











St. Mary's on the Hill P.S. June's Information 2026

Welcome to June's Information Sway 

As we come to the final month of our school year, we can look forward to a number of exciting events . Please read through the Sway so you are aware of what is upcoming.

In May, the school celebrated First Confession with our P3s . The children were simply fantastic . A huge thank you to all our staff for preparing the children for this wonderful sacrament . Thank you also to Fr Pat Sheehan for his spiritual guidance and support.

We also had our P1–P7 Sports Days  which were great fun, and we were very pleased with the turnout of parents/carers and grandparents who added to the occasion, even with the unpredictable weather . Special thanks must go to the teachers and to all staff for organising these events .

This month, we look forward to our P4 pupils making their Holy Communion. They have been working extremely hard in preparation for this special sacrament, and we wish them every success and joy on their big day .

This month will also be tinged with some sadness as we say goodbye to our wonderful P7 pupils 🎓. They have been amazing throughout their time at St. Mary's on the Hill P.S., and we wish them every success as they move on to their next adventure 🌟.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy Summer Holiday ☀️ and hope that you get the chance to enjoy time with your families 😊😊😊😊.

If you have any queries, please send a message to the school email address given below ✉️:

info@stmarys.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

Kind regards,

Mr Matthew O'Brien

Principal

School Values 2026



*During the month of June, we will be focusing on and exploring all of our core school values: **Respect, Kindness, Curiosity, Creativity, Growth, Resilience, Fun and Integrity**. I will speak to the children at each of our assemblies about these values, and staff will continue to reinforce them throughout the school day.*

Over the course of the month, we will look at what these values mean in practice and how we can demonstrate them in our daily lives—both in school and beyond. This includes how we speak to one another, how we interact, and how we show consideration and respect for others.

We kindly ask parents and carers to support this at home by discussing these values with your children. By working together, we can help ensure that all pupils understand and demonstrate positive ways of interacting with others.

P4 Holy Communion



The Primary 4's will make their First Holy Communion on Wednesday 3rd June. The children have been preparing extremely well to receive this sacrament. As in past years the ceremony will take place in St. Bernard's church and information has already been sent to families. This is a very special and important time for our Primary 4 children and we will keep them in our prayers over the coming weeks.

Free School Meals



Free School Meals/School Uniform/Physical Education

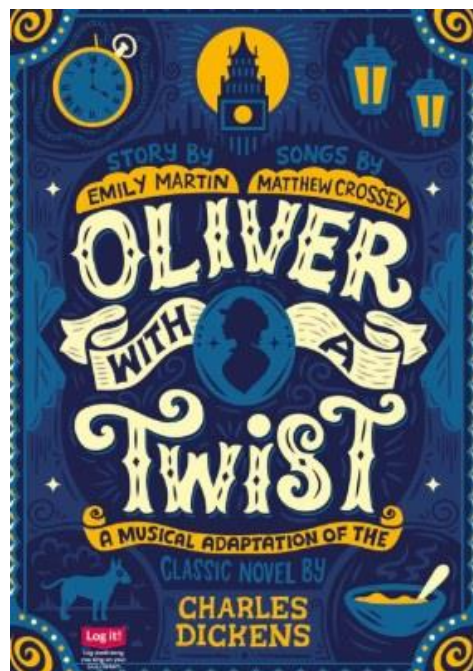
The Education Authority (EA) will be issuing communications on the EA website and social media channels to inform parents/ guardians and continues to seek your support to promote awareness of Free School Meals and Clothing Allowances, and to encourage all potential applicants to apply for the support available.

A Fond Farewell to our Fabulous P7's



*It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to our P7's. They have been an exceptional group of children. Their behaviour, manners and attitude to school, to each other and to staff has been outstanding. You have simply been a pleasure to have in the school, a credit to your families, the school and to yourselves. You have exemplified the school motto - **Learn to Love, Love to Learn**. We wish you all well for this next chapter in your lives.*

P7 Show - Oliver (with a) Twist



This year the Primary 7's will be performing for parents as well as pupils. The show this year is Oliver (with a) Twist. Parents will be invited to attend on;

Tuesday 9th June @ 1:00 pm

Thursday 11th June @ 7:00 pm

Further information to follow.

Dates at a Glance



Wednesday 3rd June - First Holy Communion St Bernard's @ 4:00pm

Thursday 4th June - Induction Afternoon for new P1 Parents

Tuesday 9th June - P7 Show Matinee 1:00pm

Thursday 11th June - P7 Show 7:00pm

Saturday 13th June - Feis Bheal Feirste

Monday and Tuesday 15th and 16th - Joe the Drummer P1 - P7

Tuesday 16th June - P7 Annual Reports Issued

Wednesday 17th June - P7 Love 4 Life and P7 Chippy Day

Saturday 20th June - PTA Summer Fair 2026

Monday 22nd June - Kidz Academy P7 Fun Day

Friday 26th June - P1 trip to Clandeboye

Monday 30th June - School closes @11.45am for P1-P3 and 12 noon for P4-P7

School Closures for June



The school will close for the Summer break on Tuesday 30th June at 11:45am for P1 - P3 and 12 noon for P4 - P7. School will reopen for pupils in P2-7 on Thursday 27th August 2025 for half day only. The school will close at 12pm on this day. The school will also close at 12:00pm on Friday 28th August 2026.

No Dogs on School Grounds



Please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds. Dogs should not come on to school grounds under any circumstances.

School Dinners



Parents can now select and pay for dinners for the third term , up until the end of June 2026, by logging on to School Money using your unique username and password. Your child's dinner should be ordered **before midnight prior to the day it is required**. Please contact the school if you have any problems. **We require every parent who wishes to book a school lunch for their child to use this facility**. Some changes have been made to the lunch menu which can be viewed [here](#) and also on the school website.

EAT SMART WEEK THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
16th February 16th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	Baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Selection of Fruit Yoghurt Pots	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Green Beans Fusilli Pasta & Fresh Seasonal Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Fresh Seasonal Salad Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Peach & Raspberry Traybake Trifle	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate and Pear Sponge Cake	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Garden Peas & Mini Corn on the Cob Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Pears
23rd February 23rd March 20th April 18th May 15th June	Golden Baked Cod Bites Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt and Fruit Tub	Mild Beef Chili Sweetcorn, Fresh Seasonal Salad & Coleslaw Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Homemade Apple Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Diced Carrots Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Salad with Strawberry Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Fruit Muffin and Milkshake	Cheeseburger with Tomato Ketchup Mini Corn on the Cob & Crunchy Veggie Sticks Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Oatmeal Biscuit with Orange Wedges
2nd March 30th March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Banana-flavoured Mousse	Homemade Beef Bolognese Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Seasonal Salad Fusilli Pasta & Herbed Baby Potatoes Summer Fruit Sponge Finger	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Green Beans & Baton Carrots Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Blueberry and Lemon Sponge with Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Cauliflower & Roast Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Jelly Whip with Mandarin Oranges	Baked Pork Sausages Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt with Melon Wedge
9th March 6th April 4th May 1st June 29th June	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fusilli Pasta & Oven Roast Wedges Melon, Mandarin and Pineapple Pot	Ham and Cheese Pizza Sweetcorn & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Raspberry Jelly with Two Fruits	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Roast Butternut Squash Steamed Rice & Potato Salad Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Rich Gravy Or Baked Salmon and Tomato Pasta Roast Carrot & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate-flavoured Mousse with Chopped Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes, Baked Potato & Fresh Seasonal Salad Homemade Flaxmeal Biscuit with Melon Wedge

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR
SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

Facebook



*Please visit, like and share our Facebook page. It continues to be used to promote the school in the wider community. We will celebrate and mark events throughout the school year. **If you have not already done so please give our page a like.***

The school will continue to communicate and update parents via email and text. Facebook will not be used to send messages to parents and we would ask that parents do not use Facebook to contact the school.

Click on the link below and please share with anyone you think would be interested or has a connection to our school - <https://www.facebook.com/StMarysOnTheHillPS/>

Free School Meals



The application process for free school meals/uniform has commenced. Parents who are currently eligible to apply for free meals/uniform should now complete their application.

***Please note that entitlement to free school meals will attract funding to the school's budget.** Whether your child wishes to partake of a meal or not is down to individual choice.*

*We would like to encourage parents who fall into this category to **please make an application** as soon as possible. Application forms may be obtained via the Education Authority website – www.eani.org.uk or alternatively by contacting Free School Meals Section on 028 2566 1350. Forms are also available from the school. Should you have any further queries regarding this, please contact the school office.*

Car Parking



CHURCH CAR PARK: I would like to gently remind everyone of the difficulties and dangers around drop-off and collection of your child/ren. I am asking that all parents exercise extreme caution. To alleviate the difficulty of congestion we are asking all parents to make a **LEFT TURN** when exiting the car park. **Please use the designated parking spaces or drop off zone.**

WAITING AT THE GATE: Thank you all for your support and cooperation in the mornings whilst leaving your children to school. **We would ask parents not to wait at the gate once they have left their child to school.** By leaving your child off and moving off-site you are freeing up limited parking spaces. It can be difficult for children to enter through the gate

when parents are gathered there. As the gate is in close proximity to the entrance of the car park we want to make every effort to ensure no accidents occur. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter as the safety of our children is our primary concern. Please pass this information on to anyone who will be responsible for leaving or collecting your child.

Allergy Awareness

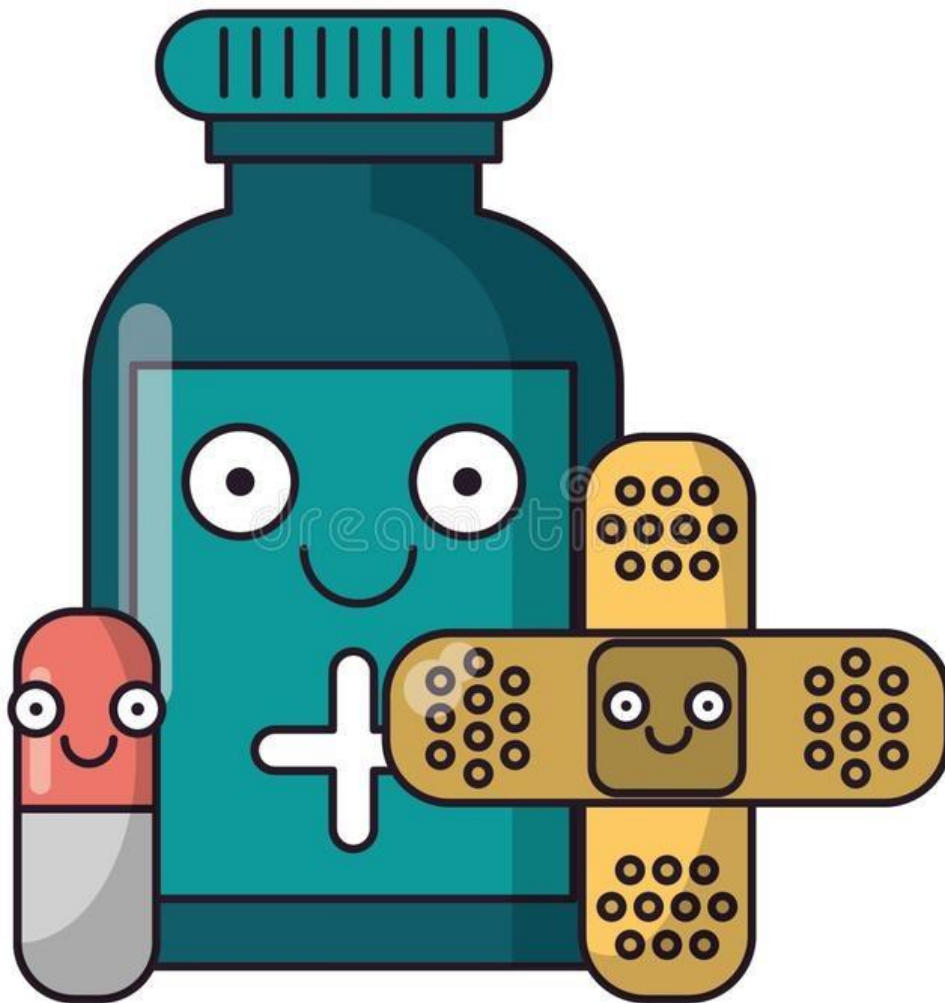


We have a number of children who suffer from allergies, which can result in potentially serious consequences. I would therefore ask that these children are not exposed to danger and that you are mindful of any children in your child's class who may have an allergy. We continue to be a Nut Free School, please do not send in anything which contains nuts.

Parents of children with diagnosed allergies are asked to provide the school with 2 EpiPens (with valid dates) and any other necessary medication as soon as possible.

Please continue to support our 'Healthy Eating Policy' and provide your child with a piece of fruit and water or milk for break.

Administration of Medicine



Please visit the school office if your child requires medication to be administered whilst at school. Parents need to sign and complete an 'Administration of Medication' form (available from the school office) before the school will administer the medicine. All medication should have the child's name on it and the dosage clearly labelled. Please do not send any medication with your child – it must be handed into the school office by an adult. Thank You.

Contact Details



If your address, telephone number or email address has changed please inform Mrs Mason/Mrs Carson in the office to ensure we have up to date information should we have a need to contact you.
