



28th November 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Some information for you:

Pupils not in school

I am writing to inform you that your child will be required to be out of school for one day next week due to mandatory rehearsals for the upcoming Shrek the Musical Jr production.

This absence will be authorised by the school.

Classwork will be made available via the School App for your child to complete on the day in which they are not going to be on site.

Here are the days in which particular year groups will not be in school:

- **Tuesday 2nd December - Year 9 not in school (any Year 9 pupils in the Musical should be in school for rehearsals)**
- **Thursday 4th December - Year 10 not in school (any Year 10 pupils in the Musical should be in school for rehearsals)**
- **Friday 5th December - Year 11 not in school (Year 11 Girls who play in the Gaelic team have their Semi-Final Game on this day so should be in school and any Year 11 pupils in the Musical should also be in school for rehearsals)**

We require a number of teaching staff to be in the rehearsals but unfortunately it is extremely difficult to find the number of substitute teachers we require. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

End of Term

Please be advised the term will end for pupils at 12.00pm on Thursday 18th December.

House System Update

We had House assemblies this week and here is an update on the points score:



Testicular Cancer Charity Odd Balls Fundraising

We are currently selling woollen hats (£10) and scarves (£8) to raise money for the testicular cancer charity, Odd Balls. We have currently raised **£206.00**. There are still SPB hats and scarves available:

Hats can be paid for at reception or they can be ordered from the following link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q9WUM1HB>

Scarves can also be purchased at reception or they can be ordered from the following link:

<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QB0BU8E0>



RE House Competition Winners

8C, 9C and 10P were awarded the KS3 Points for their Parish Projects, Creation Projects & House Saint Projects.

11B and 12C take the win for the Rosary Challenge which took place during the month of October — a fantastic display of reflection & faith in action.



🎟️ Shrek tickets 🎟️

Tickets will be available on our Facebook page and can be purchased from school.

***REMEMBER TO SPECIFY THE NUMBER OF ADULT TICKETS & TICKETS FOR CHILDREN.
YOU MUST ALSO INCLUDE YOUR MOBILE NUMBER.**

Tickets purchased online will be available for collection on the night.



Christmas Hamper Collection

Can you help with any of the following for our annual Christmas Hamper Appeal:

Food items (OWN BRANDS) including:

Shortbread/ Biscuits, Chocolate, Crisps, Flavoured Crackers, Sweets, Mince Pies, Cakes, Cooking Oil
Jars of sauces, Salt/Pepper, Tinned products, Packet soup, Gravy, Tin Foil, Sugar, Stock cubes

Drinks and Juices including:

Shloer, Dilute, Lemonades, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate

Festive items such as:

Crackers, Candles, Napkins, Unused gifts (small)

Soccer

Battling Performance in NISFA Plate

St Patrick's & St Brigid's Under 14 soccer team lined out today against St Louis Ballymena in the NISFA Plate. Having been previously knocked out of the Main Cup, this was a chance for the boys to compete in the secondary competition. The venue was Scroggy Road in Limavady which was bathed in a glorious winter sunshine, the cold snap of last week thankfully moved on. Lining out in a 4-3-3 formation, the plan was to soak up pressure and hit St Louis on the counterattack. For the first 10 minutes, both teams traded blows with Conor Hargan missing a gilt-edged one-on-one chance with the score at 0-0. However, it was the Ballymena boys who broke the deadlock after some disappointing defending. Hargan was denied another chance after being unceremoniously dumped at the edge of the box. What look like a penalty was only given as a free kick. Jamie Duffy skied the resulting opportunity. A second followed for St Louis and the fear was that it would be a long day at the office for SPB. St Louis did grab a 3rd after a poor clearance but Conor Hargan struck with a free kick just before half-time giving the boys in blue a glimmer of hope going into the break. A few tactical tweaks and some half-time words of encouragement saw the Claudy boys start the second half brightly. For 15 minutes they dominated.



Corey Turley was a colossus at the back with Alfie Deery pulling the strings in the middle of the park. After some good work in the attacking third by Jayden Smith and Jamie Duffy, Hargan was released. His deft, precise shot hit the upright. It fell very kindly for Deery in the six-yard box but to the anguish of his teammates and coach, he blazed over. A second goal for the lads in blue would have reignited the contest. Unfortunately, the efforts put into the game on a huge pitch took their toll in the remaining minutes. St Louis ended strongly and netted a fourth with time running out. It could have been more but for the heroics of James McLaughlin who was cat-like between the sticks. A disappointing result but a battling performance from a genuine group of boys. A good experience which they can build on for the U16 competition next year!

Final score: SPB - 1 St Louis - 4

Key Dates:

Thursday 27 th November	Primary School Cross Country Event
Friday 28 th November	Yr 8 Parent Tutor Day
Friday 28 th November	Advent Reflection Begins (8.50-9.05 in RE Department)
Tues 9 th – Thurs 11 th December	Shrek the Musical
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper Day (£1) for 'Save the Children'
Thursday 18 th December	End of term (12pm finish for pupils)

Final Prayer

*Christ Jesus, I acknowledge You to be the King of the universe;
all that has been made has been created for You.
May the Kingdom of Your peace be firmly established throughout all the earth.*

Amen.

Yours sincerely,



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