



June 2026 News

THANK YOU

As we approach the end of the 2025/2026 academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your continued support throughout the year. Whether you have been part of the Dundonald community for many years or joined us more recently in September '25, we hope you feel that together we have had another successful year, with your children at the very heart of all that we do.

As a staff team, we remain fully committed and dedicated to supporting your child's educational progress. We are incredibly proud of the achievements and development of all our children, and this success would not have been possible without the strong partnership we share with you as parents and carers. Thank you for placing your trust in us and for being such active participants in your children's learning journey.

Throughout the year, we have continued to place a strong emphasis on emotional health and well-being, providing enriching and meaningful learning experiences both inside and beyond the classroom. Please be assured that the children of Dundonald Primary School and Nursery Unit are at the centre of every decision we make, guiding our planning, teaching, and preparation at all times.

As we look ahead to the summer break, we hope it is a time for rest, enjoyment, and making special memories with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning in September '26. Until then, thank you once again for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.



END OF YEAR REPORT & NEW CLASSES

On Friday your child came home with their End of Year Progress report. Please take the time to discuss and celebrate their successes within their school report. Also in your envelope, you will have received a welcome letter from your child's new teacher. The children will also have had the opportunity to visit with their new teacher and talk about the exciting new term ahead and ask lots of interesting questions.

| Jun-26 |
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| P1 Mrs K Dodd |
| P1 Mrs L Wilson |
| P1 Mrs Todd |
| P1 Miss L Horner |
| P2 Miss Montgomery & Mrs Sunerton |
| P2 Miss McNeill |
| P2 Mrs McGonigle |
| P2 Mrs Kitson-WoodsMiss Montgomery |
| P3 Miss Smyth |
| P3 Mrs Best & Mrs Savage |
| P3 Mr Kennedy |
| P3 Mrs Gordon |
| P4 Miss McIntyre |
| P4 Mrs Brannigan |
| P4 Mrs S Dodds & Mrs Ferguson |
| P4 Mrs A Wilson |
| P5 Mr Seeds |
| P5 Mrs McAllister & Mrs Ssenyonga |
| P5 Mrs Coulter & Mrs Harris |
| P5 Mrs Spence |
| P6 Mr Maxwell |
| P6 Miss Patton |
| P6 Mr Wasson |
| P6 Mr Beattie |
| P7 Mrs Scott |
| P7 Miss Ellis |
| P7 Miss Herbison |
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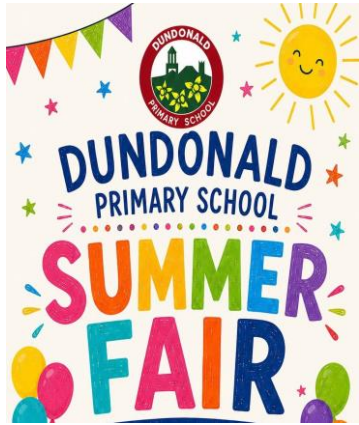
| Sep-26 |
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| Nursery - Mrs K McConaghy |
| P1 Mrs K Todd |
| P1 Mrs A Wilson |
| P1 Mrs L Wilson / Miss Homer |
| P1 Miss Ferguson |
| P2 Miss G Jordan 2 & Mrs Sunerton3 |
| P2 Miss McNeill |
| P2 Mrs McGonigle |
| P2 Mrs Kitson-Woods 4 & Mrs S Bell 1 |
| P3 Miss Smyth |
| P3 Mrs K Dodd |
| P3 Mrs Gordon |
| P3 Mr Kennedy |
| P4 Mrs S Dodds 3 & Mrs Ferguson 1 |
| P4 Mrs Brannigan |
| P4 Miss Patton |
| P4 Miss McIntyre |
| P5 Mr Seeds |
| P5 Mrs McAllister 2 & Mrs Ssenyonga 3 |
| P5 Mrs Coulter 2 & Mrs Harris 3 |
| P5 Mrs Spence |
| P6 Mr Maxwell |
| P6 Mrs Best 4 / Mrs McAllister 1 |
| P6 Mr Beattie |
| P6 Mr Wasson |
| P7 Miss Ellis |
| P7 Mrs Scott |
| P7 Mr Bell |
| P7 Miss Herbison |

Mrs Wilson goes on Maternity Oct'26
Mrs Glassey returns from Maternity Feb'27
Miss Moore returns from Career Break Dec'26
Mrs Campbell Career Break
Mrs McCavery Career Break
Mrs Scullion Career Break

PTA SUMMER FAIR

Our PTA hosted a fantastic Summer Fair this month which again proved to be a huge success. The children, parents and staff all had a great time at a very well supported event with lots of stalls and activities throughout the school grounds and hall.

As a school community, we simply could not make such improvements to our school resources without your help and contribution as parents and PTA. This direction and continued drive have been guided by Niamh & Andrew and their team, and we look forward to another year of great events and fundraising in 26/27.



HOUSE COMPETITION RESULTS – 2025/2026

INTERHOUSE SPORTS SHIELD 2025/2026


(cross-country, quiz, hockey, football, rugby, netball, P4/5 Sports Day, P6/7 Sports Day)

| Lions | Tigers | Cheetahs | Jaguars | Leopards |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|---|-----------------|
| 3 rd | 1 st  | 4 th | 1 st  | 5 th |



Congratulations to the Tigers & Jaguars who shared the overall Inter House Sports Shield, following a great final day of the competition. On behalf of their teams, the captains, Ella & Ben and Gabrielle & Jonas accepted the shield for 25/26.

INTERHOUSE CUP 2025/2026 (Progress Awards, Attendance, Uniform, Positive Behaviour)

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|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---|
| Lions 8870 | Tigers 8640 | Cheetahs 8730 | Jaguars 9050 | Leopards 9290 |
| 3 rd | 5 th | 4 th | 2 nd | 1 st  |



Congratulations to the Leopards and their captains, Lucy and Seth, who accepted the Interhouse Cup on behalf of their team.

ATTENDANCE AWARDS - JUNE 2026

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| P1-P2 | Mrs Kitson-Woods & Miss Montgomery P2 | 96.2% |
| P3-P4 | Mrs Dodds & Mrs Ferguson P4 | 96.7% |
| P5-P7 | Mr Wasson P6 | 96.7% |



The class with the highest Attendance for the whole year 2025-2026 is:

Mr Beattie's P6 class with 97.2%

MUSIC SUCCESS

Well done to all our boys and girls who have worked hard and dedicated lots of hours this year at home and during instrumental tuition in school. Congratulations to the large group of pupils who also successfully completed their Grade examinations. The results have been slow in coming through this year. Once we have received all of the results, we will post them up on Dojo and include them on the 1st newsletter in September.



ECO COUNCIL

Congratulations everyone at DPS 🌟🏆🏆🌟

Another fantastic award for Dundonald Primary School & Nursery Unit.

This month we attended the NI Eco Schools awards ceremony at Island Civic Centre in Lisburn. We were in attendance to receive our 5th Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Thank you to the three boys for representing our Eco Council at the ceremony. This fantastic award represents all of the hard work our Eco-Council and school community have dedicated to various Eco Projects during the past 2 years.

★★★★ Eco Teacher of the Year!!!! ★★★★★

We were also delighted that Mrs McGonigle was announced as the Eco School Teacher of the Year. What an incredible achievement!!!! This is also a huge acknowledgement of the exceptional dedication and unwavering commitment of Mrs McGonigle who has been instrumental in the coordination of Eco Schools. This prestigious recognition is a reward for her outstanding contribution and positive impact on our pupils and school community.



JUNE VISITORS & VISITS



LORNE

Before heading off to Y8, some of our P7 pupils had a residential week full of adventure in Lorne this month. The boys and girls had a fantastic experience participating in loads of outdoor pursuits and activities.





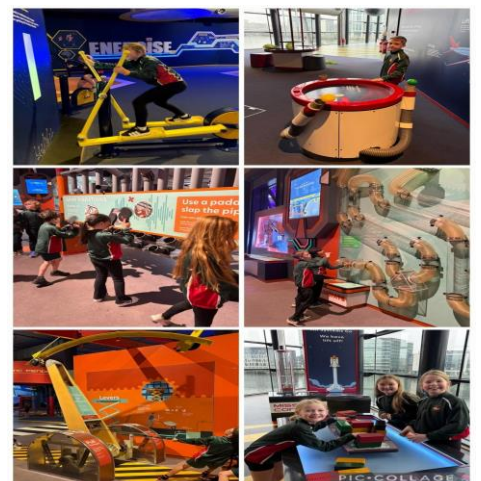
Exploris came all the way from Portaferry to our school and brought along their fantastic touch tank for our P2 pupils.



Trip to W5!



P5 had a great trip to W5 this month and enjoyed lots of fun activities and investigations.





P4 had a great time at The Amazing Journey. The Bible was brought to life with characters to tell the story, food from Bible times and the opportunity to dress up!



The Junior Choir(P4) entertained family members in the hall followed later in the month with a visit to Dunlady House Nursing Home where they sang for the residents and staff. 🏠



P2 continued their Shared Education link in June with Tor Bank & Longstone as part of the Aspire programme this month.



To kick off a new June topic on Toys, P3 had a fantastic time exploring Victorian life at Mount Stewart! Everybody had to dress up as young boys and girls from the past before they began their journey around Mount Stewart. Throughout the day the children got to play with a range of toys from the past, see what the bedrooms, kitchens and dining halls looked like and also experience first-hand what a Victorian classroom would've been like.



P6 were invited to a Taster Day at Campbell College & Strathearn this month. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls to experience a day in the life of a Y8 student and to experience various classes in the schools.



P5HC had a lovely final visit to Grahamsbridge Manor creating some collaborative Summer art with the residents.



P5 had their final Mandarin lessons this month with Miss Shi. This has been a fantastic programme throughout the year, and it has been amazing to see how much of the language the pupils have picked up and retained. We hope it has been an enjoyable experience for everyone involved.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Sixteen girls took part in a football tournament run by Moneyrea Primary School this month.

Congratulations to the red team who won the competition, winning all 7 games without conceding a goal. This is a fantastic achievement and well deserved.

Thanks to all of the parents for your lifts and support at the competition.



ATHLETICS

Well done and thank you to our boys and girls who competed in the final event of the NDAC minis athletics competition. We had great success again, and lots of podium finishes. A big thankyou to our supporters, parents, grandparents and little brothers and sisters. You can find all of our fab photos and podium awards on the school Facebook page.



RUGBY

Our P6 Rugby Squad was in action again this month when we were invited to Campbell College to participate in a mixed contact blitz. They performed admirably against fierce competition in Campbell Prep, Cairnshill, Holywood and Gilnahirk. They earned a win, two draws and a defeat on the day.

Well done to our brilliant rugby players for continuing to do us proud!



FAREWELLS

Farewell to our Primary 7 pupils.

Our P7 pupils have had a fantastic final term in Dundonald Primary School before heading off to “big school.” Term 3 highlights included their residential visits to Edinburgh & Lorne, the P7 fun day & disco, and their special farewell leavers assembly. We are thrilled they experienced such a fantastic send off to their time in Primary School and wish them every success for the future as they now transition into Y8 in 15 different schools.



Farewell to Mrs Raynalyne Winter

Farewell and best wishes to Mrs Winter who leaves us on Tuesday 30th June after 11 years in Dundonald as a Special Educational Needs Classroom Assistant. Mrs Winter, who joined Dundonald in 2015, will be greatly missed in school as we say goodbye to a colleague who has been a wonderful support, developing a kind and understanding relationship with individual pupils in her care that has always been complimented by her compassion, patience, and unwavering dedication. Her absence will be a huge loss to us in school, but we wish her our very best as she begins her new journey in the Ulster Hospital.



Farewell to Miss Nadia Montgomery

Having spent this year with us in school we wish Miss Montgomery our best wishes as she gets married this summer and moves to the North Coast. Miss Montgomery has been a fantastic addition to our foundation staff team & music team this year and will be greatly missed. She will be a huge addition to Leaney Primary School in September'26 and we wish her every success in this new chapter of her career.

Farewell to Mr Daniel Ruddell

Best wishes to Mr Ruddell who has been working in DPS for the past year in Primary 5 as a Classroom Assistant and also as a lunchtime supervisor and as part of our cleaning team in the afternoons. We are very grateful for the role he has had within our school team and wish him every success as he leaves us for his studies in September.



LAST DAY OF TERM

Tuesday 30th June 2026 will be a non-uniform day and classes will finish at:




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| P1&P2 | 12.05 |
| P3&P4 | 12.10 |
| P5&P6 | 12.15 |

DATES

School returns late August 2026

| P2-P7 (Nursery & P1 will follow a different phasing timetable initially) | | |
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| Wednesday 26th August | No Canteen dinners or lunches | P2 & P3 finish at 12:15 P4 & P5 finish at 12:25 |
| Thursday 27th August | No Canteen dinners or lunches. | P6-P7 finish at 12:30 |
| Friday 28th August | Packed Lunches required P2-P7 | Normal finishing time |
| Tuesday 1st September | Canteen Dinners & Lunches Resume for P2-P7 and normal finishing times | |

| Year Group | Morning Drop off | Afternoon Pick up |
|------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Primary 1 | Pencil Gates | Pencil Gates |
| Primary 2 | P2 Door | P2 Door |
| Primary 3 | Pencil Gates | P6 Door |
| Primary 4 | P4 Door | P4 Door |
| Primary 5 | P5 Door | P5 Door |
| Primary 6 | P6 Door | P6 Door |
| Primary 7 | P7 Door | Pencil Gates |

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| NURSERY | <p>Initial Nursery phasing will have been completed by Thursday 24th September 2026</p> <p>From Monday 28th September onwards AM class: 09:00-11:30 PM class: 12:30-15:00</p> |
| |  <p>School doors will open with the 08:50 bell. Teaching will commence at 09:00</p> |
| P1 | <p>Initial Primary 1 phasing will have been completed by Thurs 24th September 2026</p> <p>w/c Monday 7th September: Finishing Time 12:15</p> <p>w/c Monday 14th & 21st September: Finishing Time 12:45 (inc lunch)</p> <p>From Monday 28th September onwards: Finish 13:50</p> |
| P2 | Finishing Time 13:50 |
| P3 | <p>Finishing Time 13:50 Tuesday, Thursday & Friday</p> <p>Finishing Time 14:50 Monday & Wednesday</p> |
| P4 | Finishing Time 14:55 (14:30 on Friday) |
| P5 | Finishing Time 14:55 (14:30 on Friday) |
| P6 | Finishing Time 15:00 (14:30 on Friday) |
| P7 | Finishing Time 15:00 (14:30 on Friday) |

SUMMER BREAK

I look forward to welcoming our pupils and their families back for the new school term following the holidays. I am also delighted to welcome our new families joining Nursery and Primary 1, and hope they are excited about becoming part of our school community.

Best wishes to you and your family for a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back as we continue working together to move Dundonald Primary School and Nursery Unit from strength to strength in the 2026/2027 academic year

Thankyou,

Mr Massey



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.”

