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.45pm Week 5
Wednesday 17th February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Wednesday 18th February	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm WEEK 1 OF NEW BLOCK
Wednesday 18th February	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7 Week 6
Wednesday 18th February	Primary 7 Mandarin Lessons
Wednesday 18th February	Primary 6 attend NI Science festival to participate in experiments and science demonstrations at the Waterside Library
Thursday 19th February	Primary 1 school nurse health checks
Thursday 19th February	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 5
Thursday 19th February	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm Week 5
Thursday 19th February	Portal closes at 12noon for post primary admissions applications
Friday 20th February	Primary 5 DW Swimming Week 5
Monday 23rd February	After School R9 Sports P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm WEEK 2
Monday 23rd February	After School Mini Professors P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4 & P5: 3-4pm Week 6

Tuesday 24th February	Young Authors and Book Publishing Club Primary 6 & Primary 7, 3-4pm Week 6 LAST WEEK
Tuesday 24th February	After School Singing lessons P1 & P2 2-2.45pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7 3-3.45pm Week 6
Wednesday 25th February	After School Dance P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm WEEK 2
Wednesday 25th February	After School Guitar Lessons P5, P6 & P7 Week 7
Wednesday 25th February	Primary 7 Mandarin Lessons
Thursday 26th February	After School Maiden City Soccer P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3 P4 P5 P6 P7: 3-4pm Week 6
Thursday 26th February	Crafty Kidz Art & Craft Club P1 & P2: 2-3pm, P3, P4, P5, P6 & P7: 3-4pm Week 6
Friday 27th February	Primary 5 DW Swimming Week 6

Thank you to our entire school community for the ongoing support of your school!