

# ST EUGENE'S PS VICTORIA BRIDGE NEWSLETTER

January 2026

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to our second term of 2025/2026 here at St Eugene's PS, Victoria Bridge. We hope that all our children and families had a restful Christmas break. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigated the wintry weather on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> of January. Thanks also to those who shared fabulous images of their children enjoying the snow - we absolutely loved seeing them. We are very much looking forward to another busy, but exciting term ahead.

## Reception and P1 Places for 2026/2027

The EA Portal for applications for Reception and Primary One is now open and will remain open until 21<sup>st</sup> January.

Now is the time to apply for a P1 place if you have a child who reaches their 4th Birthday on or before 1st July 2026.

Apply for a Reception place if you have a child who reaches their 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday before 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2027.

We were delighted to welcome so many parents and children to our open events last term, however, if you missed these and would like to arrange a private visit please contact our office.

## P7 Transfer

There are many Open Events coming up at the local Post Primary Schools this month, we encourage both children in P6 and P7 to attend these. We also look forward to welcoming staff from our feeder schools to St Eugene's PS over the next fortnight to speak to our P6/7 class. The EA Portal will open for Post Primary applications on 27<sup>th</sup> of January 2026.

## Grandparents' Day

This year we will hold our Grandparent Celebrations on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of January. We invite Grandparents (or a family representative) to come along for a celebration and a cup of tea at the following times:

**10.30** - for Grandparents of children from Miss Gormley and Mrs O'Donnell's classes.

**11.15** - for Grandparents of children from Mrs Connolly and Mr Donnelly's classes.

If you have Grandchildren in both sessions, you can stay for the full duration.

## Physical Education

PE continues on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. On PE days all children should come to school wearing their PE Uniform.

A reminder that PE Uniform is:

- School Jumper with crest
- Plain pale blue polo shirt
- Plain navy bottoms
- Trainers (no laces until P4)

On all other days children should wear full school uniform with their smart shirt and tie. Girls can wear skirts or smart trousers (*not leggings - these are for PE days only*).

## Upcoming Events in January

- PE DAYS - Mondays & Wednesdays
- Every Monday - Numerasee Workshops P5 & P6
- Every Tuesday - Woodwind Tuition
- 7th/8th/9th - Confirmation Workshops
- 8th - Wheelie Big Challenge (Eco-Schools) P6/7
- 9th - River Sustainability Project P6/7
- 12th - Drumragh Integrated College Visit P6/7
- 14th - Holy Cross College Visit P6/7
- 15th - Catholic Schools Mass
- 16th - Strabane Academy Visit P6/7
- 19th - Catholic Schools Week
- 19th - St Mary's University Student Teachers
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Grandparents Day Celebrations

## Confirmation

A reminder that Bishop Donal McKeown will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of February at 5pm in St Theresa's Church Sion Mills.

The children are working hard to prepare for their special day and we hold them in our prayers in the weeks ahead.

The Parish Office require the information forms to be completed and returned to school by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of January.

Within our 'Circle of Learning' we are:

Striving Towards Everyone Understanding through a Great Education in a Nurturing Environment.