

KING'S PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

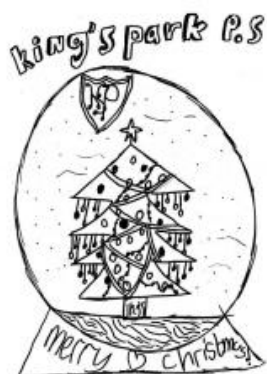
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sienna who won our Christmas card competition – this is the winning design!

Well done to everyone who entered, as always it was a very difficult decision!



Congratulations to Imogen and Theo, P6, who won the artwork competition for the design of the Carol Service programme.



Tuesday 16th December 2025



You can see photos of our winners and runners up with their entries on our Facebook page.

Nursery & Primary 1 Enrolment for September 2026

Please note that all applications for **BOTH** Nursery Admissions and Primary 1 Admissions for September 2026 will open online at 12 noon on Wednesday 7th January and must be submitted on or before 12 noon on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

Applications can be found at <https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/admissions>

Copies of the school prospectus for Primary 1 will be available on request from the office and are available to view online on our website and on our Facebook page. You can also copy the following link to view our prospectus.

<https://bit.ly/KPS-Pros>



EARLY FINISH TIMES

Children will finish early on 18th & 19th December.

Finish times for 18th December:

(There will be school meals on 18th December)

Pupils with surnames from P-Z will finish at – 1.05

Pupils with surnames from A-H will finish at – 1.15

Pupils with surnames from I-O will finish at – 1.20

Finish times for 19th December (NON UNIFORM DAY):

(There will be NO SCHOOL MEALS ON 19th December)

Pupils with surnames from P-Z will finish at – 12.15

Pupils with surnames from A-H will finish at – 12.25

Pupils with surnames from I-O will finish at – 12.35

SCHOOL MEALS PRICE INCREASE (from 1 January 2026)

From the 1 January 2026 the cost of a school meal will increase as follows:

Nursery: £3.00 per day

Primary 1-7: £3.10 per day



School Meals Update



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The Education Authority (EA) recently set out a number of savings measures in response to a significant funding shortfall of around £300million.

As part of these measures, school meal prices will increase in January for the first time since 2017. Pupils entitled to Free School Meals will not be affected by this rise, and in pre-school, primary and special school settings will continue to receive a meal as before.

In post-primary, which operates on a cafeteria basis, the daily free school meal allowance will increase by 19.25% to £3.34 to mirror the price increase across all menu items.

For pupils who are not entitled to free school meals, new prices will come into effect in January 2026 and are reflected in the figures to the right.

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School Meal Prices Effective January 1 2026

Pre-School
£3.00

Primary
£3.10

Post-Primary
19.25% Price increase

Special
£3.10

Adult Meal
£3.99

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

KINDNESS MATTERS

We are so proud of our wonderful pupils who received our latest Kindness Award.

Their thoughtful actions, caring words and positive attitudes have brightened our school community in the best possible way.

Keep shining and spreading kindness wherever you go.



P3/P4 ART WINNERS

A huge congratulations to our talented P3/4 Art winners!

Their pieces were displayed throughout the school and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



MATHS AWARD WINNERS



Congratulations to our Maths Award winners for this term in Primary 3 & 4. The children were chosen by their teachers for achievement, working hard within mathematics and making good progress over the first term. Well done to them all!



LURGAN COLLEGE TRI SPORT EVENT

Three teams represented King's Park at the Lurgan College Tri Sport Event 🏏 🏒

It was a fantastic day of friendly competition with our local schools, featuring hockey, football and rugby – and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. ⚽

Our teams performed brilliantly, with both the rugby and football teams reaching the semi-finals, while our girls hockey team finished joint winners. 🇮🇪

A big THANK YOU to Lurgan College and all the students for hosting such an enjoyable and well-organised event.



CROSS COUNTRY



The Cross Country teams had a fantastic day at Lurgan Park! 🏃🏃.

Both boys and girls were in action and all ran superb races, despite terrible conditions and finished inside the top 30 out of 80 runners. You can read a full report on our Facebook page.



SWIMMING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Matilda who represented King's Park in the Swim Ulster Primary School Cup and Championship for 2025/2026.

She completed the 50m backstroke in 46.96 seconds and achieved a personal best of 1:46.91 in the 100m individual medley.

These fantastic results qualified her for the National Competition: The 2025 Irish Minor School Championship, which will take place in March 2026.



SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS FAMILY APPEAL

Heartfelt gratitude to all our amazing families who generously contributed to the Salvation Army Christmas Family Appeal. Your kindness is bringing joy to those in need this festive season. Thank you for making a difference and spreading the spirit of giving!

SANTA'S GROTTTO



Our Nursery-Primary 3 pupils had the most wonderful surprise with a special visit to Santa's Grotto!

The children enjoyed a fun-filled sing-along of their favourite Christmas songs and were absolutely delighted when Santa himself handed out presents.

Magic, excitement and festive cheer filled the air – what a truly wonderful Christmas moment at King's Park!

Thank you to all of the shops who provided selection boxes - Moutrays CostCutter, Lurgan, Super Valu, Flush Place and Spar, Parkgate.

NATIVITY RECORDING

We were absolutely delighted to be asked once again to record an audio nativity play to be broadcast on Premier Radio.

A group of pupils for P4-7 worked really hard for many weeks to perform and record the play, which was written by our fantastic P5 teacher, Miss Spiers.

The play will be **broadcast** on Premier Radio at the following dates/times:

Friday 19th December at 3.30 pm

Saturday 20th December at 9.30 am

Wednesday 24th December at 3.40 pm

Happy Listening!



P1, P2 and P3 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES



We hope you enjoyed our Christmas Performances. The children were outstanding!

Thank you to all the boys and girls, teachers/assistants for their hard work in preparing for them.

Our **P4-P7 CAROL SERVICE** was on Tuesday 16th December in High Street Presbyterian Church. We were delighted that some family members and friends were able to join us as we celebrated together. The children did a wonderful job in reminding us what Christmas is all about.

Photographs can be seen on our Facebook page.

P6 & P7 Christmas Choir

Our Senior Choir have been busy this year performing at various Carol Services and entertaining the residents of Belvedere Nursing Home. Thank you and well done to the choir and to Miss Spiers!



CHRISTMAS PANTO



The children enjoyed The Nativity Pantomime presented by the 'Play it by Ear Company.'

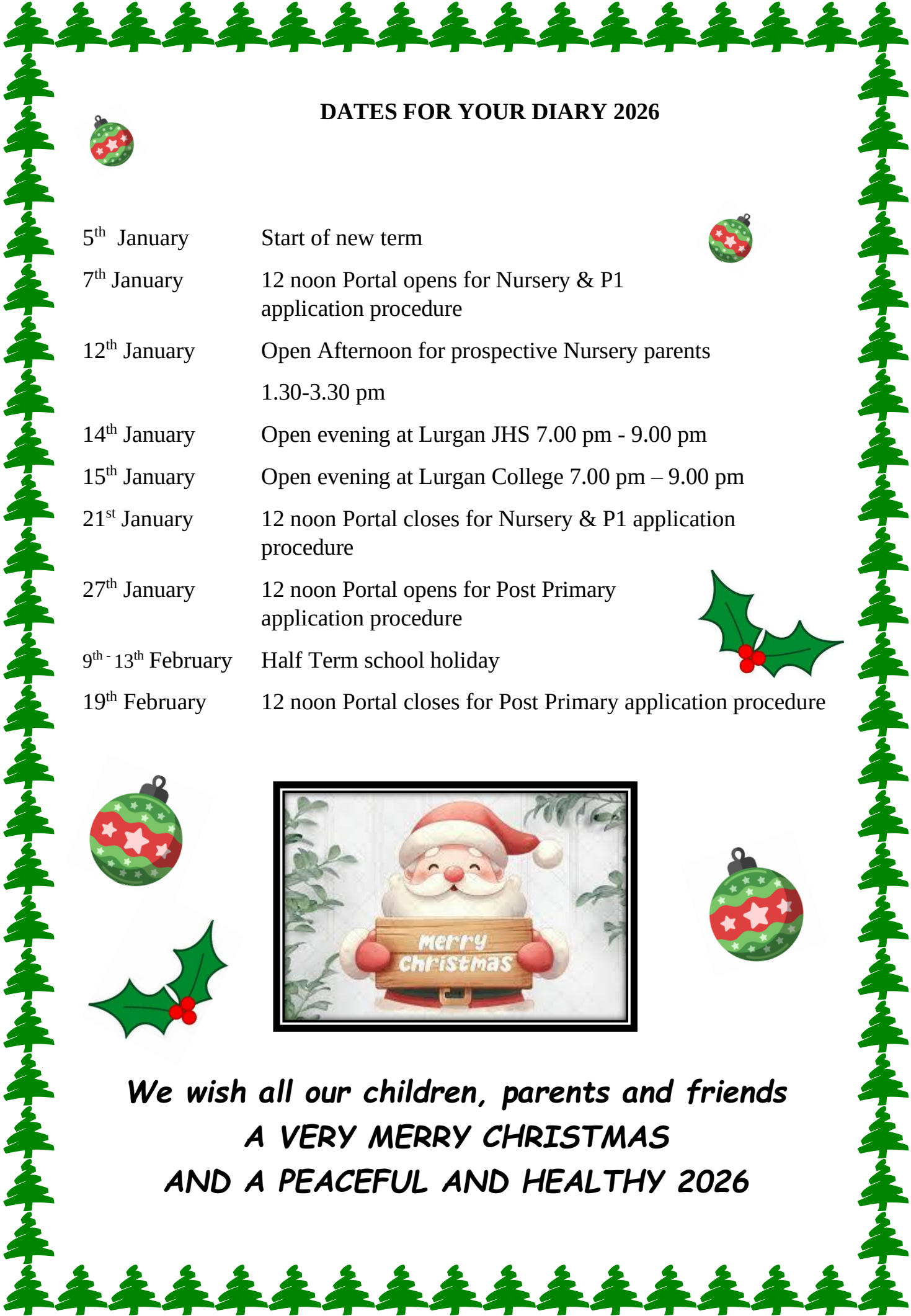
The children loved it and 'Oh Yes We Would' like to thank Billy Fyffe for organising it for us all.



We want to thank James Patterson from REACH as he moves to a new job after Christmas. James has been mentoring our pupils through the REACH programme for over 3 years and has had a hugely positive impact on the pupils that have been involved with him. He will be greatly missed by them. We want to wish him all the best as he takes up his new position and thank him for the impact he has had on our pupils.



To finish off the Victorian topic the Primary 7 children were tasked with building a Victorian 'shoebox' room. The children thoroughly enjoyed this homework as it involved research and practical STEM skills. All the rooms were brought to the assembly hall, and the Primary 5 & 6 pupils were invited to come and see them on display. The children enjoyed telling everyone about how they made their rooms and the materials they used, and the teachers were very impressed with the effort that went into them. Well done Primary 7.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2026



5 th January	Start of new term	
7 th January	12 noon Portal opens for Nursery & P1 application procedure	
12 th January	Open Afternoon for prospective Nursery parents 1.30-3.30 pm	
14 th January	Open evening at Lurgan JHS 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm	
15 th January	Open evening at Lurgan College 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm	
21 st January	12 noon Portal closes for Nursery & P1 application procedure	
27 th January	12 noon Portal opens for Post Primary application procedure	
9 th - 13 th February	Half Term school holiday	
19 th February	12 noon Portal closes for Post Primary application procedure	



*We wish all our children, parents and friends
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A PEACEFUL AND HEALTHY 2026*