



## May 2026 News

### WELCOME

While our May newsletter celebrates all of the wonderful events that have taken place throughout the month, please remember our huge event on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a fantastic evening for pupils and their families, so please come along and enjoy the activities and stalls at our Summer Fair. There will be something for everyone to enjoy.

A huge thankyou to the PTA for their organisation of such a large event, fingers crossed for good weather and a fantastic turnout.



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

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

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## Sports Day

Congratulations to all of our boys and girls in P1-P7 who participated in our two Sports Days. P1-P3 definitely got the better weather on their rescheduled day. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who came along to cheer and support the boys and girls.





**P2 visit to Hillmount**

P2 had lots of fun at Hillmount Garden Centre. They had a tour around all the plants and trees and seeds. The experienced gardeners explained lots of information before the boys and girls got to plant sunflower seeds and of course... a go on the dinosaur slide!



**ARC24**

We also had visits in May with Noel from Arc24, to learn more about our environment and recycling. Pupils made badges to promote the importance of recycling ♻️



## P1 FARM VISIT

The whole of P1 visited Streamvale Farm this month and had an action packed visit, exploring the farm and getting to see all of the farm animals.



### P3 Wee Critters

P3 had some very interesting visitors from “Wee Critters” and enjoyed some very close encounters with the wildlife!!



### VoiceBox Awards 2026

Congratulations to JJ in P5 who was selected to be a finalist in the VoiceBox Awards 2026 and represented our school in Stormont.

18 pupils from across NI primary & post primary schools took part and were joined by many MLA's to tell their jokes in the Stormont Chambers. For getting to the final JJ was awarded some books for our school.

Good boy JJ ★★





**NURSERY STAY & PLAY**

Thank you so much to the families who came along to Nursery Stay & Play Day. We hope that you enjoyed spending some time playing with your child and found out a little more about what they do in nursery. Thank you for joining in the fun.



**PRAYER SPACE**

Some of our classes were invited along to the SU prayer space this month and enjoyed lots of fun activities, reflection and quiet spaces.



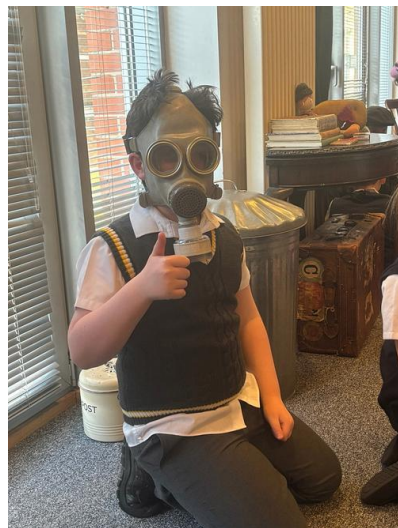
P4 had a fantastic visit to the Folk Museum this month and had the opportunity to explore and experience how we used to live, how we used to play, and what schools used to be like!!



**P7 Edinburgh Residential**  
 Some of our P7 pupils made the trip across to Scotland for the P7 residential in Edinburgh. The pupils had a wonderful week away with a very busy itinerary full of amazing trips and activities. A huge thank you to all of the staff who accompanied the children on this wonderful experience.



**P4 NI WAR MUSEUM**  
 P4 also had a visit in May to the NI War Museum. Their topic was really brought to life through all the pictures, talks and artefacts. They enjoyed a fun sharing party back at school to celebrate VE Day with lots of lovely food and singing along to their favourite war time songs. The Children also got to wear their evacuee costumes into school for the occasion.



### P5HC INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECT

P5 continued their project this month with another lovely visit to Grahamsbridge Manor, continuing to develop great relationships and enjoying fun activities.



### COMMUNITY SPORT GRANT

A big thank you to our PTA and Sharon Skillen for gaining the Community Sport Grant. Lots of our classes are benefitting from the additional coaching sessions with John and making the most of the good weather in May.



### ATHLETICS

Well done to all of our boys and girls who competed at the athletics competition at Bangor Sportsplex. We had 50 boys and girls representing DPS and competing with a 200 strong field. Thank you to all of our athletes and to their families for bringing them along to the event. Photos of the event can be found on Dojo and the link to the official photos is on the school Facebook page.



## NETBALL

This month our netball team have been very busy and very successful. The girls competed at the Rockport Invitational Tournament, and then the Moneyrea Tournament towards the end of the month. Thankyou to all of the girls for grasping the opportunity to take part at these events and their wonderful representation of our school. Well done girls! ☆ 😊



## FOOTBALL

The football season has come to an end for 25/26 with a defeat in the quarter final of the 9 a-side league against Victoria Primary School, who progressed to become the new 9 a-side champions. In the final tournament of the season our football team kindly gave up their day off to represent us at the Moneyrea Soccer Sevens Tournament. We had a mixture of wins, draws and losses and lovely weather and free BBQ made it great day! Well done to all our amazing footballers! ⚽ ⚽ ⚽



## 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.



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>

**JUNE 2026**

<b>M</b>	<b>1</b>	P3 in Mount Stewart Parents Afternoon for New P1 families
<b>T</b>	<b>2</b>	Parents morning for New Nursery families Parents Afternoon for New P1 families P7 It's your Move P7 Extern
<b>W</b>	<b>3</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1 P3 in Mount Stewart P6 taster event @ Strathearn & Campbell College Girls football competition in Moneyrea 12-3pm Junior choir performing for families 3.15pm
<b>T</b>	<b>4</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1 P5 community Sport Junior Choir @ Dunlady Manor 10-11am Additional woodwind lessons
<b>F</b>	<b>5</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
<b>M</b>	<b>8</b>	Brass & Strings Grade exams
<b>T</b>	<b>9</b>	Induction Day for new nursery pupils <b>PTA Summer Fair 6pm-8pm</b>
<b>W</b>	<b>10</b>	X2 P4 classes @ Folk Museum P7 Extern Nursery PTC
<b>T</b>	<b>11</b>	W5 trip for P.5 SM & HC P4 Amazing Journey Nursery PTC P5 Community Sport Interhouse Hockey Comp
<b>F</b>	<b>12</b>	P6 Birds of Prey W5 trip for P.5 KS & TS P2 Exploris Touch Tank visiting
<b>M</b>	<b>15</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
<b>T</b>	<b>16</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2 P6 Boys – Coding @ Ashfield Boys School Girls Football @ Londonderry Park 9.30-1pm
<b>W</b>	<b>17</b>	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2 Regent House Rugby Comp Athletics Competition at Bangor Sportsplex 7pm
<b>T</b>	<b>18</b>	Meet your new Teacher morning P5 Community Sport

<b>F</b>	<b>19</b>	Reports home to parents Extra brass lessons
<b>M</b>	<b>22</b>	P6 @ Dundonald High School – Science Day
<b>T</b>	<b>23</b>	Nursery Graduations
<b>W</b>	<b>24</b>	Fizz Wizz Pop magician in nursery Whole school final assembly & house awards
<b>T</b>	<b>25</b>	P7 Fun Day, Bouncy Castles etc P5 Community Sport
<b>F</b>	<b>26</b>	School stops at lunchtime - P7 Farewell Assembly (Staff & P7 Parents)
<b>M</b>	<b>29</b>	
<b>T</b>	<b>30</b>	Last Day of Term 3



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“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.”