

## January (3) 2026

Dear parent,

As we appear to be heading into a spell of wet and windy weather, we kindly ask that pupils come to school prepared with a suitable coat each day.

The primary school application process has now closed, and the post-primary process will soon begin. We wish all our P7 pupils every success as they prepare to select their next schools, and we send particular best wishes to our two SEAG pupils this weekend as results are published.

As always, our school calendar is busy, so please read the newsletter carefully and ensure any Google Forms are completed as required. Thank you for your continued support.

### POST PRIMARY TRANSFER

**SEAG NI** Issue of results – 24 January 2026. To access your child's Statement of Outcome log into the SEAG parent portal. Remember to check your login details on the SEAG website before Saturday 24 January.

### POST PRIMARY TRANSFER

A quick guide and Key Information leaflet have been sent home with pupils today. A full guide and the Key Information Leaflet have also been attached with this newsletter.

Further information and tutorials can also be accessed at:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/admissions/admissions-support#section-23468>

### Post Primary Admissions Process Timeline

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| 1<br>10 December 2025<br>Admissions Criteria Published | 2<br>27 January 2026<br>Applications Open | 3<br>19 February 2026<br>Applications Close | 4<br>9 May 2026<br>Placement Notification |
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P7 parents who would like to discuss the transfer process with Mrs Ferguson are very welcome to do so. Appointments will be available on **Thursday 29 January**; please contact the school office to book a time.

### PTA NEWS

The PTA in conjunction with the NI Science Festival have organised a Parkgate Primary School Colour Run.

Date: Tuesday 17 February

Venue: Six Milewater Park, Ballyclare

*A copy of this newsletter is available on the school website.*

<https://www.parkgate-primary.co.uk/>

Time: 1pm – 2.30pm

Transport: Bus funded by the PTA

Cost: £2 per child

Pupils should wear a white t-shirt and black shorts/joggers. They should also bring a jumper/coat and change of joggers to put on at the end of the race. Pupils may choose to wear sunglasses to avoid eye contact with the coloured powder.

This event has been organised as a fundraiser for NI Children's Hospice. All pupils should pay **£2 cash** to the school office by **Friday 6 February**. Should you wish to do any further fundraising a sponsorship form has been sent home with pupils today.

Please complete the online permission form using the link below by **Friday 23 January**.

<https://forms.gle/BJrFi5N9Qhnr6xFc6>

**Only 8 responses have been recorded to date.**

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FEBRUARY - MARCH

**Playsport will commence on Wednesday 18 February if numbers are viable. Please complete the google form below to enrol your child/children into these sessions by Friday 23 January.**

Multisport organised by Playsport

6 Sessions: Wednesday 18 Feb – 25 March 2026

Cost: £27 – Payment via signup link in advance of first session.

Sign up link: <https://forms.gle/5HrwQ4RwPoJHtutP6>

**Only 6 responses have been recorded to date.**

## HOMEWORK CLUB

If you wish to register your child for February homework club, please complete the google form linked below by Friday 30 January and send payment to the school office.

<https://forms.gle/nG8WN4xQXZ3vWFE17>

## STORY & RHYME – 2026 DATES

Friday 23 January

Friday 30 January

Friday 20 February

Friday 27 February

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**LIBRARY VAN** – The next visit of the library van is **Wednesday 4 February**

**PARENTLINE NI** - Please see attached flyer for our upcoming online parent workshop, *Worry to Wonder*, which is back by popular demand following positive feedback from previous sessions.

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This workshop is designed for parents and carers of primary school-aged children and will explore:

- Why children worry
- How worry can affect children
- Practical ways parents and carers can support their child

**SOUTH ANTRIM COMMUNITY TRANSPORT** – See attached flyer

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

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| <b>23.01.26</b> | <b>Permission slip for Colour Run due</b>  |
| <b>23.01.26</b> | <b>Registration closing date for Playsport Multisport</b>                                      |
| 26.01.26        | Deadline for P1 application supporting documents   |
| <b>27.01.26</b> | <b>Post Primary Admission Portal opens at noon</b>   |
| 30.01.26        | February HW Club registration and payment  |
| <b>06.02.26</b> | <b>School closes at 2pm for all pupils – mid-term break</b><br>School closed 10.02.26-13.02.26 |
| <b>06.02.26</b> | <b>Payment for Colour Run due - £2 per child</b>   |
| <b>09.02.26</b> | <b>School Development Day 3 – no pupils should attend</b>                                      |
| 17.02.26        | Colour Run in aid of NI Children's Hospice   |
| <b>19.02.26</b> | <b>Post Primary Portal closes at noon</b>  |
| 24.02.26        | Parent Consultations   |
| 26.02.26        | Parent Consultations   |
| <b>23.03.26</b> | <b>P1 2026 Admissions Notification of Outcome</b>  |
| <b>09.05.26</b> | <b>Post Primary Admissions Notification of Outcome</b>   |

Mrs V Ferguson  
(Principal)

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