

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

As a busy term one is drawing to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support during what, at times, has been a tumultuous term. The end result is happy children, fulfilled in their learning and a hard-working staff team that remain committed to all that we do, but definitely feeling ready for the holidays. 😊

Please see below some important dates for the remainder of term:

Dates for your Diary

Wed 6 Dec	Year 2	Nativity performance in the school hall
Thurs 7 Dec	New Nursery and Year 1 pupils	Open Night, 6.30 – 8pm. Selected pupils and school ambassadors will attend to help showcase our school.
Fri 8 Dec	Nursery	Nursery Open Day – no sessions for current nursery pupils.
	Whole school	PTA Christmas Fair, 5 – 7pm. Everyone welcome!
	Year 1	Trip to the Elim Church for the 'Bethlehem Experience'.
Mon 11 Dec	Whole school	Donation of winter clothes and warm coats for the Abaana choir.
	Whole school	Carol Service rehearsal for children involved, during school hours.
Tues 12 Dec	New Nursery and Year 1 pupils	Education Authority publish admissions criteria for entry in September 2024.
	Whole school	Kilmaine Carol Service at Ballycrochan Presbyterian Church, 1.30pm. Please see detailed information already circulated.
	Year 7	Visit from Regent House staff, 11.30am, school hall.
Wed 13 Dec	Nursery	Nursery Nativity Sing-A-Long, school hall Morning session – 9.15am Afternoon session – 12.45pm
	Whole school	Kilmaine Carol Service at Ballycrochan Presbyterian Church, 1.30pm. Please see detailed information already circulated.
Thurs 14 Dec	Scripture Union	Christmas Party for children involved, 3-4pm, school hall.
Tues 19 Dec	Nursery	Visit from Fizz Whizz Pop
	Year 1 - 4	Christmas assembly sing-a-long.
Wed 20 Dec	Nursery	Last nursery session before Christmas, non-uniform party day.
	Year 4 – 7 instrumentalists	Instrumental concert for parents, school hall, 9.30am.
	Y6/7 choir	Christmas Sing-A-Long at Bloomfield Shopping Centre, 11.30 – 12.
Thurs 21 Dec	Year 1 - 7	School finishes at 12 noon for all. Non-uniform day and Merry Christmas!

## School Website

Please take a look at the 'revamped' school website, another source of information for our school community. The new format will hopefully be more user-friendly and contain useful links. As we aim to reduce the need for paper and utilise efficient digital communication, please ensure you are receiving text messages, emails, can access the School Jotter app and use all the normal channels to receive information. Call into the office if you need any support.

## Nursery and Year 1 Admissions – September 2024



**Key Dates**  
September 2024 to  
June 2025 school year

**12 December 2023**  
Admissions Criteria published

**9 January 2024**  
Applications open at 12noon

**26 January 2024**  
Applications close at 12noon

  
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more information



*join us*  
**Open Events**  
for prospective parents.

Get a flavour of what makes our school **AMAZING!**

**MAIN SCHOOL**  
Thursday 7th December 2023, 6.30 - 8pm.  
No appointment necessary.

**NURSERY OPEN DAY**  
Friday 8th December 2023  
from 12.30 - 3pm.  
Phone the school office  
to book an appointment.

**OPEN SATURDAY**  
Both the Nursery &  
Main School will be open  
Saturday 6th January 2024  
from 10 - 11am.  
Phone the school office  
to book an appointment.

Follow our official  
Kilmaine PS & Nursery  
Facebook page for more  
information & insights  
into our school.

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Our Kilmaine Family

## RESPECT: The Kilmaine Code

Behaviour management at Kilmaine is not a prominent issue. We inclusively support all of our children to listen, attend to their learning and to be kind friends. The launch of the Kilmaine Code from September continues to define everyone's expectations for behaviour in our school community and has been a successful way of ensuring continuity across all parts of school life.

One aspect of school behaviour is uniform. We ask that ALL PUPILS wear the correct school uniform each day. Children should not wear make-up or jewellery such as 'dangly earrings' which are unsafe. Shoes should be supportive and black traditional shoes only are acceptable on traditional uniform days. Trainers of any colour are allowed only on days for PE uniform.

<b>R</b>	Respect for yourself, your friends, our school
<b>E</b>	Ensure that your words and actions are kind
<b>S</b>	Speak the truth
<b>P</b>	Polite. We have good manners
<b>E</b>	Everyone Counts-our school motto
<b>C</b>	Care for our school and each other
<b>T</b>	Try your best at your work

### Charity Work in Term 1

Did you know that Kilmaine's PTA is a registered charity? A huge thank you to our hard-working PTA personnel who endlessly give of their time and energy in school. Already this academic year, a phenomenal amount of money has been raised by the PTA for vital projects in school which really make a difference. The PTA subscriptions, ballot prizes and the forthcoming Christmas Fair will bring in resources for our children in our school.

We do not forget about local charity groups and we are proud to have made significant contributions to Genes for Jeans, NI Cancer Fund for Children, Bangor Storehouse, Children in Need, the Poppy Appeal, Young Minds, the Salvation Army, Abaana Choir, Tiny Life and One Great Day.

Finally, on behalf of myself, the Board of Governors and the dedicated staff team at Kilmaine, we want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Yours sincerely,

*R. Sinnamon*

**OUR KILMAINE FAMILY**

Principal

