

# Abbey's Friday Bulletin



## This Week's News

Friday  
16<sup>th</sup>  
January  
2026

### A Busy Start To The New Term in P.2



### P2C 3D Shape Hunt





Cubes



Cylinders

Cuboids



Spheres



PIC•COLLAGE

P.2 have been learning about 3d shapes and and exploring the topic of Winter this week. The children have loved getting involved in lot of exploratory play alongside their learning in class.



# P2 C/M loving Outdoor Play

## Drawing



# Dinosaurs



# Scavenger Hunt



# Scooters







**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

**childline**  
A life-changing NSPCC service



We are delighted to be supporting Childline by taking part in the Kindness Challenge from 19th - 23rd January 2026.



### Our Kindness Challenge

Abbey is a wonderful place but there is always room for improvement. We'll be spending next week developing kindness in our school community. The children will be given a sponsorship form and we hope that family and family friends will support them and make a donation as they complete the kindness challenge.

#### FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:

- Childline, visit [nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline](https://nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline)
- Keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)



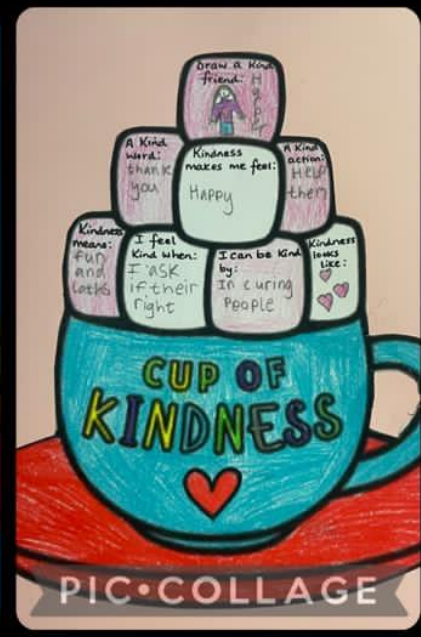
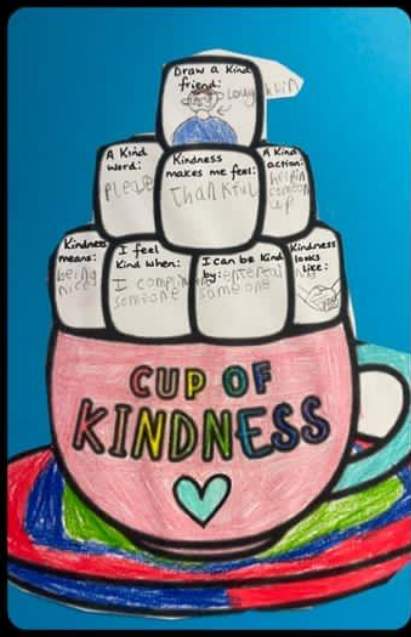
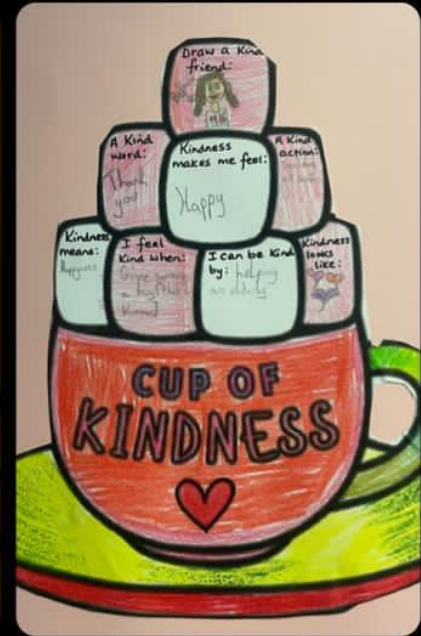
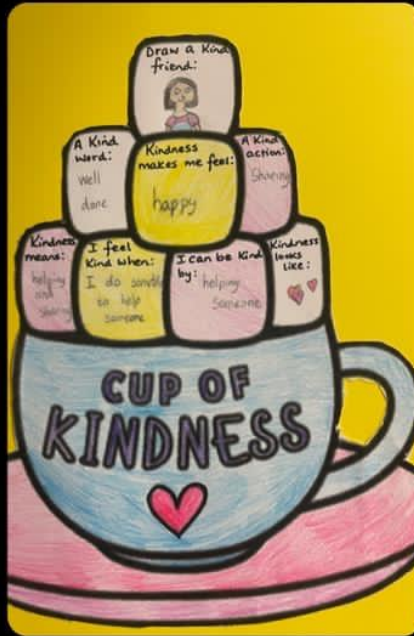
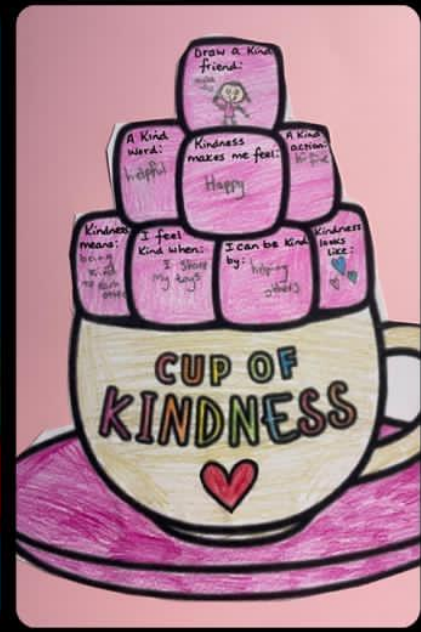
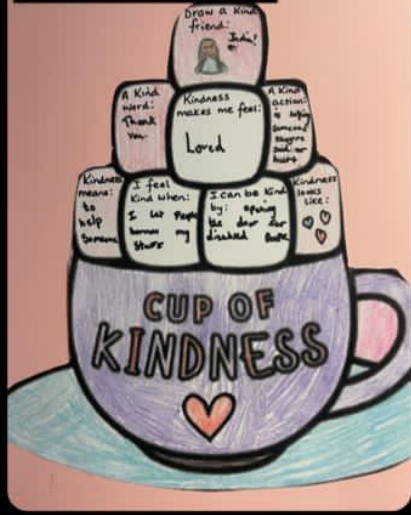
# RANDOM ACTS of Kindness

## Suggestions!

- Smile and say good morning to someone you know.
- Hold the door open for someone.
- Say 'please' and 'thank you'.
- Invite someone on their own to join in your game.
- Put litter in the bin.
- Give positive feedback to someone in class.
- Let your friend choose the game to play during break time.
- Lend someone something from your pencil case.
- Keep the classroom tidy.
- Listen to whoever is talking.
- Tidy your bedroom.
- Help at dinner time.
- Look after your pet.
- Be kind to yourself by doing something you love.



P5



# Nursery and P1 Admissions

The portal for admissions for September 2026 opened on Wednesday. You can access it via this link:

<https://connect.eani.org.uk/parent/>

If you wish to have a tour of our school, please contact the school office.

Alternatively, please watch our wonderful school video here:

[https://youtu.be/TAhgVNa0Z4Y?si=D2QZ1a\\_6d-W7hpXz](https://youtu.be/TAhgVNa0Z4Y?si=D2QZ1a_6d-W7hpXz)



**Abbey Primary School**

**P1 and Nursery Enrolment Opens TODAY!**

Please make sure you complete your online enrolment through the portal from 12pm today.

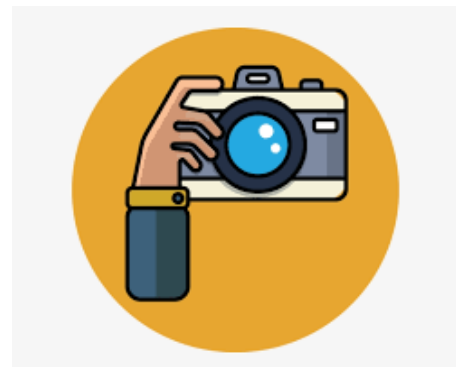
Please watch our short video to get a flavour of our wonderful school.

If you haven't had a chance to visit our school and would like a private tour please contact the school office on 028 9181 9141 to arrange this. We would love to show you around.

The poster features a central illustration of a school building with children playing in the yard, a teacher talking to parents, and a play area. It also includes a clock showing 12:00, a computer monitor displaying the 'Online Enrolment Portal', a play button icon, and various colorful decorations like flowers, stars, and a rainbow.

# Important January Dates

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Admissions  
Portal is open for Preschool and P1.
- Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> -  
Kindness Week
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fair Trade Coffee  
Morning
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - PTA Guess the Teacher
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> - Cool for School  
Photography (Individual/family)





Dinners are £3.10 per day.

All dinners must be booked via ParentPay **by 8.30am** for the current day, preferably the night before.

**Cancellation** with full refund must be done by parents via ParentPay.

**\*Children on Free Meals do not need to book through the App\***

*Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026*

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Oven-baked Fish Fingers	Beef Bolognese	“Lunch Bunch” Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Roast Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy	Southern Fried Chicken Goujon & Salad Wrap with Taco Sauce
Roasted Peppers & Sweetcorn  Chipped Potatoes or Steamed Fluffy Rice	Steamed Broccoli & Coleslaw  Oven-roasted Potato Wedges or Pasta Spirals	Garden Peas & Baton Carrots  Steamed Rice or Mashed Potatoes	Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season  Oven-baked Roast Potatoes or Mashed Potatoes	Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans  Chipped Potatoes or Baked Potato
Apple and Winter Berry Crumble & Custard	Strawberry Jelly & Mandarin Oranges	Homemade Chocolate Brownie & Custard	Popcorn Biscuit & Melon Wedge	Frozen Fruit Smoothie & Fruit Tub

**If anyone has any allergies, or changes to allergies, please contact the school office.**

# After School Activities

## MONDAY

- Junior Choir P4 3-4pm **Restarting 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
- Senior Choir P5-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 2<sup>nd</sup> February**
- \*Ards Academy Football P1-P3 2-3pm
- P4-P7 3-4pm
- \*Theatrics P1-P3 2-3pm
- P4-P7 3-4pm

## TUESDAY

- Scripture Union P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 20<sup>th</sup> January**
- \*Spike Lego P2 & P3 2-3pm
- P4-P7 3-4pm
- Abbey Hockey at Londonderry Park - All involved have been informed

## WEDNESDAY

- \*Monkeynastics P2 & P3 2-2.45pm
- \*Tag Rugby P2 & P3 2-3pm
- P4-P7 3-4pm
- \*Primary Hockey P2 & P3 2-3pm **Restarting 21<sup>st</sup> January**
- P4-P7 3-4pm **Restarting 21<sup>st</sup> January**

## THURSDAY

- Nature Rangers P5 group informed 3-3.45pm
- Science Club P5 group informed 3-3.45pm
- Abbey Dance All involved have been informed via Seesaw

## FRIDAY

- P6 & P7 Football at Londonderry Park - All involved have been informed

**\*Clubs ran by an outside agency**

# PRIMARY HOCKEY!

AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY



## Primary Hockey is back at Abbey!

Our after school sessions will cover the basic skills of hockey; dribbling, passing and receiving as well as building up to small sided games! Sessions are perfect for beginners as well as club players and focus on having fun while playing hockey!

P2/3 - WEDNESDAYS, 2-3PM:

21ST, 28TH JANUARY  
4TH, 18TH & 25TH FEBRUARY  
11TH & 18TH MARCH

| £31.50 |

P4-7 WEDNESDAYS, 3-4PM:

21ST, 28TH JANUARY  
4TH, 18TH & 25TH FEBRUARY  
11TH & 18TH MARCH

| £31.50 |

Hockey sticks can be provided, but we recommend children have their own mouth guard & shin pads for sessions. Spaces are limited in each programme. Please include your child's name, school and year group in emails!

PLEASE EMAIL [PRIMARY.HOCKEY@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:PRIMARY.HOCKEY@OUTLOOK.COM)

# Friends of Abbey PTA

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### Upcoming Events!



Monday 26th Jan

#### "Guess the Teacher"

— Notes Sent Home! —

Return by Friday 30th!



Thursday 5th February

#### "Cash for Clobber"

— Drop Donations in the Mill —

8:15am - 10:30am



Friday 6th February

#### PJ Movie Day!

— Wear your PJs & Enjoy a Movie! —

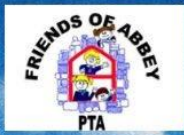


Friday 27th February

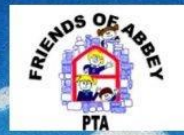
#### Bingo Night!

Pre-book on ParentPay! ✨





Friends of Abbey PTA



# CASH FOR CLOBBER!



**COLLECTION DAY!**

**5th FEBRUARY 2026**

Donate your **UNWANTED CLOTHING, SHOES, BAGS & BED LINEN,**

*Bag it up and bring it in!*



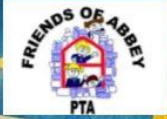
Clothes can be left in "The Mill" from **8:15**

Cars can drive into the school from **9:15**

Drop off your bags on the **5th February** morning!



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# GUESS THE TEACHER COMPETITION!

Can you guess the teacher?  
from their childhood photos?

Sheets out **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

Collected **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

Winners Announced  
Week of **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

**PLUS!**  
**WORD SEARCH**  
FOR THE YOUNGER YEARS





**NEW**

## Parent Workshop



Are you a parent fed-up fighting fires every day?

Do you feel caught in negative cycles with your partner and children?

- You can **Bounce Back**!

Join our 3 week, practical parenting programme to support you to build calmer, more connected family relationships.

Online via Zoom, for three consecutive Tuesdays starting 20th January, 7-8:30pm.

Call 0808 8020 400 to book your place.



Thursday 22nd Jan- Thursday 26th March  
**Newtownards**

# MINI SOCCER

9 weeks football @ Londonderry Park

**£65**  
PER CHILD

FIND US ON



**KickAbout**



**KIDZ**



LICENCED  
COACHES

For Booking  
or more information  
contact Dee

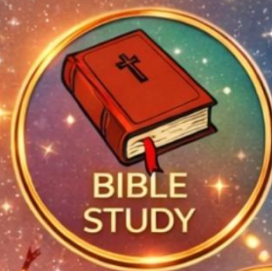
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# COG youth

EVERY FRIDAY FROM 9TH JANUARY

P4 to P7 | 6:30-8pm

Y8 to Y14 | 8:15-10pm



JOIN US FOR  
WORSHIP, BIBLE STUDY  
& LOADS OF FUN!



Church of God, 10a Zion Place,  
Newtownards, BT237ER



# What's On

## Newtownards Library January 2026 - Children's Activities



### Lego & Storytime

**Sat 10 Jan 2:00pm-3:00pm**

For ages 4+ (booking & adult supervision essential)

### Winter Nature Explorers

**Sat 24 Jan 11:00am-12:00pm**

For ages 4+

Find out how animals adapt to winter and create your own natural bird feeder (booking & adult supervision essential)

### Storytime & Craft

**Tues 27 Jan 3:30pm-4:30pm**

For ages 4-8 (booking essential)

### Wednesday Bookworms

**Wed 28 Jan 4:00pm-5:00pm**

Junior book group for ages 8-11 (booking advised)

Reading *'Dream Weavers': Chaos of the Fun Fiend* by Annabelle Sami

### Rhythm & Rhyme

**Every Tuesday 10:30am-11:00am**

Songs & rhymes for ages 0-4 and carers

### Junior Colouring Club

**Every Friday after school**

Bring a friend or make new friends as you colour or do jigsaws

**For more information on any of the above:**

t: 028 9181 4732

e: [newtownards.library@librariesni.org.uk](mailto:newtownards.library@librariesni.org.uk)

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