



Farewell to Mrs Millar

This morning we held a special assembly for Mrs Millar, which we successfully kept a secret from her! The children presented her with cards, a gift from parents and a bouquet of flowers in recognition of her contribution to the school over the last 25 years!

It's only farewell for now as she'll be with us on Fridays until Christmas.

Her love for teaching, her compassion and her wisdom will be greatly missed.



Happy Half Term

We wish everybody in our community, especially the children and their families a very safe and happy half term. Don't forget to put your clocks back on Saturday! And we will see everyone again on [Monday 3rd of November](#)! Stay safe!

Lisburn Food Bank Collection

Over the last few weeks we have been seeking donations from our families to give to those in need with the help of Lisburn Food Bank. We have been delighted with the response to this. Thank you so much to everyone who made a donation however big or small.

On Thursday we handed over quite a few very heavy crates of food to Qama from Lisburn Food Bank. This will make a real difference to those in need at this time of year.



Pumpkin Sale

We are delighted to announce that the P4 pumpkin sale raised a grand total of £274! This is amazing. Thank you to the P4 children who planted the pumpkin seeds back in P3 and sold them last week. I don't think we have ever had such a bumper crop of massive pumpkins, they looked fabulous. Thank you to any parents who bought a pumpkin or pumpkins from us. A huge thank you must go to Mrs. Black (our building supervisor) for all of her help and an extra huge thank

you to Mrs. Black (our P3 teacher) who was in and out of school throughout the summer months, looking after and tending to the pumpkins. The money raised will be used to develop plants around school and our poly tunnel. We will also

make a donation to Lisburn Foodbank from the money raised. Many of the pumpkins were carved and decorated for the PTA competition!



DIARY DATES

Mon 3 November
School reopens after Halloween

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

Football Results

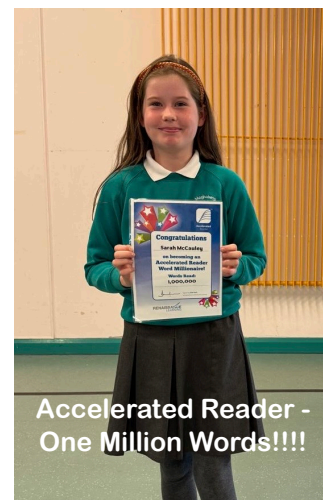
Some of our footballers recently played the second stage of the Lisburn Schools Tournament. Once again they did us proud with very strong play against tough competition. We drew 0:0 with Pond Park and Rowandale, we won 4:0 against Brownlee and unfortunately lost 1:0 to Largymore.

Excellent results! Well done boys.

Let's Celebrate

So many things to celebrate this month!





Policy Reviews

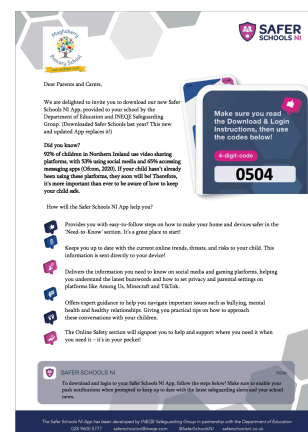
We are updating our Child Protection Policy this term. The draft policy is on the school website - we would welcome any comments from parents. [Tap here to view the draft policy.](#)

Safer Schools NI - IMPORTANT!

We would **strongly** encourage parents to download and explore the **SAFER SCHOOLS NI** app to help inform you about internet safety at home.

The Safer Schools NI app is a free interactive safeguarding tool designed for schools and parents across Northern Ireland. It provides advice and support for parents regarding internet safety and popular apps being used by children. Please download the Safer Schools NI App using the instructions in the letter (linked below) and create a parent/carers account using the 4-digit code 0504.

[Further information can be found in this letter \(click here to view\).](#)



PTA

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Half Term hoolie disco on Wednesday night - the children had great fun and there was a lovely atmosphere. A special word of thanks to PTA volunteers for giving up their time to plan and organise the event!

Don't forget to read the PTA Newsletter below!



GIVE BLOOD Save Lives

Book now for your local community blood donation session!

VENUE
Presbyterian Church Hall
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DATE & TIME
Friday 21 November
12:30 – 19:00

Northern Ireland needs 1200 blood donations per week.
That's 1 every 8 minutes.

www.NIBTS.org

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FIREWORKS Extravaganza

WED 29TH OCTOBER AT 6.30PM

LURGAN TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

FOOD, FUN & FIREWORKS

FREE & EVERYONE WELCOME

Free event!

Join us for our
Light Night
31st Oct

7.30 – 8.50pm
Activities

From 8.50pm
Fireworks display

@ Moira Baptist Church

Scan QR code to register

Hot chocolate,
ice cream,
s'mores!

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.

CLICK HERE

NEWS



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

Thank You for a Fantastic Hoolie! 🎉

What a night! Our Hoolie was a huge success, full of laughter, music, and some truly impressive dance moves. It was wonderful to see so many of our pupils dressed up in their fancy dress, twirling around the hall and enjoying every moment.

We're thrilled to announce that, thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised a grand total of £290.65!



A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who joined in the fun, and supported the event — and an extra special thank you to the teachers and volunteers who gave up their time to help keep everything running smoothly.

It truly was a night to remember, and we couldn't have done it without our amazing school community. 🧛

School Fund

Each year, the PTA invites parents to make a voluntary contribution to support and enrich our children's learning experiences. These generous donations help fund digital learning tools, reading books, play equipment, and subsidise school trips. We suggest a contribution of £20 for your eldest child, plus £5 for each additional child, though any amount you are able to give is greatly appreciated. A letter has been sent home with further details about the School Fund, along with a Gift Aid form. If you are eligible, completing this form allows the school to claim Gift Aid—making your donation go even further at no extra cost to you. Thank you to those of you who have already made a donation - it is greatly appreciated.

Payments can now be made easily through the SchoolMoney App.

Who's who in the PTA

Name: Rachel Blair

Children: Chloe (P5), Freya (P2)

Role: Secretary - I minute the monthly meetings, manage communications for the PTA, send letters looking donations, assist with events and support the chair and treasurer

Most used phrase: - "It is what it is".

Where I can often be found: walking my dog and at home with my children

Likes: Christmas, Chinese food and spending time with family

Dislikes: getting water in my face and spiders.



Competition Winners

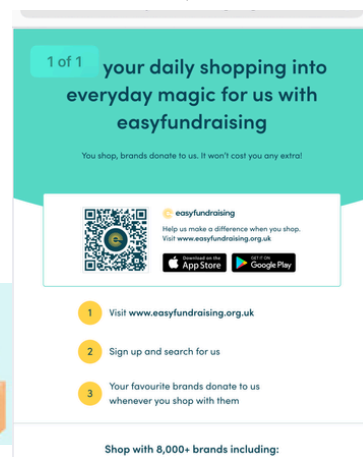
Well done to the winners of our pumpkin carving competition. There were so many brilliant entries. The winners were:

- P1 - Eva Annette
- P2- Darla Hamilton
- P3 - Isobel Parker
- P4 - Megan McGarry
- P5 - Bethany Dunlop
- P6- Omolara Olawuyi
- P7- Eleasha McGarry



Easy fundraising

Have you heard of Easyfundraising? This is a great way to raise funds for your school when you purchase from a huge variety of shops online.



Christmas Fair Stallholders

Do you own a business? Do you make crafts as a hobby? Do you know someone who does? Why not hire a craft table at our Christmas Fair? Contact Helen - 07867471981 to secure your table.



Christmas Fair 2025

Planning for our annual Christmas Craft Fair is already underway! Save the date in your diary for a fun-filled evening of games, crafts, food and drinks as well as having the opportunity to browse products from our independent stallholders.



Support the PTA – how you can help

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) plays a vital role in building a strong connection between schools, families, and communities. Supporting the PTA helps ensure that students have access to the resources, opportunities, and experiences they need to thrive—both inside and outside the classroom. When parents, teachers, and community members work together through the PTA, schools benefit in countless ways.

Supporting the PTA doesn't always mean making a financial contribution. You can get involved by attending meetings, volunteering at school events, helping with fundraisers, or sharing your skills—whether that's organising, decorating, or promoting school activities. Even small efforts make a big difference when everyone pitches in.

By supporting the PTA, you're not just helping your school—you're investing in your child's education and creating a stronger, more connected community for everyone.

Not sure how you can help?
Contact Helen on 07867471981



Amazon Wishlist

A message will be sent out soon with a link to our Amazon Wishlist where you will be able to purchase items for the Christmas Fair. This is a great way for parents to get involved in contributing to events and it means that all money then raised from an event can be used to buy resources for your children.

Upcoming events

- ▶ 3rd November 2025 - PTA meeting @ 7.30pm
- ▶ 27th November 2025 - Christmas Fair

