



Learn to Love, Love to Learn

9th March 2026

Latest Update

Mary Poppins

Many thanks to all who supported our school show last week. A huge thank you to all involved in making it such a special time for our pupils, who were all amazing in their various roles. It was only fitting that we got a massive 'shout out' on Q Radio Breakfast Show on Thursday morning thanks to Andrew Ryan.

You can listen back here (2hrs 12 mins in) –

<https://www.qradio.com/belfast/radioplayer/od/items/6am-to-10am-q-radio-breakfast-with-connor-andrew-and-amy-12th-march3/>

Footage and photographs will be available soon.

Thanks also to the KIPS+ team for their superb efforts for the Easter Ballot which raised £763 for school funds.

Staff Changes

After Easter we welcome back Mrs Cooper who returns from maternity leave to P5. Mr Martin will continue to teach P5 Monday to Wednesday. Mrs Cooper will return to teaching P5 Thursday and Friday as well as PE on Wednesdays. Miss Smyth will continue teaching P3 on Mondays and Tuesdays.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will run as normal this week and next.

St Patrick's Day

School will be closed tomorrow for St Patrick's Day.

Transform Ed Days

Many of you will be aware that the Department of Education is currently reviewing the primary curriculum. Schools are being granted some additional days in order to train staff and provide much needed time for professional learning and development.

KIPS will be taking a Transform Ed day in Term 3 on **Friday 22nd May**. This will be a staff only day (no pupils).

The Department of Education will be directing which days school use for TransformEd in 2026/27. A list of holiday dates for next year will be made available prior to the Easter break.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 16 th March	St Patrick's Day Celebrations
Tuesday 17 th March	St. Patrick's Day Holiday (all pupils off)
Wednesday 18 th – Friday 20 th March	P7 Residential
Friday 20 th March	First Confession
Monday 23 rd March	P4 Sikhism assembly P6 PeacePlus trip
Tuesday 24 th March	P7 attending St Mary's School Show
Wednesday 25 th March	P1 Ark Farm trip P6 Transfer Information Meeting (4pm)
Thursday 26 th March	P7 Clandeboye Estate trip
Friday 27 th March	School finishes early for end of term (11.50am-12.20pm)