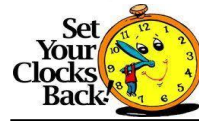


KING'S PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Sun 26th October



HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

School will be closed from Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October inclusive.

After School Clubs

These will resume for 3 weeks immediately after half term, starting week beginning 3rd November.

PARKING IN SCHOOL GROUNDS

PARKING – Parents/friends are **NOT permitted** to drive into or park in the school grounds. **Exceptions will be made only for those drivers with disabled blue badges who are collecting pupils themselves.**

Disabled badges must be displayed. All parents are asked to follow this guidance for the health and safety of our pupils. Please ensure all adults collecting pupils are aware of this information.

Pupil Appointments During School - Important Safety Information

It is very important if your child needs to leave school early for any reason that we know who will be collecting them. You can inform the teacher in advance via the class dojo or the school office. This is especially important if it is an adult who does not normally collect your child. Please come to the main Reception area for all early pick ups during the day.

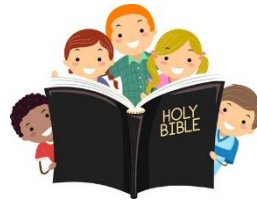
What's been happening?

Scripture Union



Our first Scripture Union Club (SU) meeting took place in October, and it was such a blessing to gather together, share God's Word and kick off the new school year in faith and fellowship.

Here's to a year filled with growth, joy and purpose!



School Council

Our newly elected School Councillors had the fantastic opportunity to visit Craigavon Civic Centre. They learned all about how a council works, and some even got to try on the official council robes and the Lord Mayor's chain.

A huge thank you to King's Park's past pupil and Lord Mayor, Alderman Stephen Moutray, for the warm welcome, the brilliant tour, and for answering all of our councillors' great questions.

Our School Council is excited to have their voices heard this year and to make a positive difference in school life.



Digital Leaders



Well done to all pupils elected as this year's Digital Leaders! They'll be helping to promote the positive use of technology across the school— learning new digital skills, assisting teachers, and acting as role models for others.

Football

Congratulations to all the boys on their call up to the King's Park football team. The team took part in the Mid Ulster Festival last Friday.



Cross Country



The Cross Country team had their first race of the 2025 season with 14 students running in their first every cross country race. You can see a full report with lots more pictures on our '**King's Park Primary and Nursery School Lurgan**' Facebook page. We are very proud of all the girls and boys. Truly excellent running from everybody. It's clear to see that all their hard work is paying off! Congratulations!





The staff held a coffee morning on Wednesday 1st October in aid of **Macmillan**. A total of **£550.44** was raised. Our coffee morning and raffle were a big hit – all brilliantly organised by our wonderful assistant Mrs Craig. Every slice of cake, raffle ticket and donation help support people living with cancer- what an amazing cause. Thank you to all who contributed in any way.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

On Friday 10th October we took time to recognise World Mental Health Day and to remind ourselves of how important it is to care for both staff and students wellbeing.

Miss Brown also shared a message in our Key Stage 2 assembly about the importance of looking after our mental health, reminding everyone that small acts of kindness and self-care can make a big difference.

It's a lovely reminder that when we take time to pause, connect and care for ourselves, we help create a happier, healthier school community for everyone!

Please find a link to a brilliant resource called the 'Optimistic October Calendar' that any adult or child can access that gives simple yet effective ideas on how we can positively impact happiness every day!

<https://actionforhappiness.org/sites/default/files/Oct%202025.pdf>



Craigavon Food Bank Appeal

A HUGE THANKYOU to everyone who donated food and other items for our collection for Craigavon Food Bank. Your generosity will make such a difference to families in need. **THANKYOU!**



There were 2 loads of this size collected from King's Park!!



P6S Visit to Lurgan Library

On Wednesday 22 October, P6 Shields were invited to Lurgan Library to celebrate Book Week NI and Love Your Library Day. To mark the occasion, children's author and storyteller Ed Wicke delivered an engaging reading and storytelling session. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to listen to a professional author and to learn more about the joy of reading and creative writing.



Amber will be having her hair cut next week in aid of Little Princess Trust. What an amazing effort from one of our pupils. Well done Amber, we are very proud of you.

"Ditch the Dark Day"

Miss Spiers and her class are looking very bright and colourful for Ditch the Dark Day.

Our children were told of the importance of being bright and seen on darker days.





Congratulations to Henry, Jake and Oliver who completed the highest number of questions in the recent Ireland Rocks Times Tables Rock Stars competition. They answered over 25000 questions between them with Henry having an incredible 10,809 correct answers.

We would like to say well done to all the boys and girls that participated, and we would encourage everyone to be using both Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots to improve multiplication and number bonds recall. It really makes a huge difference!



On Tuesday the 21st of October we had a visit from Danske Bank. They spoke to all the children from P1-7 using the Junior Money Sense and Money Sense Programmes. The children learnt about spending, saving, budgeting and online banking. Many thanks to Tracey and Mark for delivering the talks.

THRIVE ONLINE SAFETY/WELLBEING WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Thank you to the parents who attended this event on 16th October. It was an enjoyable evening and everyone heard about useful ways to keep their child/ren safe when using phones, tablets or social media. We also heard about the importance of knowing what children are doing on their phones and the effect on their wellbeing when not used appropriately.

Thanks to Dr Deborah Webster who led the event so well.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all our parents who have contributed so generously to our School Fund. This is greatly appreciated.

You can still contribute to this fund via Parentpay if you haven't done so already.



Thanks to Ardmore Gospel Hall who organised a visit for P6 & P7 to the Origin Bible Exhibition. The children were taken on a journey through the history of the Bible and really enjoyed learning all about the bible characters and stories. Each child was also presented with a goodie bag including a beautiful copy of the Bible for them to take home.

Be Safe Be Seen

With the clocks moving back this weekend we would remind all parents to ensure children wear something bright if out at night. Also to remind them of the extra dangers of the darker evenings in terms of child protection.

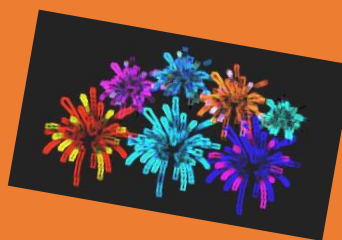


Firework Safety

The PSNI would like to advise parents planning to use fireworks in the run up to Halloween to adhere to all safety guidelines and legislation with regards to fireworks. Fireworks and sparklers can be dangerous and police would ask that parents remind their children of the firework code:

Each year many people including children are injured by fireworks, so, before they explode, follow the code:

- ♦ Buy only fireworks marked BS714
- ♦ Keep fireworks in a closed box
- ♦ Follow the instructions on each firework
- ♦ Light them at arms length using a taper
- ♦ Stand well back! Keep pets indoors if possible
- ♦ Never put fireworks in your pockets and NEVER throw fireworks!
- ♦ Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- ♦ Never give a sparkler to a child under five
- ♦ Remember, you need a licence for outdoor fireworks (legal age 16 years)



COMING UP



**Tuesday 4th November
until Tuesday 11th
November**

The Book Fair offers an inspirational and diverse selection of books for children, whatever their interests, helping to improve reading for all ages and abilities. In addition, our school benefits from the fair with commission books for the library and classrooms.

This year the Book Fair cases will be in school from 4th November to the 11th. Each class will be timetabled to visit the Book Fair to see the books and stationery available. Your child's teacher will contact you on Dojo with more details but in the meantime you can check out this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/parents>

REMINDER: SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



Date for school photographs: **Thursday 6th November** – Nursery & P1 individual photos.



This year Anti-Bullying Week has the theme 'Power for Good' and will take place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th November. The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 10th November, when the children should wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.



NON UNIFORM DAY FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Children in Need Day is Friday 14th November and it will be a **NON-UNIFORM DAY** for all pupils.

This year the donations from King's Park can be made online by clicking on the Parentpay link. £1 per family is the suggested amount however you may donate an alternative amount if preferred.

Thank you very much for helping the school to support this yearly event.

**OPEN AFTERNOON FOR PROSPECTIVE PRIMARY ONE PARENTS – Thursday 4th
December 2025 2.30PM – 4.00 PM**

Is your child due to start Primary 1 next September?
Come and see what we can offer your child/children! Visit the classrooms, meet the staff and find out more about what goes on in King's Park. More information to follow after half term.



LURGAN JUNIOR HIGH OPEN EVENING

Lurgan Junior High are holding an open evening on **Thursday 15th January 2026** for all prospective pupils. Further details on times will follow.

Wrapping Paper Sale



From Monday 10th November there will be a selection of Christmas wrapping paper available to purchase in the Reception Area. Parents may donate an amount of their choice for these and place in the box provided. Thank you to Tesco who donated all the paper to us in January.

Christmas



P1, P2, P3 Christmas Concerts

Christmas Concerts will take place during the mornings of Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December. P2 will perform on 10th December and P1 and P3 will perform on 11th December. Information regarding times will follow.

P4-P7 Carol Service Tuesday 16TH DECEMBER

This will be held in High Street Presbyterian Church. More information will follow in due course.



SANTA'S GROTTO



We will be having a Grotto in school for the Nursery to P3 children to visit Santa again this year! The Grotto will be open during school and the children will have the opportunity to visit Santa with their class and teacher. More details to follow next month.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27th - 31st October

School Closed

4th-11th November

Book Fair

6th November

Nursery & P1 School Photographs

10th November

Odd Socks Day

14th November

Non-Uniform Day for Children In Need

19th November

P7 Trip to Cultra

25th-28th November

Toys for Salvation Army Appeal to be in school
(Collected on the morning of 5th December)

28th November

Eureka Seekers P1-P7

4th December

Open Afternoon for prospective P1 Parents from
2.30pm – 4.00 pm

7th December

Senior Choir singing at Lurgan Baptist Church

10th & 11th December

Primary 1 , 2 and 3 Christmas Concert

11th December

Santa's Grotto - P2 & Nursery

12th December

Santa's Grotto – P1 & P3

14th December

Senior Choir singing at High Street Presbyterian

16th December

P4-P7 Carol Service, High Street Presbyterian Church

17th December

Nativity play by Shankill Parish

18th December

Christmas Disco P4-P7

19th December

Last day of term. School will finish early.
(see page for finish times)

22nd December-2nd January

School closed

7th January 2026

Nursery & P1 Application Procedure opens @
12 noon

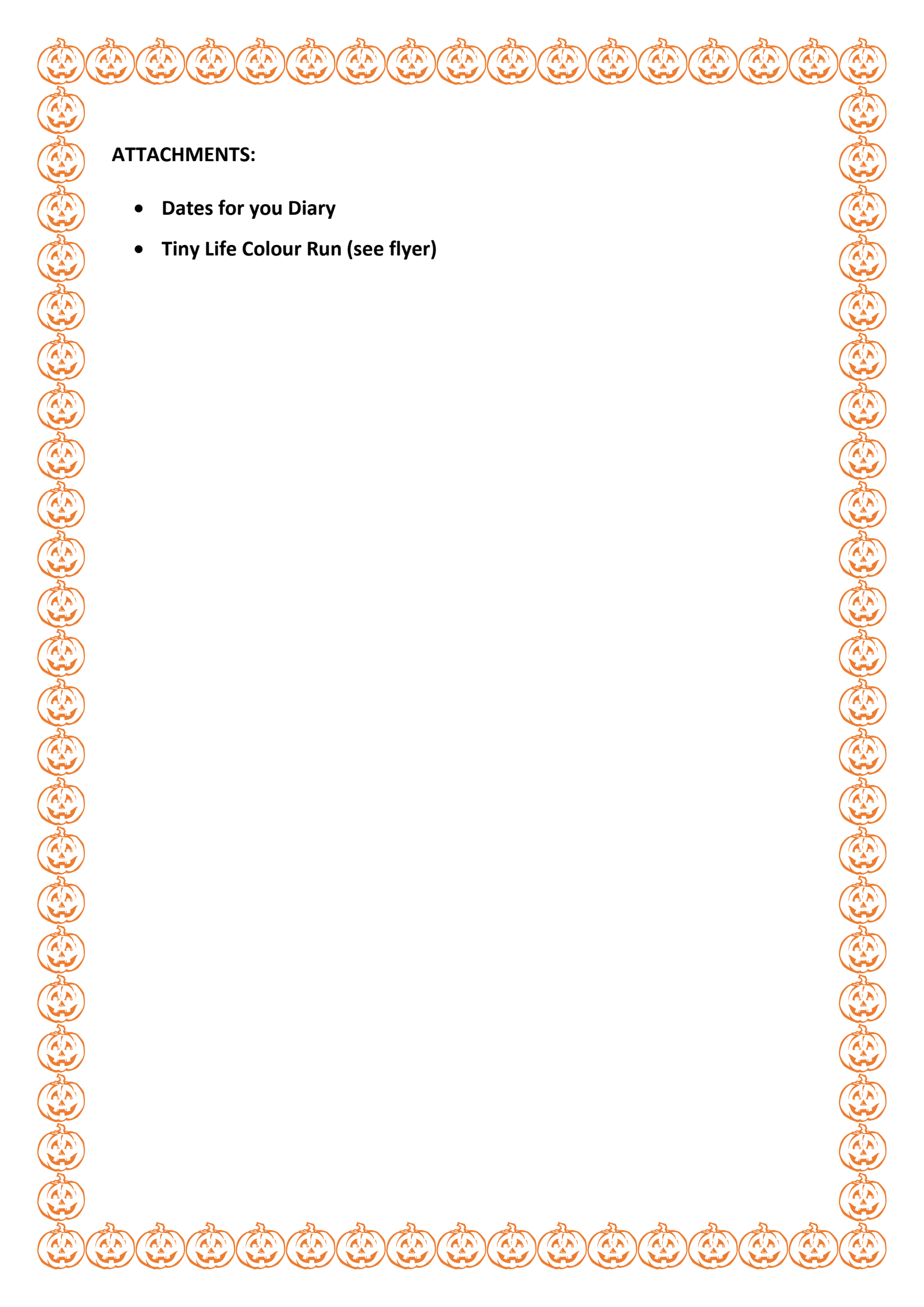
21st January 2026

Nursery & P1 Applications Procedure closes at 12 noon

15th January 2026

Open evening at Lurgan JHS



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ATTACHMENTS:

- **Dates for you Diary**
- **Tiny Life Colour Run (see flyer)**



Lurgan Park *Tiny Life*
Colour Run

Sunday
 26th October
 2025

£10 Adult
£5 Child

Date:
 Sunday 26 Oct 2025

Time:
 13:30 Registration, 2:30pm Colour run

Location:
 Lurgan Park, Windsor Avenue,
 Lurgan, BT67 9BG

Sign up today!




PREMvember *Tiny Life*

TinyMoves Neonatal Challenge
 Little laps, Big Impact

It's World Prematurity Month. Let's virtually cover the total distance between all 7 Neonatal units, finishing at TinyLife Headquarters this November

Run, Walk, Row, Hop, Swim, Cycle, Skip, Relay

Albany Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital, Anklea Area Hospital

Sign up today



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