



November 2025 News

P1 AND NURSERY OPEN EVENING

Please share the details of our open evening with any friends and family you know who are looking for a place for Nursery or P1 in September 2026.

PTA GRAND OPERA HOUSE TREAT

A big thankyou to our PTA as we look forward to the Panto in the Grand Opera House on Friday 5th December. This is a very exciting treat and a fab day out for our families.



**Nursery & Primary 1
Open Night**
Wednesday 3rd December
7pm-8pm
(Principal's welcome in assembly hall 7:10pm)
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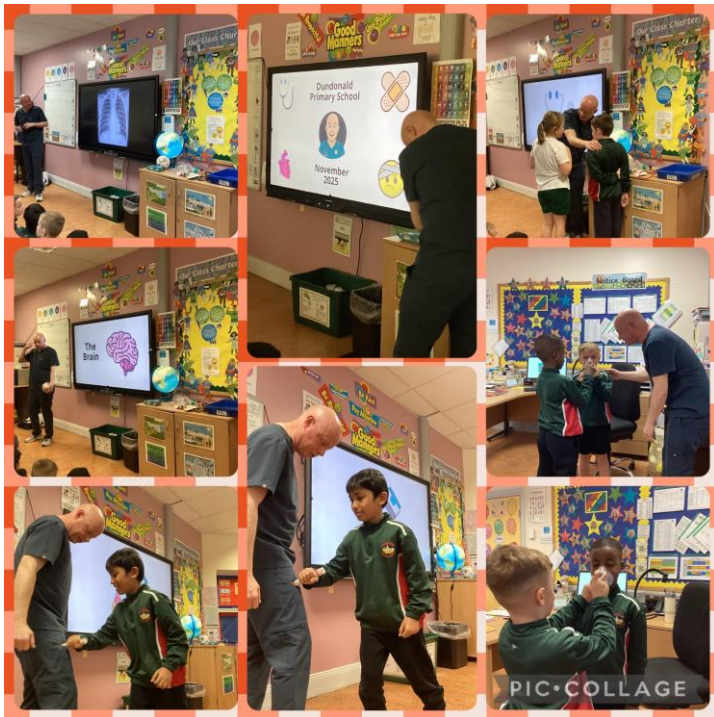
A VERY BUSY NOVEMBER.....

We have had another very busy month in school and that's before we enter the excitement of December and Christmas. Before we look ahead to Open Night, Nativities, Carol Services, Carol Singing and Pantos, please have a look at all of the exciting activities our boys and girls have been up to in November '25.

VISITORS AND VISITS

Well done and thank you to our P7 pupils who represented our school at the Dundonald Learning Community. This was a lovely opportunity for the 5 Dundonald Schools to come together, and on this occasion for a water colour painting workshop.





P4 had a visit this month from Dr McNaughten who taught us all about our organs and staying healthy. This fitted perfectly into our topic 'Our Bodies'. We learnt how to use an inhaler, an epi pen and stethoscope. 🩺👤❤️

P5 also had an exciting visit from the Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service which brought great excitement to our playground in November!!

Fire Service visit P5!





P2 had a fantastic time this month with new friends from Longstone and Torbank as part of our Aspire Shared Education Programme

Well done to Sienna & Isla, who were superb when reading their poems at the Dundonald Remembrance Service. Thank you girls, you were superstars



Thank you to everyone for participating and contributing to our two charity events in November, Odd Socks Day & Children in Need.





P2 Invaded Castle Espie this month, taking it by storm. The pupils had a fantastic experience and enjoyed lots of fun outdoor learning activities and exploration.



P1 were in the forest in Clandeboye, exploring, climbing, lighting fires and enjoying lots of activities in their outdoor forest school.





It looked like an "I'm a Celebrity" challenge, as Wee Critters came along for an adventurous visit to both Nursery classes. The boys and girls have been learning about nocturnal animals and hibernation. Wee Critters brought in lots of interesting animals to help develop vocabulary skills! Hopefully they left with the same number they brought!!



Hockey

Earlier this month, our P6 boys competed in the Ulster Hockey Blitz at Regent House with 5 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss and 15 goals scored between them.

Towards the end of November, the boys and girls were all back in action at another local blitz, in the pouring rain! Our girls with 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 defeats. The boys returned with 4 wins and a draw. Well done everyone 🏏 🏏



FOOTBALL

We have had lots of matches this month with loads of great results.....

And we are top of the league ★ ★

Dundonald 4 - 0 Sacred Heart

Dundonald 4 - 0 St. Francis

Dundonald 0 - 1 Carryduff

Dundonald 4 - 0 Holy Family

Dundonald 5 - 0 Ballywalter

Dundonald 4 - 1 Brooklands

Dundonald 3 - 3 Comber

Dundonald 4 - 0 Portavogie





**PTA
JUMPER DAY**

We will host our PTA non-uniform Jumper Day on Friday 5th December.

Pupils should bring in a £1 donation for the PTA Christmas Jumper Day.

This will also help save time for those travelling from school directly to the Opera House.



**PTA
COLOURING COMPETITION P1 & P2
GUESS THE ELF P3 & P4
GUESS THE CODE P5-P7**

We will send out further information in December for our Christmas PTA competitions. This is always an exciting competition for the boys and girls at this time of year.

PTA EASYFUNDING WHEN SHOPPING AT CHRISTMAS

You can help Dundonald Primary School PTA raise FREE funds by using #easyfundraising when you buy anything from your favourite brands like eBay, Just Eat, Trainline, Argos and over 7,500 more. It's an easy way to support us just by doing your normal online shopping, and it doesn't cost you a penny extra. Please support us by clicking here or scanning the QR code in the car park:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/dundonald-primary-school-pta/kz4bak/ca/aBZKiyjL/A2304/facebook>

If you would like to join our PTA or to help out at any events, please get in touch via:

dundonaldpta@gmail.com

HOUSE PROGRESS AWARDS, BEHAVIOUR & UNIFORM – NOVEMBER 2025

Lions 3170	Tigers 3230	Cheetahs 3190	Jaguars 3400	Leopards 3420
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ATTENDANCE AWARDS - NOVEMBER 2025

P1-P2	Miss Horner	98.0%
P3-P4	Mrs Best	95.8%
P5-P7	Mr Beattie	96.8%



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**



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)



SAFE SPACE SCHOOL



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Dundonald Primary School is a Safe Space School. If anyone is experiencing Domestic Violence or requires support, we can provide a safe space to talk and signpost to relevant services. You can come to school to speak to Mrs Burns, Vice Principal or alternatively cards will be left at reception with a QR code to direct you to support services.

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 year ahead.

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



DECEMBER 2025

M	1	FLU Vaccine for P1-P7 Cross-Country Race in Downpatrick P7 visiting Nendrum College
T	2	
W	3	Kinedale Donkeys in Nursery NURSERY & P1 OPEN NIGHT
T	4	Football 2:30pm: Donaghadee vs Dundonald; Dundonald vs Andrews Choir @ Christmas Market 4pm P5-P7
F	5	Cross-Country Race in Campbell College Choir @ Domnall care home 10.30am P6 PTA Grand Opera House
M	8	Show auditions in the Library
T	9	Show auditions in the Library P7 Aspire @ Longstone
W	10	P1-P4 Nativity in Hall Choir singing @ St Elizabeth's Christmas lunch 1.45pm Auditions in Library EA admissions Criteria published for Nursery & P1
T	11	P1-P4 Nativity in Hall Choir @ McDonalds 1.45pm P5&P7TB and P7JH
F	12	
M	15	7pm Carol Service in Dundonald Presbyterian Church
T	16	
W	17	Dundonald High visiting P7
T	18	
F	19	Lunchtime finish for holidays & end of Term 1
M	22	Christmas Holidays
T	23	Christmas Holidays
W	24	Christmas Holidays
T	25	Christmas Holidays
F	26	Christmas Holidays
M	29	Christmas Holidays
T	30	Christmas Holidays
W	31	Christmas Holidays

JANUARY 2026

T	1	Christmas Holidays
F	2	Christmas Holidays
M	5	Term 2 begins for all pupils
T	6	
W	7	Nursery & P1 admissions portal opens
T	8	
F	9	
M	12	

T	13	Regent Visiting P7 10am
W	14	P7FE & P7AS @ Titanic Belfast 5-a-side football competition Blair Mayne
T	15	
F	16	P7JH & P7TB @ Titanic Belfast P2 Aspire @ Longstone
M	19	Gathering drum in Nursery Cross-Country Race in Tullymore
T	20	
W	21	P7 DLC @ at Longstone School Nursery & P1 admissions portal closes
T	22	Post Primary Transfer Interviews Football 3:00pm: Dundonald vs Londonderry; Victoria vs Dundonald
F	23	Post Primary Transfer Interviews P7 Aspire @ Dundonald P7TB @ Dreamspace W5
SA	24	SEAG Results
M	26	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
T	27	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
W	28	Post Primary Transfer Interviews School Council @ NI Assembly 10:30-12
T	29	Post Primary Transfer Interviews
F	30	Post Primary Transfer Interviews P7 Aspire @ Tor Bank P7FE @ Dreamspace W5

FEBRUARY 2026

M	2	
T	3	P7JH @ Dreamspace W5
W	4	Dairy Council visiting P5 & P6
T	5	PTA Movie Night
F	6	P7AS @ Dreamspace W5
M	9	SDD2 School Closed for pupils
T	10	Half term Holiday
W	11	Half term Holiday
T	12	Half term Holiday
F	13	Half term Holiday
M	16	SDD3 School Closed for pupils
T	17	Susie Millar- P7 Titanic Talk
W	18	
T	19	
F	20	P2 Aspire @ Dundonald P7 Aspire @ Longstone
M	23	P1-P6 Parent Teacher Interview Week Gathering drum in Nursery
T	24	Annual Reviews
W	25	P1-P3 Story Dome
T	26	Annual Reviews P1-P3 Story Dome
F	27	

MARCH 2026

M	2	Literacy Week Annual Reviews
T	3	Literacy Week & Book Fair
W	4	Literacy Week & Book Fair
T	5	Literacy Week & Book Fair WORLD BOOK DAY
F	6	Literacy Week
M	9	Science Week Ark farm visiting Nursery
T	10	Science Week
W	11	Science Week
T	12	Science Week Football 2:30pm: Dundonald vs Killinchy; Dundonald vs West Winds
F	13	Science Week
M	16	Gathering Drum in Nursery
T	17	Pupils stop at Lunchtime – No EA meals or transport
W	18	
T	19	
F	20	P2 Aspire @ Longstone P7 Aspire @ Tor Bank
M	23	Notification of Nursery & Primary 1 places
T	24	
W	25	
T	26	
F	27	
M	30	Easter Holidays
T	31	Easter Holidays

APRIL 2026

W	1	Easter Holidays
T	2	Easter Holidays
F	3	Easter Holidays
M	6	Easter Holidays
T	7	Easter Holidays
W	8	Easter Holidays
T	9	Easter Holidays
F	10	Easter Holidays
M	13	Term 3 begins for all pupils
T	14	
W	15	
T	16	P2 Aspire @ Longstone
F	17	
M	20	Gathering drum in Nursery P2 Aspire @ Dundonald P7 Aspire Longstone visiting for Matinee
T	21	SCHOOL SHOW
W	22	SCHOOL SHOW Mr Hullabaloo in Nursery
T	23	SCHOOL SHOW

F	24	
M	25	
T	28	
W	29	
T	30	P7 Aspire @ TBC

MAY 2026

F	1	SDD4 School Closed for pupils
M	4	Bank Holiday
T	5	P7 in Edinburgh
W	6	P7 in Edinburgh
T	7	P7 in Edinburgh
F	8	P7 in Edinburgh P2 Aspire @ Dundonald
M	11	
T	12	
W	13	
T	14	
F	15	P7 Aspire @ Stormont
M	18	
T	19	
W	20	P7 love for life workshop
T	21	
F	22	
M	25	Bank Holiday
T	26	SDD5 - School Closed for pupils
W	27	Wee Critters in P3
T	28	
F	29	P2 Aspire @ Tor Bank P7 Aspire @ Tor Bank

JUNE 2026

M	1	P3 in Mount Stewart
T	2	
W	3	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1 P3 in Mount Stewart
T	4	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
F	5	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 1
M	8	
T	9	
W	10	
T	11	W5 trip for P.5 SM & HC
F	12	P6 Birds of Prey W5 trip for P.5 KS & TS
M	15	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
T	16	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
W	17	LORNE RESIDENTIAL GROUP 2
T	18	
F	19	
M	22	
T	23	

W	24	Fizz Wizz Pop magician in nursery
T	25	Whole school final assembly & house awards
F	26	School stops at lunchtime - P7 Farewell Assembly (Staff & P7 Parents)
M	29	
T	30	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."