

MPS Newsletter

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Friday 24th April 2026



Online Safety - Parent Training

Is that video real? Did a human or a robot write that essay? In a world where AI is becoming part of everyday life, helping our children tell fact from fiction is a vital new life skill.

We are delighted to invite you to an online webinar hosted by the Nerve Centre, designed to help parents navigate the rapidly evolving digital landscape.

Why Attend?

As young people increasingly turn to AI chatbots for homework and entertainment, the line between reality and AI-generated content is blurring. This session focuses on:

- **Critical Thinking:** How to help your child spot "deepfakes" and realistic AI content.
- **Smart Searching:** Using AI tools safely for learning without losing the human touch.
- **Practical Tips:** Simple ways to encourage digital literacy and safety at home.

Event Details

- **When:** Wednesday, 20th May
- **Time:** 7:00 PM
- **Where:** Online (link provided upon registration)

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/kNCbCRNscTuqkuWu9>

Duration (1 hour max).

WE WOULD HIGHLY RECOMMEND PARENTS ATTENDING!

Garden Party

We are delighted to invite our whole community to a celebration garden party in memory of James Collins. The event will take place in the main school playground from 6pm to 7pm on the evening of Wednesday 20th May. Come along and enjoy music, tea/coffee and ice-cream all provided courtesy of our PTA team! We will also have the grand opening and naming of our new outdoor classroom and new learning space - all in memory of James.



Football News

This week, a selection of our P5, P6 & P7 boys took part in the final round of fixtures at The Bluebell.

We competed in games against a number of other schools in the Lisburn area who finished in the top 8 of the league.

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DIARY DATES

Fri 1 May
PTA Duck Derby

Mon 4 & Tues 5 May
School closed for the bank holiday

Wed 13 & Thurs 14 May
School Photos to be taken

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

Wed 20 May
Garden party to open outdoor classroom

Thurs 28 May
Sports day - more info to follow

Thurs 4 June
PTA Summer Fair

Mon 8 to Wed 10 June
P7 Residential Trip to Lorne House

Fri 26 June
P7 Leavers Assembly. Time tbc.
P7 last day.

Tues 30 June
End of Term - School closes at 12noon

gave a great account of themselves, we were thrilled to find out we had finished 3rd overall. A fantastic achievement. Well done to all involved.

Additionally, our very own Elijah Graham was chosen as our player of the tournament and received an individual award for his outstanding effort and leadership. Well done, Elijah.



Sports Day

Date for your diary - P1 to P7 Sports Day this year will be on the morning of

Thursday 28th May 2026

More details about times and arrangements will follow in due course. Mrs Hamilton will communicate information about Nursery Sports Day separately.

PTA Summer Fair

The PTA Summer Fair will take place on Thursday 4th June - look out for more information about this event in the coming weeks!

PTA Duck Derby Sponsored Event

We are quack-tastically excited about our first-ever PTA Duck Derby fundraiser taking place next Friday, 1st May! Each pupil will be assigned a numbered duck to "race" down a giant bouncy slide, with prizes waiting for the winners at the bottom! Every penny raised will go directly toward providing new learning materials for our pupils. Thank you for your continued support in making our school a better place to learn and play!

HUGE THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY RETURNED THEIR SPONSOR MONEY!

PLEASE return all sponsorship money by **WEDNESDAY 29th MAY 2026**

This day will be non-uniform and we are asking the children to wear duck themed clothes or colours - yellows, greens, blues if possible!



Holiday Dates 2026/27

For any families who wish to check next year's school holidays list please follow this link to the school website:

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

<https://maghaberryps.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/School-holidays-2026-27-PARENT-VERSION.pdf>

P7 Post Primary School Placements

The Education Authority will issue an email to Parents on the morning of Saturday 9th May 2026, notifying them of the outcome of their child's application. Parents **DO NOT** need to log in to the online portal on Saturday 9th May to find out the outcome of the application. EA Admissions helpdesk will be open from 9am to 12noon on Saturday 9th May to provide assistance:-

Telephone : 028 9047 0177 or Email : postprimaryadmissions@eani.org.uk

Education Authority Staff will be available to provide support and guidance to parents. Lines are expected to be very busy.

Religious Education Withdrawal

Following recent guidance from the Department of Education, we wish to ensure parents and carers are aware of their unqualified statutory right to withdraw their children wholly or partially from Religious Education (RE) and/or religious based school assemblies. This process is simple, confidential, and does not require you to provide a any reason or justification. If you wish to exercise this right, please complete our online form here:

[Religious Education Withdrawal Form](#)

Once submitted, the school will record the request immediately. Further details are on the form itself and can be accessed via the link above.

Education Authority SEN Consultation

The Education Authority has officially opened the public consultation for the Enhanced Support Model (ESM) for SEN. This is a key part of the SEN Reform Agenda, and your feedback as school staff and classroom assistants is vital.

Key Details:

- **Deadline:** The consultation is open until Friday 22 May 2026
- **Resources:** You can find testimonials, FAQs, and comparison documents online via the link below.

Read the full letter and access the consultation here: <https://send.eani.org.uk/send-transformation-programme/enhanced-support-model>



A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for 'Munchkins After School' Summer Holiday Care. The background is a bright blue sky with a smiling sun, a rainbow, and colorful bunting. In the center, a large orange speech bubble contains the text 'SUMMER HOLIDAY CARE'. Below this, a blue banner reads 'CHURCH ON THE HILL, MAGHABERRY'. A central yellow speech bubble says 'A summer full of laughter, learning, and unforgettable memories awaits at Munchkins!'. To the left, a wooden signpost indicates 'WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY - TUESDAY 25TH AUGUST' and another sign says 'CLOSED: TH MONDAY 6 JULY - MONDAY 13TH JULY'. To the right, a sign shows '£32.60 PER DAY' and another says 'FULL DAY: 8:00AM - 5:30PM'. At the bottom, four children are playing on a grassy field. Two white boxes at the bottom list 'WHAT'S INCLUDED: BREAKFAST, MORNING SNACK & AFTERNOON SNACK' and 'WHAT WE OFFER: CREATIVE CRAFTS, FUN BAKING ACTIVITIES, EXCITING GAMES, SPORTS, PLAY & GROUP FUN, SPECIAL TRIPS & EXCITING VISITORS'. A 'Book Now:' section at the bottom left provides the email 'littlemunchkinskidsclub@gmail.com'.

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**LISBURN
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SUMMER SCHEME 2026

5x30 minutes =
£90

5x1 hour =
£170

One-to-One Music Lessons

5 lessons from 20th July-22nd August - times to suit your schedule for all instruments and abilities

Rock Band

27th-31st July 4-6pm daily **£80**

Grade 2+ in your instrument is required for this group session

Theory Classes

£60

Grade 1 & 2: 27th-31st July 10am-1pm
Grade 5: 10th-14th August 10am-1pm

Must have minimum of Grade 2 to book in for Grade 5 class

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**CHILD PROTECTION AND
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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

