

KING'S PARK PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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RE: OPEN AFTERNOON FINISH TIMES ON 4TH DECEMBER

In order to get the school ready for the Open Afternoon P1-P7 children will finish school earlier that day.

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

Pupils with surnames from P-Z will finish at – 1.25

Pupils with surnames from A-H will finish at – 1.30

Nursery finish times – between 12.30 and 12.45pm

(School meals will be served as normal on this day)

Please note: Our Nursery Open Afternoon for all Prospective Parents will be on Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm. Come and visit us!

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.

Copies of the school prospectus for Nursery and Primary 1 will be available early December on request from the office. We will send all our current Nursery parents a digital copy of our prospectus as soon as it is ready.

INFORMATION ON PUPIL SICKNESS

There is a significant increase in sickness at this time of year, so please do not send your child into school if they are unwell or have a temperature.

Children should remain off school for 48 hours after their last bout of sickness or diarrhea.

See the attached PHA flyer for information on how long children should remain off school depending on the illness.

Thank you.



Vehicle Entrance from Avenue Road

Please note that the main school roadway is for **STAFF, SERVICE VEHICLES and EMERGENCY VEHICLES ONLY** and should not be used for dropping off or picking up children. Exception will be made for those with DISABLED BADGES who are collecting pupils themselves or agreed day care providers.

Parents should **NOT ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS IN THEIR CARS** except in an emergency.

Everyone is asked to co-operate with this request. I would ask everyone for their co-operation in this very important health and safety matter to keep our pupils and parents safe.

Parking in Queen Street and King's Park Mews

Parents are asked not to park in residents' parking spaces or block driveways in these areas.

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 re-opens on MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

We sincerely appreciate your kindness and thoughtfulness in considering giving staff a gift at Christmas time. We would like you to know we would also be very happy for you to give a donation to a charity of your choice or a local food bank in lieu of gifts for staff. We would like to stress that staff do not have an expectation of receiving gifts and it is entirely your choice if you choose to give a donation or a gift.

Thank you, King's Park Staff.

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

The school supported **Children in Need** this year again by holding a non-uniform, day. The tremendous amount of **£1167.38** has been raised so far. A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated to this worthy cause.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday, two of our Primary 7's, Charlie and Missy, laid the Remembrance Day wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the Governors, Staff and Pupils at King's Park Primary and Nursery School.



SCHOOL AMBASSADORS



Meet our fantastic 25/26 Primary 7 school ambassadors.

Leading with kindness. Acting with respect. Inspiring every day.

MUSIC



Our Primary 4 strings Pathways group are thoroughly enjoying learning to play the viola, violin and cello in a group setting.

Thank you to Mr Hughes and Ms Foye from the EA music service who deliver the tuition each week.

Our wonderful musicians are looking forward to performing for you in the summer term.

ART AWARDS

Congratulations to our talented young artists! A big well done to the pupils whose lovely artwork was chosen by their teachers for display.



BOYS' HOCKEY

Congratulations to the boys' hockey team who represented the school proudly at the annual Portadown Times Hockey Tournament.

Lots of great hockey played and some amazing goals scored.

An excellent effort by the whole team with plenty of pitch time for everyone.



GREAT
SAVE!

CROSS COUNTRY

The cross-country team had a very successful visit to Portadown College to compete in a race hosted by their A Level students.

Everybody ran a fantastic race, resulting in both the girls' and boys' teams taking the top spots.

Well done to all students who took part. They all ran extraordinary races in cold conditions and were exemplary students showing Resilience, Respect and Kindness. Congratulations!



WELL DONE

Well done to Amber who was nominated for the Armagh Person of the Year Award for donating her hair to the Princess Trust.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Buckley and her husband on the birth of their daughter Eden. All are doing well!



COMING UP



Friday 5th December - NI Daily Mile Santa Run.

It is not a fundraiser, just an opportunity to promote a health active lifestyle and raise the profile of our daily mile. No money is required but the children could wear one item of Christmas attire. We will use the park again weather permitting.



Thank you to everyone who donated to The Salvation Army Annual Christmas Toy Appeal.

The toys will be presented to the Salvation Army at our Assembly on 5th December.

Thank you for your support.

SANTA'S GROTTO

Nursery to P3. Children will have an opportunity to visit Santa in our very own King's Park Christmas Grotto. This will be during school on 11th & 12th of December. The cost will be £3 per child.

Permission notes will be sent out nearer the time.



P4-P7 CHRISTMAS DISCO

P4-P7 will have a Christmas Disco during school on Wednesday 18th December. The cost will be £1 per child.

Permission notes will be sent out nearer the time.



SCHOOL CHOIR

Our school choir will be performing at the Lord Mayor's Christmas Praise event being held on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30 pm in Craigavon Civic Centre.

We would love to see you there to support the children. There is no entry fee but there will be a retiring offering to support Epilepsy Action and Evora Hospice Care.

P4-P7 Carol Service



This will be held on Tuesday 16th December in High Street Presbyterian Church, commencing at 10.45 am. All parents and friends are welcome.

DRAMA GROUP VISIT

On 17th December we will be visited by a drama group from Shankill Parish who will perform a Nativity Play for us. We look forward to their visit.



P1, P2, P3 Christmas Concerts

Parents and friends are invited to the P1, 2 and 3 Christmas Concerts. A contribution of £2 per adult is payable on entry. All monies raised will go towards school funds. Tea/coffee will be available before each of the performances.

Please note each year group will only perform at the time/date given. The performances will be videoed by the school and you will receive information on how to purchase a recording nearer the time.

10TH DECEMBER

9.30 am - Primary 2

11TH DECEMBER

9.30 am - Primary 1

11.00 am - Primary 3

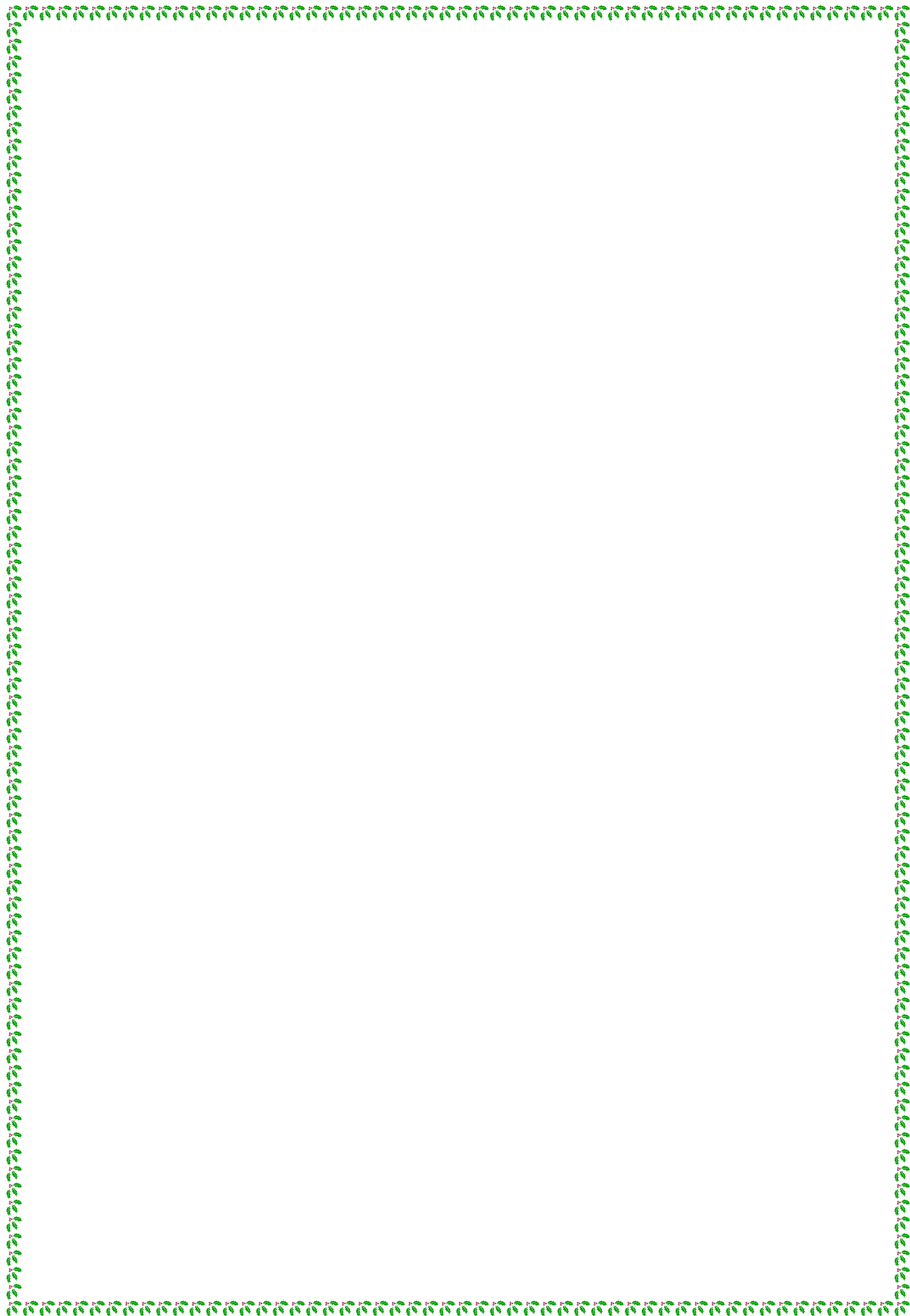




DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



4 th December	Open Afternoon for prospective P1 Parents from 2.30pm – 4.00 pm
5 th December	NI Daily Mile Santa Run
7 th December	Senior Choir singing at Lurgan Baptist Church
10 th December	Lord Mayor's Christmas Praise Event
10 th December	Primary 2 Christmas Concert
11 th December	Primary 1 and Primary 3 Christmas Concert
11 th December	Santa's Grotto - P2 & Nursery
12 th December	Santa's Grotto – P1 & P3
14 th December	Senior Choir singing at Hill Street Presbyterian
16 th December	P4-P7 Carol Service, High Street Presbyterian Church
17 th December	Nativity play by Shankill Parish
18 th December	Christmas Disco P4-P7 & early finish times.
19 th December	Last day of term. School will finish early. (see page 2 for finish times)
22 nd December-2 nd January	School closed
5 th January 2026	School re-opens
7 th January	Nursery & P1 Application Procedure opens @ 12 noon
12 th January	Nursery Open afternoon from 1.30-3.30 pm
21 st January	Nursery & P1 Applications Procedure closes at 12 noon
14 th January	Open evening at LJHS
15 th January	Open evening at Lurgan College





FLU VACCINE AND CHILDREN

The flu vaccine is **free** for eligible children

1) THE FLU IS NOT JUST A BAD COLD

Most people will feel unwell/miserable from flu with coughs, sore throat and runny nose. But 862 children and young people were admitted to hospital in NI with flu last year so it can be really serious. Even if it doesn't prevent you from getting the flu, it can decrease the chance of severe symptoms.



2) HEALTHY CHILDREN DO NEED A VACCINE



Flu vaccine is vital for most children, not just those with long-term health conditions. Flu spreads more easily among children in winter due to spending more time indoors. So vaccinating children helps to protect them and those around them.

3) VACCINES ARE TESTED AND SAFE



Children in the UK have been given the nasal flu vaccine for many years and this vaccine has an excellent safety record. Some children have mild side effects, and serious side-effects are very rare. Over 34 million doses have been given to children in the UK since 2013.

4) THE VACCINE CAN'T GIVE YOU THE FLU

Fluenz® contains viruses that have been weakened to prevent it causing flu but help your child build up immunity in the same way as a natural infection (but without the nasty symptoms).



5) WILL THE VACCINE PROTECT AGAINST NEW STRAINS



Flu strains can change throughout the season. Whatever strains do circulate here this winter, the vaccine will offer important protection to those eligible, helping to protect them from serious illness and being hospitalised.

6) CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINE INGREDIENTS



The nasal spray vaccine contains a small amount of gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine). A flu vaccine injection is available that does not contain gelatine. If you do not want your child to have the nasal spray vaccine, speak to the person vaccinating your child or ask for the flu vaccine injection on the school consent form.

7) IT'S NOT TOO LATE

In Northern Ireland all school aged children from primaries one to year 12 and pre-school children are eligible for the free flu vaccine. It usually takes about two weeks for a vaccine to become fully effective, so the earlier you get vaccinated the better, however it's never too late to take up the offer if you are in an eligible group. Find out more at www.nidirect.gov.uk/wintervaccines.

If your child is eligible for the flu vaccine, make sure they take up the offer when invited.



Public Health
Agency



Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	