



1. P4-P7 Carol Service

Everyone is very welcome to join us at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church for our annual Carol Service on Wednesday 10th December.

- 🕒 This is a ticketed event. Tickets must be produced upon entry to help us manage numbers and provide a layer of child protection and safeguarding. Tickets have already been sent home
- 🕒 P4-P7 children are asked to be brought to the church's **side door** (where Cooneen Way and Bannagh Way intersect) at 6:30pm; parents and carers should then go round and enter by the carpark glass doors.
- 🕒 The Carol Service will finish around 8:15pm and will be followed by refreshments in the church hall, kindly provided by the congregation.
- 🕒 Can I please take this opportunity to remind families who plan to attend, that it is very important to support the children by not talking and distracting during the service. Last year, there was simply too much background noise, which decreased the quality of the video recording. There will be plenty of opportunities for applause and showing the children how much we all appreciate them. Thank you. 😊

2. P1-P3 Nativity

Our younger pupils put on a brilliant Nativity performance for families to watch and enjoy earlier today, Friday morning, over at Mount Merrion Parish Church. We'll let you know when this year's Nativity performance is available to watch on school's YouTube channel 😊



3. **Special Additional Event for Pre-school Children on Saturday 17th January 2026**

On the morning of Saturday 17th January, Cregagh Primary School will host a **January Blues Buster: PlayBus Fun & P1 Discovery Morning** for pre-school aged children. Visits to the PlayBus will last up to 30 minutes and parents will have to book a slot for their children. This event is only for pre-schoolers. Booking will open early January. More details will follow but as always ... spread the word!



Saturday 17th January 2026
10am – 12noon

This event is for pre-school aged children due to begin P1 in September 2026

More Details To Follow

4. Cregagh Primary School & Deaf Unit Open Night

We are asking parents and school families to help us spread the word about our school and help us with enrolment. By now, families will have received from school an envelope containing 3 Open Night invitations. Think of family, friends or neighbours with pre-school children & kindly pass these on to them with a strong, personal recommendation. It is important that we do all that we can to help secure the long-term future of Cregagh Primary School – for the estate, the wider Cregagh area and East Belfast. Thank you.



5. Aldo the Magician – Special Christmas Treat!

On Wednesday 17th December, we are delighted to welcome Aldo the Magician to Cregagh Primary School & Deaf Unit for a special afternoon magic show for all our pupils. There will also be a very special VIP visitor joining us to add to the Christmas excitement!

To help us cover the cost of this event, we kindly ask parents to send £1.50 per child into school before this date. These donations will not cover the total cost but will help towards it. Thank you for your support in making this another memorable Christmas experience for our children.

6. School Dinners Rise in Cost ☹️

Remember, school dinners are increasing by 50p to £3.10 per child per day with effect from Tuesday 6th January 2026.

GETTING YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL REALLY DOES MATTER

DID YOU KNOW...?

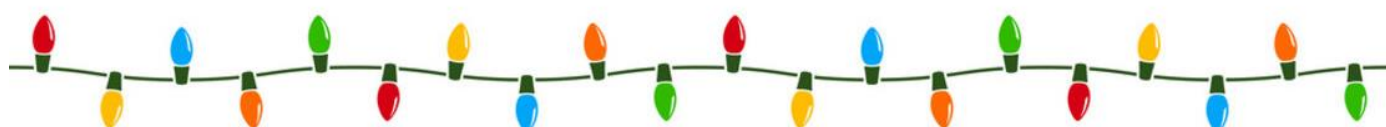
In a school year, if your child is late every day by...

In a school year, if your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3 days from school	12 lessons
10 minutes	6 days from school	24 lessons
15 minutes	9 days from school	36 lessons
20 minutes	12 days from school	48 lessons
30 minutes	18 days from school	72 lessons

PLEASE ENCOURAGE PUNCTUALITY TO MAINTAIN ATTENDANCE

WAKE UP!

Learning Family Cregagh Primary School Community



IMPORTANT DATES



Wednesday 10 th December (evening)	P4 to P7 Christmas Carol Service at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Rosetta Rd. Tickets needed details to follow.
Friday 12 th December	P4 – P7 Pantomime Trip, Waterfront Hall
Monday 15 th December	P1 – P3 Christmas Cinema trip
Wednesday 17 th December	Key Stage Parties: disco & VIP visitor!
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term. No school uniform necessary. School finishes at 12noon for all pupils.
Tuesday 6th January 2026	Pupils first day back at school for spring term (Breakfast Club running as normal. No after school clubs until w/b 12th January)
Wednesday 14 th January	Open Night. 5:00 – 6:00pm for Pre-School aged children. 6:00 – 7:30pm for the main Open Night session.
Saturday 17 th January, 10am – 12 noon	'Beat the January Blues' Playbus experience & P1 Discovery morning for pre-schoolers starting P1 in September 2026. 10am-12 noon. More details coming soon!
Tuesday 10 th – Friday 13 th February	Half-term break (4 school days)



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& 10am-6pm Sat-Sun)



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WOMEN'S AID

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**Do not suffer in silence this
Christmas period.**

Samaritans 116 123

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Men's Adviceline - 0808 801 0327

Narcotics Anonymous - 0300 999 1212

National Debt Helpline - 0808 808 4000

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Women's Adviceline - 0808 200 0247

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