

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 23rd January 2026



P7 SEAG Results

Tomorrow we will be thinking of our P7 pupils who sat the SEAG assessments in November and we wish them every success. It is especially important to remember that whilst many of our children will be delighted with the result, there may be some that will be disappointed. We want our children to remember they are more than just a number and will have skills and talents that cannot be measured by a test, or have skills and talents that they have yet to discover! Every one of our pupils is of massive value and has huge potential and we cherish all of them equally.

Parents will receive quite a bit of data in the SEAG results. As a very basic guide for SEAG parents tomorrow, the Total Standardised Age Score (TSAS) is the English and Maths (standardised) scores added together. 200 is the average score, so if your child's TSAS is over 200 it is considered above average.

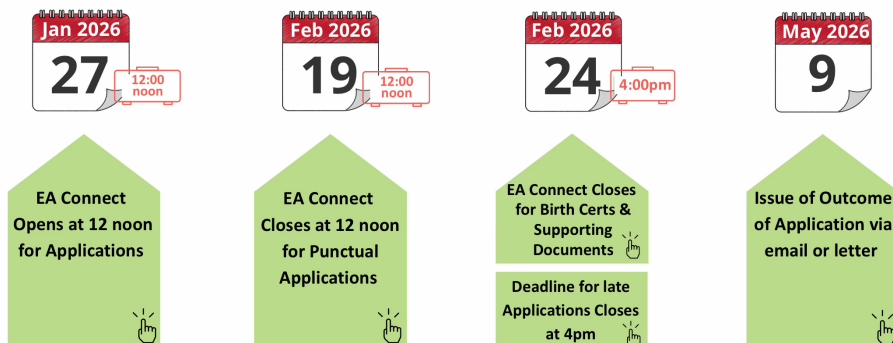
No matter what the results bring we are very proud of our Primary 7s! P7 parents will be able to discuss results and school choices at parent consultations during the week beginning Monday 2nd February.

Applications for Post-Primary School (Year 8)

The EA Admissions portal goes "live" from 27th January until 19th February 2026 -

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions>

-  EA Connect will open on 27 January 2026 at 12 noon and close on 19 February 2026 at 12 noon for Year 8 Post Primary applications.
-  The Admissions Helpdesk is open on 028 9047 0177, from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm, throughout the application window.
-  The helpdesk can be emailed on postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk



DIARY DATES

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

Mon 16 February
School opens after half term

Tues 17 March
School closed St Patrick's Day - EA non-operational day

Fri 27 March
School closes at 12noon for Easter

Mon 13 April
School reopens for the summer term

Mon 4 May
School closed for the bank holiday

Mon 25 May and Tues 26 May
School closed for the bank holiday weekend

Key Information for parents making school applications (including pre-school and post-primary) can be found by following this link. [Click/Tap here.](#)

Parent Consultations and Half Term

As you will be aware of parent consultations are taking place during the week beginning Monday 2nd February. To facilitate these consultations school will close at 12:30 all week. **THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL DINNERS THIS WEEK.**

It is hard to believe half term is already here! School will be closed for a week from Monday 9th February, and we will reopen on Monday 16th February at normal times.

Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school (assembly hall) on the following dates:

Wednesday 4th February to Friday 6th February

BOOK FAIR OPENING TIMES	
Before school	8:30am - 8:50am
After school	12:30pm - 1:00pm



Parents are welcome to come in to the assembly hall during opening times to browse and buy books for their children. The pupils are always excited by this and it can help promote and foster a love for reading. The school makes a small commission on sales which we invest back into our reading book stock for the pupils.

Netball News

This week some of our netball players took part in two events. Yesterday they played in league matches at the Raquet Club and today they took part in a tournament at Lisnagarvey High School.

We are absolutely delighted with their performance in our first competitive netball matches outside of school. Well done to all the girls and a big thanks to Mrs. Beatty and Mrs. Black for organising and preparing for these matches. At the time of printing there were no photos, but we will include some in the next newsletter.

Penny Wars

This week we are launching an exciting new PTA initiative to raise money in a fun way for PTA funds. we are asking the children to bring in any coins (not just pennies!) and put them in the large jars in the reception area.

There are 3 large containers. The jars will be for coins collected by the following classes:

JAR 1 - P1 Miss Bryans, P2 Mrs Millar/Brown and P2/3 Mrs Wilson

JAR 2 - P3 Mrs Black, P4 Mr Fraser and P5 Mr Duddy

JAR 3 - P5/6 Mrs Reid, P6/7 Mrs Aiken and P7 Miss Neill

At Easter the jars will be totalled and the classes with the most collected will get a mystery prize!

Important Reminder – Cycling Safety

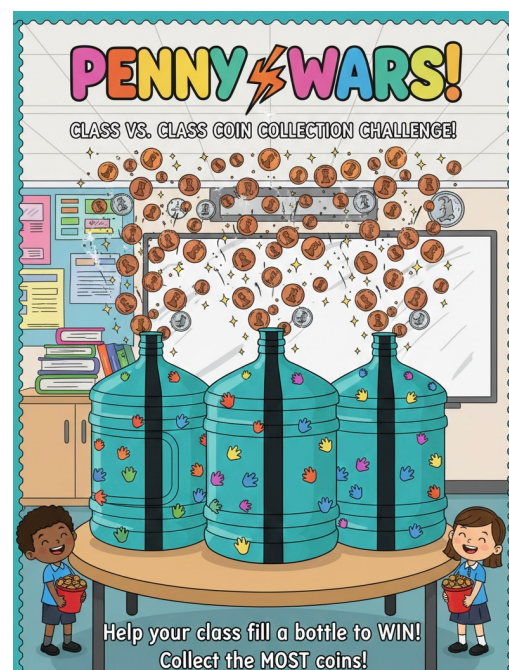
We have noticed a number of recent incidents involving children cycling to and from school, including cases where others have been injured and situations where children have not been paying full attention whilst cycling. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that you please take a few minutes to discuss cycling safety with your child.

Key points to reinforce:

- Always stay alert and watch for traffic, especially at junctions
- Be considerate of pedestrians and other road users
- If the area is busy with pedestrians, it is advised to get off the bike and walk
- Follow the school advice: outside the school gates during busy drop-off and pick-up times, and on school premises, children must dismount and walk their bikes to the bike sheds

Teachers will be reinforcing this message in class and at assembly with the older pupils.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe.



PTA Upcoming events

BREAK THE RULES DAY - Friday 6th February 2026

There are 5 rules that can be broken on this day (£1 per rule):

- ☑ Do not wear pink/red clothes
- ☑ Do not have crazy hair
- ☑ Do not bring chocolate/sweets for break
- ☑ You **MUST** listen to the break time bell
- ☑ Do not bring a small toy/teddy to school

You can decide how many rules you want to break and pay £1 per rule on the School Money App. Thank you!

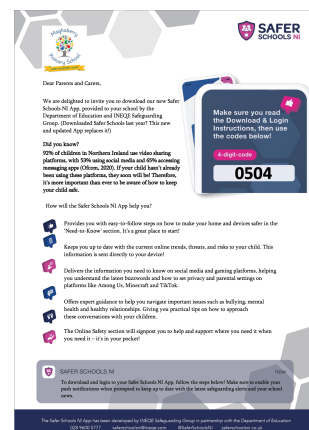


Safer Schools NI - IMPORTANT!

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/carer account using the 4-digit code 0504.

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



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



DON'T FORGET THE PTA NEWSLETTER BELOW!



NEWS

Thank You



The PTA would like to wish all parents and carers a very happy New Year and to express their gratitude for the support that has been given towards fundraising events in the first term of school.

As you are aware, the Christmas fair was a huge success and raised over £3000!

This could not have happened without the support of our small PTA, some of you, who gave up your evening to help out and local businesses who contributed donations and raffle prizes.

This year we have lots of fun activities planned and we are thankful for your continued support.

Special Thanks

Special thanks must go to the following businesses for supporting our Christmas Fair -

Roy Kennedy Fuels
Bedeck
Boots
Greenaway Foods
Massey's
MST
Jollye's Lisburn
BMF
Moira Bakery

Jackson's Moira
Cell Block Grill
Masala Hut Moira
The Light Guys
Lidl Lisburn
Supervalu Moira
Maisies's
Bennett's

A big thank you to those of you who donated to the fair via our Amazon Wishlist.



MAGHABERRY PS PTA

ValeM-time to Break the Rules

On Friday 6th February, pupils will have the opportunity to break some rules during the school day.

Pupils will pay for each rule they would like to break from the list. Payment can be made through the School Money App.



Upcoming events

- ▶ Friday 6th February 2026 - Valen-Time to break the Rules
- ▶ Monday 16th February 2026 - PTA meeting @ 730PM

Get in touch

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PARENT
WORKSHOP

Worry to Wonder

Monday 2nd February, 10am-11.30am
Online via ZOOM

A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.

CALL NOW TO BOOK
YOUR PLACE
0808 8020 400





**MUNCHKINS
AFTER SCHOOL**

**FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
HOLIDAY CLUB**

★ Give your child a fun-filled half term where they can make memories with friends.

★ **ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Baking
- ✓ Arts & crafts
- ✓ Party games
- ✓ Outdoor fun
- ✓ Trip out

Based inside church on the hill, Maghaberry

8:00am – 5:30pm

9th – 13th February

Full day: £31.50

(can book individual days if spaces available)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

FOR CHILDREN AGED P1 – P7



TO BOOK OR FOR MORE INFORMATION

 Littlemunchkinsclub@gmail.com

