

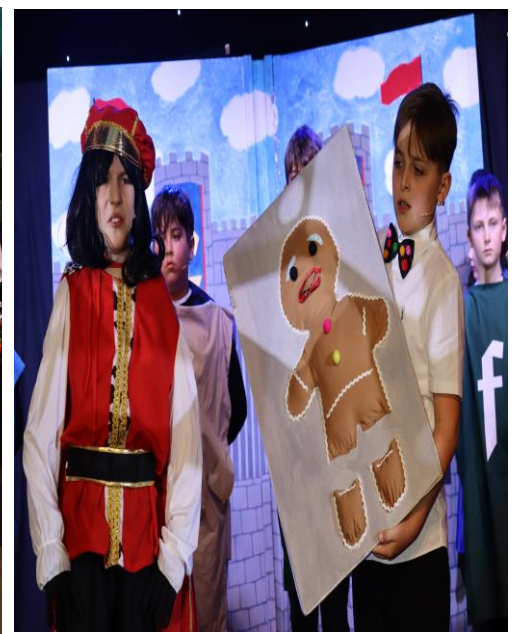


April 2026 News

WELCOME

April has been a short month with the Easter holidays, but we have had a fantastic couple of weeks back in school with our P6/P7 production being a massive highlight. Congratulations to the 180 boys and girls involved in the production and for two amazing matinee's for the school and three amazing evening performances for families and friends.





The Big Walk & Wheel

Congratulations to our winning classes for 'The Big Walk and Wheel' .

1st Place - P5HC

2nd Place - P4NM

3rd Place - P5TS

Thank you to everyone who took part this year and helped us to use more sustainable methods for travelling to school.



MR HULLABALOO VISITS NURSERY

We had a lovely morning in April with Mr Hullabaloo's Children's Theatre. The boys & girls interacted with 3 different fairytales and joined in with nursery rhymes and songs. Hopefully this experience enhanced our love of stories and developed our language skills.



P6 @ Ulster Orchestra
Our P6 classes had a wonderful day out at Dundonald High School taking part in a music workshop with the Ulster Orchestra



NURSERY VISITORS
The Gathering Drum were back for their final visit, making lots of noise and music in our Nursery.



SWIMMING

Fantastic News from the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin

Huge congratulations to Eva, Ellie, and Michaela who all swam brilliantly at the Irish Schools Gala in the National Aquatic Centre in Dublin — and each of them achieved incredible personal bests!

It was such an amazing experience for the girls, and they truly did themselves proud and DPS proud. What a day — and what an achievement!



NETBALL

Well done to our P6/7 netball girls who played incredibly on a fantastic day at Andrews Memorial!

Dundonald V Alexander Dixon- Win
Dundonald V Brooklands- Draw
Dundonald V Moneyrea- Defeat
Dundonald V Andrews Memorial- Defeat

We are so proud of how well you all played and represented our school, well done girls!



CROSS-COUNTRY

Congratulations to our boys and girls who represented DPS at the Belfast Schools Cross-Country finals in Mallusk during April. This was a fantastic event to round off a very successful season. Well done to the 18 boys and girls who came through the qualifying rounds to make the overall final. Well done everyone on a successful year of running!

RUGBY

More fantastic sport in the April sunshine as our rugby team took part in the Ards RFC Blitz. Our girls' team received an excellent training session from the Ulster Rugby staff, before earning a comprehensive victory against Academy Primary School girls. Our boys played several tight games against Andrew's Memorial, Cairnshill, Spa Primary and Academy boys. The boys earned 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats from 5 games. We ended the day with a fiercely contested game of mixed squad Dundonald vs Dundonald, which Ulster Rugby kindly refereed. Another excellent day of rugby for DPS!



FOOTBALL

🏆🏆 7-A-Side league champions & Play-off champions! 🏆🏆

A huge congratulations to every pupil who has represented our team over the past seven months. On the same afternoon as being presented with the league trophy, the team also won the 7-a-side play offs with two well deserved victories.

Dundonald 2 – 0 Victoria Primary

Dundonald 3 - 0 Abbey Primary

Congratulations!



Among those we'd also like to thank are:

Erin McConnell from Meraki Nails, Crew barbers, Comber Road, Dundonald, Stacey Gibson from Fairy Dust Treats and Stacey Ryan for the wine and chocolates.



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PTA

A big thank you to our PTA for looking after all of our visitors on the three evening performances of Shrek. To have served tea and coffee & juice to 780 guests was a huge task that was smoothly operated.

Thank you also for organising the raffle prizes and selling tickets at each event. We are delighted that £1161 was raised by the raffle with all proceeds going towards the next school production.

A huge thank you to our local business owners within the community who supported us with prizes for Shrek and indeed have already donated prizes for the Summer Fair raffle.

If you can assist our PTA in any way for the Summer Fair in June 2026, we'd really appreciate your support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with our PTA team.

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HOUSE PROGRESS AWARDS, BEHAVIOUR & UNIFORM – APRIL 2026

Lions 7740	Tigers 7520	Cheetahs 7620	Jaguars 7910	Leopards 8140
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ATTENDANCE AWARDS - APRIL 2026

P1-P2	Miss McNeill	99.0%
P3-P4	Mr Kennedy	97.2%
P5-P7	Miss Patton	96.2%



SAFEGUARDING

Please remember, if you have any concerns about your child, or another child inside or outside school, you should share these concerns with us. When a child is in school, we are responsible for keeping them safe from harm and abuse. In Dundonald Primary School & Nursery Unit we strive to create a safe learning environment, identify children who are suffering from or may be at risk of harm and take suitable action.

If you have any concerns, please share them with:

Mrs S Burns (Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Safeguarding)

Mrs M Savage (Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection & Safeguarding)

Mr D Massey (Safeguarding Team)



WHO TO CONTACT

If you need to contact us regarding your son/daughter, please do not hesitate to do so in the following order:

1. Initial contact with your child's teacher
2. Your child's head of Key Stage:
 - Head of Nursery **Mrs McConaghy**
 - Head of Foundation Stage (P1 & P2) **Mrs McGonigle**
 - Head of Key Stage 1 (P3 & P4) **Mrs Dodds**
 - Head of Key Stage 2 (P5, P6 & P7) **Miss Ellis**
3. SENCo **Mrs Savage**
4. Vice Principal **Mrs Burns**
5. Principal **Mr Massey**



PUPIL & TRAFFIC SAFETY

If you see any cars driving dangerously or parking without care in the neighbouring streets, please report their registration to the local PSNI immediately.



DATES & COMMUNICATION ClassDojo

Please continue to check your ClassDojo and please follow the school Facebook Page and Synced Website Calendar for updates on the exciting events happening in school throughout the very busy term ahead.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61550216596814>



The 2026-2027 School Holidays can be accessed on our website:

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/dundonald-primary-school/UploadedDocument/452125e1-4dd4-4fd1-b8cb-8bbf65a5b38e/2026-2027-holidays.pdf>

APRIL 2026

M	27	P6 Rugby Coaching
T	28	Belfast Schools Cross-Country Finals – Mallusk P6 workshop with the Ulster Orchestra at DHS Rugby Blitz at Ards Rugby Club P7 Extern
W	29	Class & Team Photographs Rugby Blitz at Malone Rugby Club
T	30	P7 Aspire @ TBC P4 JB @War Museum Class & Team Photographs 9-a-side football round 1 v Andrews 3.15pm

MAY 2026

F	1	SDD4 School Closed for pupils
M	4	Bank Holiday
T	5	P7 in Edinburgh P4 DF @War Museum P2 @ Hillmount P7 Extern
W	6	P7 in Edinburgh P2 @ Hillmount
T	7	P7 in Edinburgh P2 @ Hillmount
F	8	P7 in Edinburgh P2 Aspire @ Dundonald P2 @ Hillmount
SA	9	Post Primary Y8 Placements
M	11	P4 NM @War Museum Prayer Space – Church on the Green Rockport Netball Tournament
T	12	PTA 7pm P7 Extern
W	13	
T	14	Netball Tournament @ Moneyrea
F	15	P7 Aspire Whole P1 @ Streamvale Farm
M	18	P6 Registration opens for SEAG 2026 Nursery “Stay & Play Day”
T	19	Noel, ARC21 Recycling P7 Extern
W	20	P7 love for life workshop X2 P4 classes @ Folk Museum Wee Critters in P3 Athletics Competition at Bangor Sportsplex 7pm
T	21	Provisional date for P1-P3 Sports Day
F	22	Provisional date for P4-P7 Sports Day
M	25	Bank Holiday
T	26	SDD5 - School Closed for pupils
W	27	Transformation Day - School Closed for pupils
T	28	Campbell College Rugby Blitz P7 it's your move Noel, ARC21 Recycling
F	29	P2 Aspire @ Tor Bank P7 Aspire @ Tor Bank Ni Food & Fitness in Hall Noel, ARC21 Recycling

JUNE 2026

M	1	P3 in Mount Stewart Parents Afternoon for New P1 families
T	2	Parents morning for New Nursery families Parents Afternoon for New P1 families P7 It's your Move P7 Extern

W	3	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1 P3 in Mount Stewart P6 taster event @ Strathearn & Campbell College
T	4	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
F	5	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
M	8	
T	9	Induction Day for new nursery pupils PTA Summer Fair 6pm-8pm
W	10	X2 P4 classes @ Folk Museum P7 Extern Nursery PTC
T	11	W5 trip for P.5 SM & HC Nursery PTC
F	12	P6 Birds of Prey W5 trip for P.5 KS & TS P2 Exploris Touch Tank visiting
M	15	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
T	16	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2 P6 Boys – Coding @ Ashfield Boys School
W	17	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2 Athletics Competition at Bangor Sportsplex 7pm
T	18	Meet your new Teacher morning
F	19	Reports home to parents
M	22	
T	23	
W	24	Fizz Wizz Pop magician in nursery Whole school final assembly & house awards
T	25	P7 Fun Day, Bouncy Castles etc
F	26	School stops at lunchtime - P7 Farewell Assembly (Staff & P7 Parents)
M	29	
T	30	Last Day of Term 3



Inspire. Believe. Achieve

“Through nurture we Inspire a love of learning, Believe in our abilities, and empower each other to Achieve our personal best within a supportive school community.”