

September Newsletter



Principal's Message

Welcome to our first monthly Newsletter for the 2026-2027 year!

I hope this newsletter will provide a valuable insight into the goings on around Sacred Heart Primary School, as well as be a useful recap of the month that was.

It's been a busy month, between settling in, new beginnings and our Marathon fundraiser event. Throughout it all, the children have settled fantastically and have been a credit to themselves!

We look forward to all that the year ahead will bring!

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- Learning around the school
- Merit Award and 'Wise Owl' winners
- Marathon Challenge
- and more!



Snapshot- First day of the school Year!



International Literacy Day 2026

On Tuesday 8th September, we celebrated International Literacy Day 2026! A day that highlights the importance of literacy and recognises how reading, writing and communication helps to empower us and open up opportunities throughout life.

To mark the occasion, our P6 and P7 pupils joined our P1 and P2 children for shared story time outside, enjoying the opportunity to read, listen and learn together!

Our P3 children worked hard to create wonderful blurbs for their book covers, while our P4 and P5 pupils designed their own creative book covers.

It was a great celebration of the power of stories, creativity and literacy across our school!



Upcoming Dates

- **Tuesdays:** Music and football with Tyrone GAA
- **Wednesdays:** Irish with MF Learning and PE with RM Coaching
- **Thursday 8th October:** Back to school mass for P3-7
- **Monday 19th October:** Book Week NI
- **Wednesday 28th- Friday 30th October:** School closed for Mid-Term
- **Monday 16th November:** P6&7 trip to Ulster orchestra performance.



National Coding Week 2026

This month in our Primary 6 and 7 class, we've been celebrating National Coding Week 2026! As well as exploring the role of coding in making sure that everything works as we want it to, we got to grips with some coding of our own, using MakeCode to code our Minecraft Education robot to complete a series of tasks.

We're looking forward to developing our coding skills and getting to grips with even more coding throughout the year! 🤖💻



A snapshot of Learning Around the School

Primary 1-3



School Development Plan 2026-2029

As required by the Department of Education, every school must create a new School Development Plan every three years. This year marks the beginning of a new three-year cycle for Sacred Heart Primary School.

Our School Development Plan sets out the school's main priorities, aims and targets for the next three years across all aspects of school life, helping to shape the future direction of the school.

A successful School Development Plan should be informed by the views of all aspects of our school community. Over the coming fortnight, we are inviting parents to share their views through a short anonymous survey.

We would be very grateful if you could take a few minutes to complete the survey by Friday 2nd October. Your responses will remain anonymous and will help inform the priorities and targets we set for the years ahead.

Thank you in advance for taking part. Your views are important, and your feedback will play a valuable role in helping us continue to provide the very best education and opportunities for our children.

Please scan the below code to complete the SDP survey:





Recycling Week

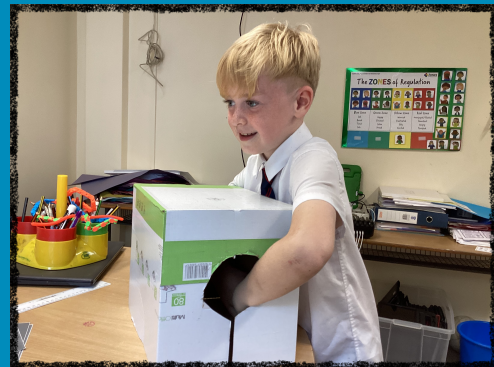
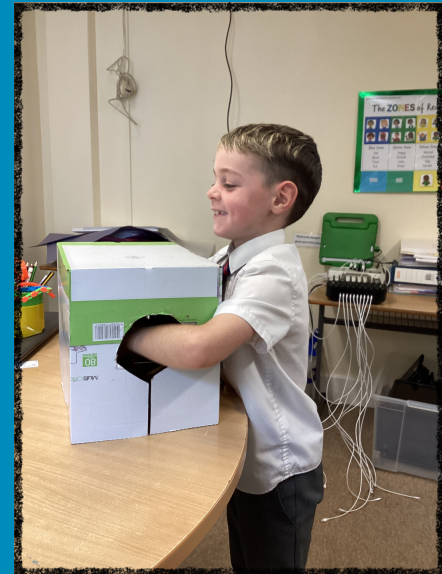
This month, our Primary 1 to Primary 5 classes have been marking Recycling Week 2026! ♻️

🌱 Through a range of activities, pupils learned about the importance of recycling and the simple steps we can all take to protect our environment. They also created colourful and informative posters to remind others about caring for our school and recycling responsibly.

We look forward to building on these important lessons as we continue working together to keep our school community clean, green and welcoming for all!

A snapshot of Learning Around the School

Primary 4-5





Partnership with Tattyreagh GAC



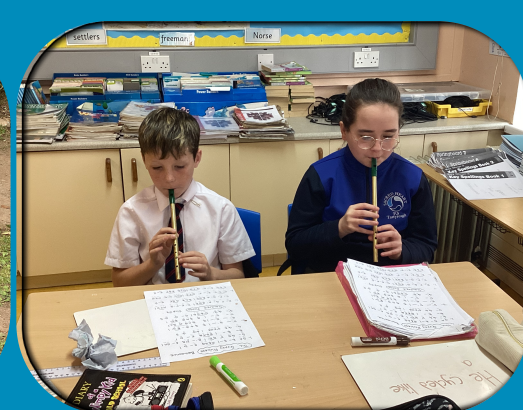
With thanks to our friends at An Táite Riabhach GAC, this month saw the beginning of a block of PE sessions across all classes, led by Ryan from RM MultiSport.

The strong partnership between our school and Tattyreagh GAC is something we are immensely proud of at Sacred Heart Primary School. We are very grateful for their continued support of our school and, most importantly, our children! 🙌



A snapshot of Learning Around the School

Primary 6-7





Sacrament Dates

*Sacred Heart Primary School
Tattyreagh*

The Sacrament of the Eucharist

Saturday 15th May
12 Noon

St. Mary's Church, Drumragh



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 10th April
2.00pm

Sacred Heart Church



Marathon Fundraiser

On Thursday 24th September, we had our Marathon Fundraiser event, supported by Ciarán at 'Fitter Younger'.

It was a wonderful occasion, where the children worked in unison to cover the entire marathon distance of 26.2 miles. Not only did they do so, they completed the distance in an incredible time of 2:53:23! Sensational stuff from the children of Tattyreagh!

Thanks to Ciarán at Fitter Younger for organising and a special thanks to our children and families for fundraising for the event. Money raised will support our school in developing provision for learning and enhancing our children's educational experiences. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!



Marathon Fundraiser



September's 'Wise Owls' and 'Merit Winners'

Due to our settling in period and a Friday Staff Development Day, we only had one set of Assembly awards this month.

After such a fantastic start to the year, it was an almost impossible task to single out individuals. Nevertheless, our 'Wise Owl' and 'Merit Award' badge winners have demonstrated tremendous effort, enthusiasm and commitment during their first two full weeks back at school. We are very proud of you all. Well done! 🙌



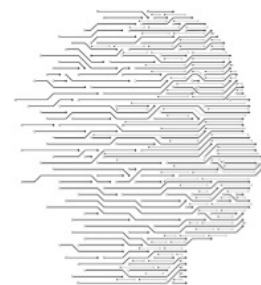
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Tattyreagh**



AI at Home

Workshop for Parents

Helping parents guide
their child's safe and
responsible use of AI at
primary school age.



Thursday 15th October
2:15 PM–3:15 PM.
School Hall



Please confirm your attendance:
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or scan the QR Code



Do I need to keep my child off school?



Public Health
Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox

At least 5 days
from onset of
rash and until all
spots have
crusted over

Conjunctivitis

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Diarrhea & /or Vomiting

48 hours from
last episode

Respiratory Illness

(e.g colds & flu)
Can return when
no longer have a
high temperature
and well enough

Glandular Fever

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed



Hand, foot & mouth

No need to stay
off if well
enough, but
school or nursery
should be
informed

Impetigo

Until lesions are
crusted & healed
or 48 hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Head Lice

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Measles

4 days from
onset of rash

Mumps

5 days from
onset of
swelling

German Measles (Rubella)

5 days from
onset of rash

Scarlet Fever

24 hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Scabies

Until after first
treatment

Slapped Cheek

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Threadworms

No need to stay
off but school
or nursery
should be
informed

Tonsillitis

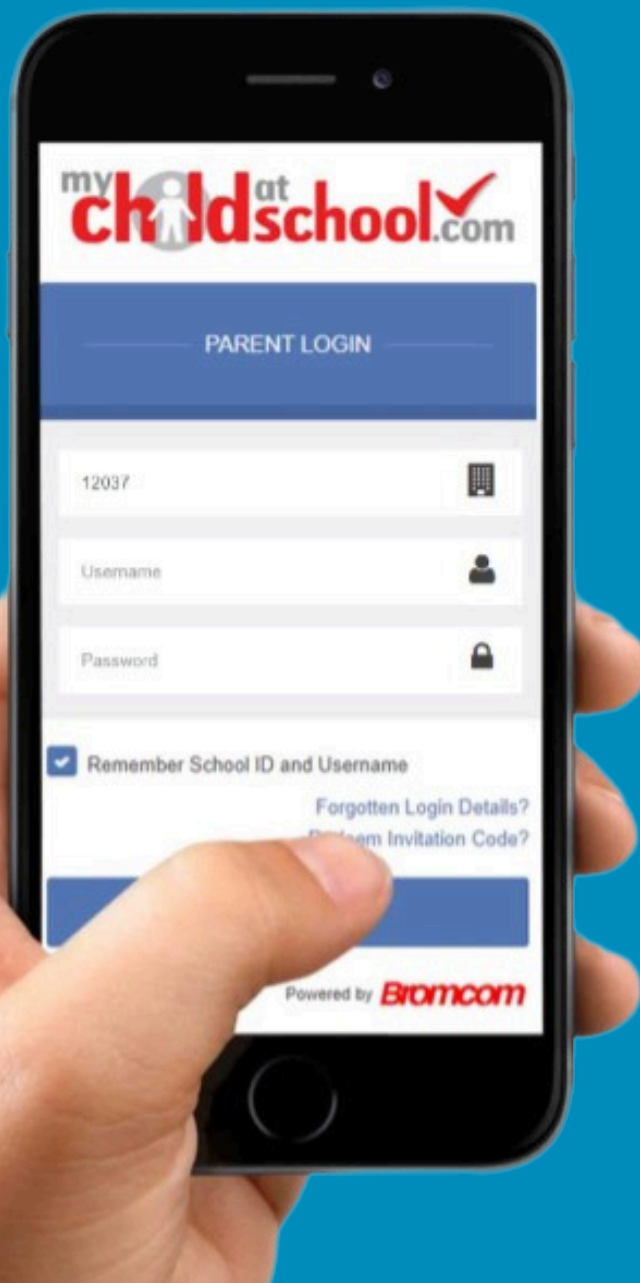
Can return when
no longer have a
temperature and
well enough,
school or nursery
should be
informed

Whooping Cough

48 hours after
commencing
antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back
if they are well enough to do so.

Coming Soon: 'My Child At School' (MCAS) School App



More information
on our new school
App will follow over
the coming weeks!