

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 12th September 2025



Eurospar Donation

We were delighted this week to have been presented with a cheque for PTA funds from Eurospar, to go towards our outdoor classroom in memory of James Collins. They raised £500 in customer donations, plus a further £1000 from the Henderson group! Amazing! The cheque was presented to Mr Spratt and Alex and Cameron Collins this week.



School Development Priorities 2025/26

This year our school priorities are outlined below. We hope to put more information about our school vision and future plans on



Develop the Creative Use of ICT across the curriculum (to include Topic/Thematic Work)



Development of Practical Mathematics linked to outdoor learning



Development of Physical Education across the school – including an updated PE scheme of work



Enhance and improve playground environment to better support learning

the website soon.

Morning Drop Off/Parking

It is good to see so many children coming into school independently in the mornings! It is really helpful to us when parents drop off and leave the school promptly. Thank you!

Please note cars should not park on the yellow chevrons at the front of school, the reason the chevrons are there is to create maximum visibility, during busy times, for all road users including any pedestrians crossing.

Dandelion Family Photo Afternoon

This is our annual opportunity for families to have a professional family photo taken. It is by appointment only and will take place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 19th November in the school assembly hall. More details will follow in due course.

DIARY DATES

Fri 24 October
School finishes at 12:30pm for Halloween half term break

Mon 3 November
School reopens after Halloween

Wed 6 November
Cash for Clobber collection

Tues 11 and Wed 19 November
Family Photo afternoon - more info soon

Sat 15 November
SEAG Paper 1

Sat 22 November
SEAG Paper 2

Fri 19 December
School closes at 12noon for Christmas

Tues 6 January 2026
School opens for Spring term

Fri 6 February
School finishes at 12:30pm for half term

Mon 16 February
2025 School reopens after half term

Tues 17 March
School closed - St Patrick's Day

PTA - Next meeting

The PTA are a vital way for us to provide our pupils with the best additional resources, particularly in the current economic climate. We would love for more parents to become involved and join the PTA team. Meetings are usually monthly and the next one will be at 7:30pm on **Monday 15th September 2024**. Everyone is very welcome to come along.

If you are considering finding out more please feel free to come along! We would love to welcome any new members!

SEE THE LATEST PTA NEWSLETTER BELOW!!!

Online Parental Permission Forms - IMPORTANT

If you have not yet accessed our online parent consent forms it is important that you complete these as soon as possible for each child. The links are below:

WALKING HOME UNACCOMPANIED (P4 and up only)	https://forms.gle/6zDWTNbK4Wg2Ctvr6
FIRST AID CONSENT (all pupils)	https://forms.gle/CAt3r7FAEUxoQMy16
PHOTO/INTERNET CONSENT (all pupils)	https://forms.gle/SyFzUpoY2T8Hg4z57

***** If you have already completed these, please do not complete these again *****

Class Information Sessions

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend our class information sessions at the end of August. For those who were unable to attend, the home page of our website has links to all the class presentations - these will remain online until the end of September.

Stationery

As you know we ask parents to pay a voluntary contribution of £5 per child per term so that we can provide all necessary stationery items for you child - this includes glue sticks, colouring pencils, pens, rulers, pencils, felt tip pens etc. This can be paid via the School Money app.

Health and Wellbeing Services

The link below will take parents to a very useful document from the SE Health Trust, it lists all the services available for emotional and mental health and wellbeing in the SE Health Trust area. [Click here to access the link.](#)



Let's Learn Together Roadshow

FREE training for educators, parents and carers.

Learn about supporting adopted and care experienced children and young people in education, gaining insights into the unique challenges they may face.

22/9/25 - Maghaberry Primary School, Maghaberry

23/9/25 - St Colm's High School, Draperstown

24/9/25 - Fountain Primary School, Londonderry

29/9/25 - Greystone Primary School, Antrim

23/10/25 - St Clare's Abbey Primary School, Newry

"This training was a real light bulb moment for me."

6:30-9:00pm

"I had no idea developmental trauma could impact how children felt in my classroom."

To register email northernireland@adoptionuk.org.uk

Don't forget to read the PTA Newsletter below!



NEWS



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

WELCOME BACK!

We're thrilled to welcome all our pupils, teachers and families back for another exciting school year! As we begin a new term, the PTA is already hard at work planning a variety of fun and engaging events for the whole school community.

From Christmas fairs to Autumn discos, there's something for everyone to enjoy. We can't wait to see familiar faces and welcome new ones as we make this year one to remember.

Stay tuned for announcements and ways to get involved—we're so glad you're here!

GET INVOLVED WITH THE PTA

The PTA is a great way to stay connected with the school community and make a positive impact on your child's educational experience. There are many ways to get involved—whether you have a lot of time or just a little.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

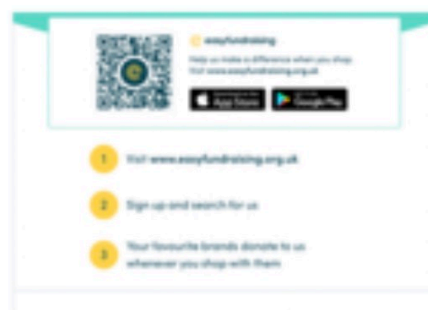
- Attend PTA meetings to stay informed and share your ideas.
- Volunteer at school events—we always need extra hands!
- Help with fundraising efforts to support programs and resources.
- Lend your skills behind the scenes (design, organising, communication, etc.).
- Do you own a business? Can you donate vouchers towards raffles?
- Everyone is welcome, no matter how much time you can give.

RAISE FREE FUNDS WITH EASY FUNDRAISING

Did you know you can support our school just by shopping online?

By signing up to easyfundraising.org.uk and selecting our school, every time you shop with over 7,500 retailers (like Amazon, Argos, M&S & more), they'll donate to us at no extra cost to you. It's quick, free, and makes a big difference!

👉 Sign up today and help us raise valuable funds with your everyday shopping.



Upcoming events

➤ 15th September 2025 -
PTA meeting @
7.30pm

Get in touch

📞 Helen - 07867471981
✉ maghaberrypspta@hotmail.com
🌐 www.maghaberryps.com/pta

"Can I get a phone?"



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



Parent Line NI

0808 8020 400

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**

AUTUMN FAIR

THE BALLANCE HOUSE

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER 2025, 12 - 4 pm

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Free Magic Shows with L'il Magic
Lisburn Ukes & Glenavy Accordion Band
Craft Fair, Wood-turning, Apple Sales
Heritage House exhibition
Tea Barn open & Sausage Sizzle

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Adults £3, u14 £1.50, u5 free

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CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFEGUARDING TEAM

Designated Teacher for Child Protection:
Mrs R Wilson

Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection:
Mrs J Hamilton

Principal and Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection
Mr D Spratt

Governors responsible for Child Protection:
Mr J Watson
and Mr K McCarthy

Copies of the Child Protection Policy are available from the school website.

