



Tobermore Primary School

January Newsletter



Welcome to our January Newsletter. Here you will find lots of information about what will be happening in school during February.

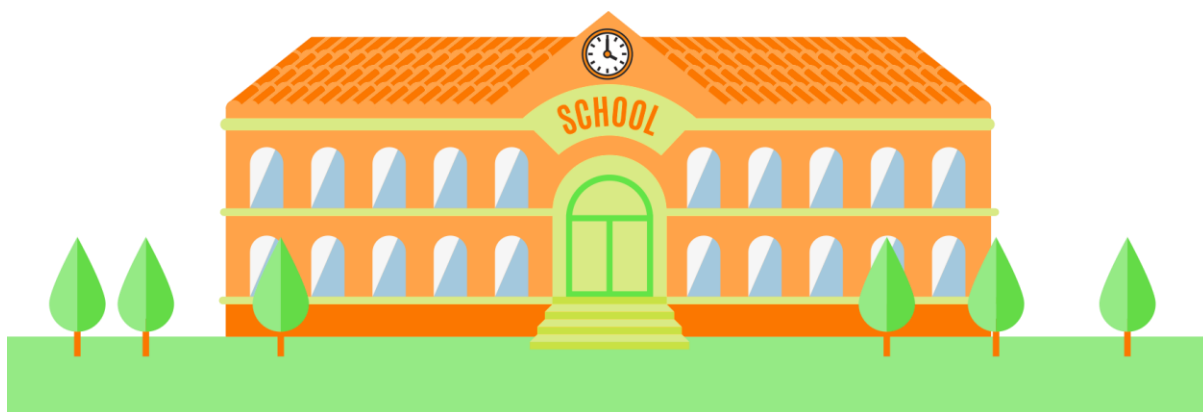
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us by emailing info@tobermoreps.magherafelt.ni.sch.uk or by phoning the school office on 02879642254

Please keep checking our website and Facebook page for everything that is happening in our busy school.

Website: - <https://www.tobermoreps.com/>

Facebook: - <https://www.facebook.com/TobermorePS>

P7 Transfer Procedure



P7 children will receive the results of their recent GL tests on Saturday 4th February.

All P7 Parents/carers will be required to complete an online application form detailing their preferences for secondary school admission in September 2023. This online portal opens on Wednesday 1st February (at 12 noon) and closes on Thursday 23rd February (at 4pm).

Mr Cheevers will be making himself available to meet with all P7 parents via appointment on Thursday 8th February and Friday 9th February.

In these meetings, Mr Cheevers will take time to explore the criteria of the various secondary schools you may wish to apply for and provide parents help with navigating the online application system. We would encourage all P7 parents/carers to take this opportunity to meet with Mr Cheevers.

A letter providing information about this process will be issued shortly to parents of P7 children. This letter will also provide information on how to book a meeting with Mr Cheevers on these days.

After School Activities



The children are currently enjoying After School Activities on Monday and Tuesday.

On Monday, the children in Year 3 to Year 7 take part in Multi Skill activities from 3:00pm to 4:00pm with Healthy Kidz.

On Tuesday the children in Year 1 to Year 2 take part in football with Carlisle Coaching from 2:00pm to 3:00pm. Children in Year 3 to Year 7 take part in football from 3:00pm to 4:00pm.

Mrs Speers is also starting a Cross Stitch Club for Year 4 to Year 7 children, starting on Wednesday 1st February. Notes will be sent out about this.

Please click on the calendar below to double check dates of activities.

<https://www.tobermoreps.com/calendar/>



Tobermore Primary School January Awards



Well done to all of our certificate winners for January. Our children worked so hard over the month of January and we were so proud to give out awards for Accelerated Reading, Pupil of the Month and StudyLadder.

Well done everyone!







Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club is available each morning from 8.20am.

A healthy breakfast is followed by different activities including board games, reading, etc.

The children are fully supervised and the total cost is 80p per day.

To confirm your attendance please complete the link that becomes live each Thursday on the school website and on our Facebook page.



Half Term - Holidays



Tobermore Primary School will be closed for Half Term holidays from Wednesday 15th – Friday 17th February and will re-open on Monday 20th February.

Safeguarding and Child Protection

Any concerns regarding Child Protection matters should be reported to Mrs C. Speers (Designated teacher for Child Protection) or Mr I. Cheevers (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection).

The Designated Governor for Child Protection is Mr K. Quigley.



Crossing Patrol



Please can you ensure that the area between the school gates, that Mr Bradley uses to cross the children, remains clear at drop off and pick up times. There should be no vehicles parking in this area.

This is to ensure that both Mr Bradley and the children are kept safe when leaving and arriving at school.

Please remind any other adults that collect or drop off your children of this information.

Many thanks for your support with this.

Reporting a Child's Absence



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

When your child is absent from school, it is important the school receives a reason for their absence. In the past we have sent a note home for parents/guardians to complete. This year we have created a link under the Parent section of the website to access an online form to make this easier for parents/guardians to complete.

To access this form please click on the **Parent Tab** --> **Absence Note** or click the link below to access the online form.

<https://www.tobermoreps.com/parent-area/abscene-notes/>

Following a child's absence, the following procedures have been put in place to ensure that the safeguarding of all children remains a high priority at Tobermore Primary School.

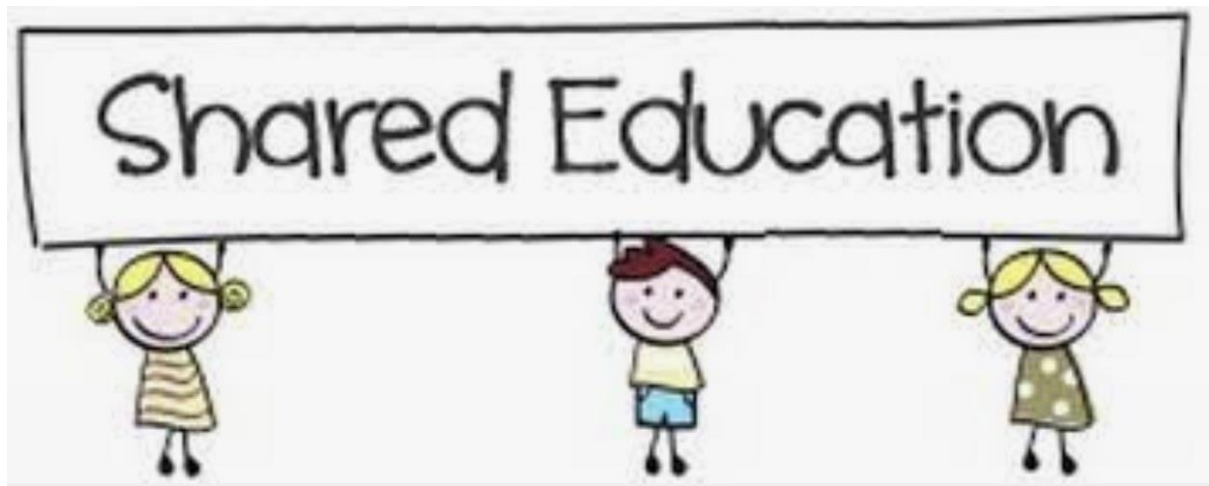
Please complete the online form 5 days after your child returns to school. Failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as **unauthorised**.

If your child is absent you must:

- Contact the school office by 9.30am on the first day of absence and leave a message on the school answer phone.
- Contact the school if the absence is going to be more than 2-3 days.
- Complete the online 'Absence Note' on the first day your child returns to school.



Shared Education



Our Shared Education Programme with St Columba's Primary School is up and running in Term 2.

Year 6 and Year 7 pupils went to Belfast to complete activities in W5 and our Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 children visited St Columba's Primary School and had fun completing lots of fun activities and having a visit from Wee Critters.

These meetings will continue throughout Term 2.

Please see below dates for these trips

10th February @ St Columba's Primary School (Year 6 and Year 7)

22nd February @ Carrickfergus Castle (Year 4 and Year 5)

1st March @ Tobermore Primary School (Year 6 and Year 7)

8th March @ St Columba's Primary School (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)

9th March @ St Columba's Primary School (Year 4 and Year 5)

10th March @ We Are Vertigo (Year 6 and Year 7)

14th March @ Tobermore Primary School (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)

22nd March @ Jungle NI (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)

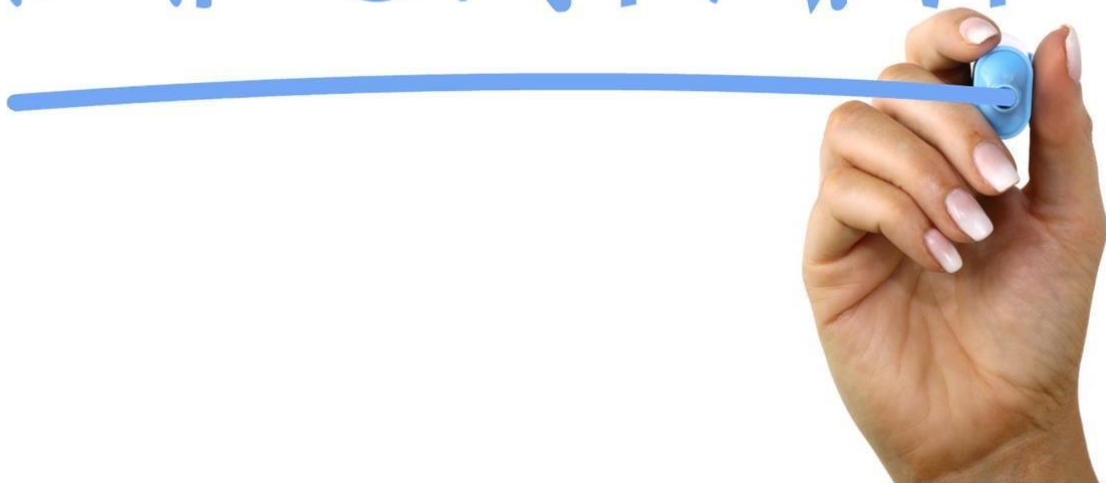
23rd March @ Jungle NI (Year 4 and Year 5)

30th March @ Annaginny Farm (Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3)



Changes in Dates

IMPORTANT



Please note the changes and additional dates to our school holidays for Term 3.

Additional Dates

- 8th May 2023 - Bank Holiday for King Charles' Coronation.
- 18th May 2023 - School closed Local Council Elections

Changes in Dates

School will be closed on 29th May (Bank Holiday) and 2nd June (Staff Training).

Please click on the link below to access the new School Calendar. This can also be requested from the school office.

<https://www.tobermoreps.com/parent-area/school-holidays/>

Tuck Shop



Our Student Council are working very hard to provide a Tuck Shop for our pupils.

Please remember that Tuck Shop is on a Friday morning and all funds go towards helping our school purchase resources organised by Student Council.



Freckle Maths and Accelerated Reading



Our children have been working very hard developing their reading and Numeracy skills using Accelerated Reading and Freckle Maths.

Accelerated Reading is for children in Year 4 to Year 7, with children being encouraged to read and complete small tests to monitor their progress over the year.

Freckle Maths is for children Year 3 and Year 7. This is a new programme that we have introduced to our children. Tasks will be set on a weekly basis and these can be completed at home and in school.

Please keep encouraging your children to complete these tasks.



Peace Proms

We are looking forward to performing in The SSE Arena on Sunday 26th February as part of the Peace Proms,

We will be sending out more information in the next few weeks regarding arrangements for this event.



Morning Time Arrangements

8.30am - 8:50am is lesson preparation time for teachers and classroom assistants. Parents should not be entering the school due to safeguarding protocols.

Pupils should also be encouraged to enter the school without parental support.

If you wish to make an appointment to talk to a teacher regarding any issue, please contact the school office.

Please be mindful that no pupils are permitted in the school before 8:50am, unless attending Breakfast Club.

Sustrans - Wellbeing Friday Festival



We are very fortunate to have Steven Ward, our Sustrans' Officer, supporting our school with different events. Over the month of February he will be completing 'Wellbeing Fridays' with our pupils. We are looking forward to getting started with this!

Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page to see the different activities being completed.



School Money Envelopes

We have had to order new money envelopes for school. Unfortunately there has been an increase in price when ordering these, meaning the cost of these envelopes is now £3.00



Dates for February and Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1 Post Primary Admissions Open @ 12:00pm Assembly - Reverend Diffin Swimming for Year 5, 6 and 7 @ Greenvale Leisure Centre (10:00am to 11:45am) Cross Stitch Club - Year 4 to Year 7 (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	2 PTA Meeting - 2nd February 2023 (7:30pm) Piano with Mrs Hanna	3 Fields of Life Assembly Tuck Shop	4	5
6 USPCA Visit for Mrs Speers' class Credit Union Savings Clash for Clobber begins Healthy Kidz - PE for All Classes Healthy Kidz After School Sessions for Year 3 to Year 7 pupils	7 Internet Safety Day Carlisle Coaching - Football Year 1 to Year 2 (2:00pm to 3:00pm) Carlisle Coaching - Football Year 3 to Year 7 (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	8 Assembly - Reverend Boyd Swimming for Year 5, 6 and 7 @ Greenvale Leisure Centre (10:00am to 11:45am) Cross Stitch Club - Year 4 to Year 7 (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	9 Piano with Mrs Hanna Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary Visit (Year 1 to Year 3)	10 Tuck Shop	11	12
13 Credit Union Savings Healthy Kidz - PE for All Classes Healthy Kidz After School Sessions for Year 3 to Year 7 pupils	14 Carlisle Coaching - Football Year 1 to Year 2 (2:00pm to 3:00pm) Carlisle Coaching - Football Year 3 to Year 7 (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	15 Half Term (School Closed)	16 Half Term (School Closed)	17 Half Term (School Closed)	18	19
20 Healthy Kidz After School Sessions for Year 3 to Year 7 pupils Healthy Kidz - PE for All Classes Credit Union Savings	21 Cats' Protection Talk - Louise Cullen Year 1 to Year 7	22 Assembly - Pastor Dundas Swimming for Year 5, 6 and 7 @ Greenvale Leisure Centre (10:00am to 11:45am) Cross Stitch Club - Year 4 to Year 7 (3:00pm to 4:00pm)	23 Piano with Mrs Hanna Post Primary Admissions Close @ 4:00pm Board of Governors (7:15 pm)	24 Birds of Prey and Owl Workshop Tuck Shop	25	26 Peace Proms 2023 (Odyssey Arena)
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3rd February - Fields of Life Assembly

6th February - Cash for Clobber begins.

6th February - USPCA Visit to Mrs Speers' Class

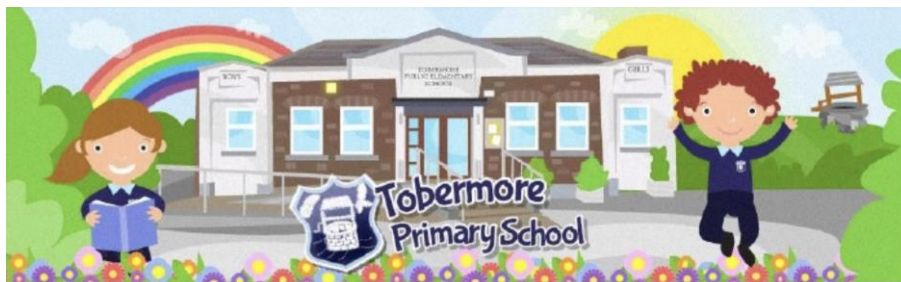
7th February - Internet Safety Day

9th February - Mid Antrim Animal Sanctuary Visit - Year 1 to Year 3

24th February - Birds of Prey and Owl Display

26th February - Peace Proms

Please note dates are subject to change.



Parent Teacher Association

1 - PTA Meeting

Tobermore Primary School will meet on Thursday 2nd February @ 7:30pm at Tobermore Primary School.

Everyone is welcome!

Tobermore Primary School Parent Teacher Association

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WHAT'S MISSING?

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All parents welcome to our next meeting on
Thursday 2nd February 2023 @ 7.30pm.



At this meeting we will be
discussing our next fundraiser



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Member Association