



# St. Mary's News

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## Some key dates

**P7 Residential**  
29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> June

**Summer Scheme**  
1<sup>st</sup> July-10<sup>th</sup> July  
10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August

**Staff Training**  
24<sup>th</sup> August- 27<sup>th</sup> August

**School Re-opens**  
1<sup>st</sup> September @ 8.55  
Breakfast club @ 8 am  
2-3 club available each day.

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*Our website is looking good! Click on to see what is happening in our school and how the children are busy learning new things everyday!*

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## Big Celebrations!

Our P7 children celebrated their years in St. Mary's PS with a wonderful Mass in the Parish on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June and a special performance- 'Goodbye My Friends' in the school on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Both occasions were truly testimony to the very talented young people that we develop and nurture in our school.

## Summer Scheme

If you would like to attend the summer scheme please fill in a registration form.

If your friend goes to a different school and wants to come along they are very welcome.

Summer scheme runs from 9.00- 1.00pm from 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> July and 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August.

## Education beyond the Classroom

Our P4-P6 children put their science knowledge to the test in W5 on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. They had a fabulous day.

P1-P3 children visited Newcastle. The P1/2 children went in search of sea creatures, had a sandcastle competition and even did a spot of fishing.

The P2/3 children terrorized the locals in their pirate costumes as they tested their pirate ships, sent messages in a bottle and followed maps.

Of course no day to the beach would be complete without a Mauds ice-cream! Yum Yum!

## FITNESS FIRST IN ST. MARY'S PS

June has been an active month for our pupils. We displayed our competitive streak and sportsmanship qualities in a great Sports Day on 9<sup>th</sup> June which was sponsored by our local Spar.

Our GAA day on 16<sup>th</sup> June saw us once again, compete in games and challenges which got both our feet and pulses racing.

Our P4 children who have been going swimming this term took part in a triathlon on 26<sup>th</sup> June, cycling, running and swimming.

**Remember to stay active during the summer.**





**Happy Birthday**  
**To the June Boys**  
**and Girls**

Paige Corrin  
Luke Fernandes-  
Corbett  
Martin Kysa  
Ethan McIlwrath  
Oliver Douglas  
Erin Murphy  
Ben Rooney

**Goodbye**

This month we said goodbye to Miss Blair. She has taken up a new position in Longstone Special Unit. We thank her for the wonderful contribution she made to our school. She will be back to run the Summer Scheme with Mrs Boyle. We also say farewell to Miss Goyvaerts and wish her much happiness in her new home in Armagh. Miss Goyvaerts will be sadly missed from St. Mary's PS, where she provided a wealth of extended school activities. We wish Mr Mc Guigan success and happiness in his future and thank him for the contributions he made to St. Mary's PS.

**Look Smart, think Smart.**

*Please be reminded that the proper school uniform must be worn at all times.*

*Black school shoes are the uniform. Please do not buy black trainers or shoes with markings on them.*

*I would also ask that haircuts are no less than a number 2 and that elaborate styling be kept for the holidays.*

*If we are to have high expectations of standards and achievements then we must have high expectations of our uniform.*

*The uniform and our pupils behaviour is often how others interpret what our school stands for.*

**Learning Today for a Better Tomorrow**

It is hard to believe that my first year as Principal of St. Mary's PS has come to an end.

We have certainly faced some challenges together but I wish to assure you of my continued commitment to providing the best education for every child within the school.

I do believe that St. Mary's is a great school with a fantastic team of teaching and support staff.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year and I thank you for your continued support both on a personal level to me but more importantly for your support to the school as a whole community.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday. School will re-open on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Mrs D. Miller

**Action Plan for Improvement**

The focus for improvement for the next academic year is as follows;

Developing Problem Solving strategies in Numeracy.

The continued development of comprehension strategies in literacy.

Developing language and numeracy skills through play in the Foundation Stage.