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School Newsletter – January 2026 – week 3

Thank you to our PFA

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the PFA for their outstanding support. This week, they have made a significant contribution to the school, enabling us to purchase much-needed new laptops for the ICT suite and to subsidise transport for our upcoming school trip.



The work of the PFA is invaluable to our school community. Their dedication, fundraising efforts and ongoing commitment directly enrich the experiences we are able to offer our pupils. We are deeply appreciative of everything they do, and this latest donation will have a meaningful impact on improving educational outcomes for our children by enhancing access to technology and broadening learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

Thinking of our P7 children

We are so proud of all our wonderful Primary 7 pupils who have been patiently waiting to receive their SEAG results. The long wait will finally come to an end tomorrow when the results will be out. They've worked so hard, shown resilience, and given their very best, and that is what truly matters. Whatever the result says tomorrow, they can hold their heads high. Good luck P7s — we're cheering you on!



School Fund



We kindly ask parents and carers to make their termly contribution to the School Fund, if possible. These voluntary donations play a vital role in supporting the enrichment

opportunities, classroom resources, and small but important extras that directly benefit our pupils. As a school, we rely heavily on these voluntary contributions to continue providing the high-quality experiences our children deserve. Any amount you can give is truly appreciated and makes a meaningful difference. Let's keep supporting our school community together.

You are invited – Curriculum focus

Mr Leyshon will shortly be launching a school focus on reading for pleasure. As part of this, we hope to fund new stock for our library and open the library up to children during lunchtimes. There will be lots of other activities which focus on reading throughout the year and, of course, World Book Day. These are all still in the planning phase at this stage.

Following your responses to our questionnaire for parent workshops and to start the reading project, Mr Leyshon will be holding a parent information session on supporting children's reading. This will be held at 3.15pm on Monday 2nd February, in the P6 classroom. Please let Mrs Oates know if you are able to attend. We would love to see you there.



Staff in Focus

Ms Gorman



Role: SEN teacher

Years in Teaching: 32

Years at VPS: This is year 1

Favourite Part of the Job:

Seeing happy faces learning something new everyday!

Favourite School Memory:

Winning a fancy dress competition in P3!


Pet Peeve:

Losing my keys and being late for anything!


Favourite Movie

 The Sound of Music

Hidden Talent:

 Ms Gorman loves to bake lemon drizzle cake.


Fun Fact:

 Ms Gorman loves to go to concerts and the theatre.


Favourite Book as a Child:

 The Wizard of Oz


A childhood dream job

 I wanted to be a policewoman.

A favourite snack or treat

 Any type of cheese.

What they love most about working at the school.

 Everyone in this school is very happy and friendly. The pupils are well mannered and courteous.

Something surprising about them

!! Ms Gorman did a hairdressing course 3 years ago and loves to cut her daughters' hair!

We are recruiting

We are on the lookout for new classroom assistants and cleaning staff. Could you be next to join our team? The posts will be advertised on the EA website soon. If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in joining our team please take a look.



24th January – SEAG results

27th January – P7 Road Safety Quiz

29th / 30th January – P7 transfer appointments

3rd February – P6 SEAG information meeting

4th Feb – P5&P6 Glashy College matinee performance

6th February – P7 Credit Union Quiz

w/b 9th Feb – half term week

17th – 19th Feb – parent / teacher appointments

20th February – P7 trip to Ulster folk museum