



19/2/2026

Additional “TransformED” Staff Development Days

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to inform you that two additional non-contact days (staff training days) will be added to this year's school holiday calendar. These days are part of the Department of Education's TransformED programme, which aims to support schools across Northern Ireland in improving learning, teaching, and long-term educational outcomes.

It is important to emphasise that this decision has been made by the Department of Education, not by the school. ALL SCHOOLS have been asked to incorporate these two TransformED Development Days during the remainder of the 2025/26 academic year (one day prior to the Easter break and one day after).

Why these days are being added?

The Department is currently rolling out the TransformED programme, which focuses on several key areas including: - Literacy and numeracy development - Curriculum review and improvement - Assessment and qualifications reform - School improvement planning - Teacher professional learning - Tackling educational disadvantage.

The two TransformED Development Days will take place on: -

Monday 16th March 2026 (Prior to St Patrick's Day break)

Tuesday 5th May 2026 (following Bank Holiday Monday)

On these days, school will be closed to pupils.

An updated holiday list is available from the school website via this link:

<https://maghaberryprimaryps.com/key-dates/>

We appreciate that changes to the school calendar can cause inconvenience, and we want to thank you in advance for your understanding. These days are an important investment in your child's education and will support us in continuing to provide high quality learning experiences.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Sincerely,

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Principal