



The Score in the 'Dore

Wednesday 25th June 2025

Acting Principal

I am delighted to let you know that Mrs Billington has been appointed as Acting Principal of Carrowdore Primary School. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the very best and will feel reassured that your children are in safe hands.

Meet the Teacher

The boys and girls had the opportunity to change classes today and to meet their new teachers for September:

Primary One: Mrs Crangle

Primary Two: Mrs Cousley (M, T & alt W) and Mrs Chesney (alt W, Th & F)

Primary Three: Mrs Gilmore

Primary Four: Mrs Curragh (M-W) and Mrs McNeice (Th & F)

Primary Five: Mrs McDonnell (M-W) and Mrs Billington (Th & F)

Primary Six: Mrs Warnock

Primary Seven: Miss Walker

Community Car Park

Hope Street have advised us they are filming at the Community Centre tomorrow and Friday and access to the car park may be disrupted. You may wish to park a little further away and walk to avoid and disruption. Please also remind the children to use the footpath and be extra vigilant.

Thank You!

A MASSIVE thank you to our brilliant PTA who have come up with lots new ideas to keep fund raising for our school. The children have loved the various events, such as the Pumpkin Patch and Easter egg Hunt - thank you ladies for all your hard work!

I would also like to sincerely thank the Board of Governors who meet regularly throughout the year to oversee the running of the school. Our Governors are all volunteers but put in a tremendous amount of work behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

Finally, to the incredible staff of Carrowdore Primary School – THANK YOU! For showing up early, staying on late, for missing your coffee or lunch to patch up cut knees, for always going above and beyond for every single child in Carrowdore Primary School! Folks thank you most sincerely for everything that you do – enjoy your well-deserved break! *R. Roe*

Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2025-26

Applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance are now open. Please see information at the end of today's newsletter or via EA's website. Please remember parents need to reapply every year and the sooner you apply the more likely it is your entitlement will be in place for September.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/parents/pupil-applications-and-grants/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school>

Amnesty

We know school belongings often make it home accidentally throughout the course of the year. We are kindly asking you have a hunt at home and return all school items you may have acquired this year or indeed previously! No one will be cross that these things have been at home. We ask everyone to make a special effort to find any reading or AR books and return these to us asap.

SEAG Registration Now Open

Parents in P6 may now register their child to sit the SEAG tests in November using the link below. If you require evidence that your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Miss Roe.

<https://seagni.co.uk/register>

Last Day of Term

This Friday 27th June will be the last day of term. We are having a special awards assembly and ask the children to wear their school uniform.

Outstanding Monies

With the end of term rapidly approaching we kindly ask parents to clear up any arrears for break, dinners, swimming etc. as soon as possible.

No Dogs Please

We kindly ask dogs are not brought onto the school grounds. Thank you for your understanding.



Allergy Aware

Due to children with severe allergies please do not send nuts or coconut into school. e.g. Nutella. Please note Prime drinks contain coconut water and should not be brought to school.



Save the Dates!

Tuesday 26 August – School starts back – 12:15 finish

Wednesday 27 August – children finish 12:15

Thursday 28 & Friday 29 August – children finish 1pm and should bring their own lunch

Words of Wisdom

Take a moment to appreciate all the little moments this year that added up to something truly significant. Well done!

Applying for _____

Free School Meals & Uniform Allowance

If you require help...



www.eani.org.uk/fsm



028 9047 0233



mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk

1. Are you eligible?

You must be:

- in receipt of a qualifying benefit OR
- be an Asylum Seeker supported by the Home Office Asylum Support Assessment Team (ASAT).

Qualifying Benefits:

- Income Support;
- Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance;
- Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit;
- Universal credit and have net household earnings not exceeding the approved threshold.

OR

Special Diet:

- You may be eligible for Free School Meals if your child has a statement of Special Educational Needs and is designated to require a Special Diet.
- You can apply via EA Connect

2. What documentation do you need?

You will be asked to upload proof that you are receiving a qualifying benefit:

- Your most recent Universal Credit Claimant Statement or
- Proof of Benefit letter (if you are in receipt of Income Support, Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance or the Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit).

3. What else do you need?

- National Insurance Number
- Children's names
- Dates of Birth
- Schools they will be attending
- Address
- E-mail and telephone number
- Bank or building society account and sort code details.

4. Where do you apply?

Apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance for the new school year beginning September, through the Education Authority's online portal, EA Connect. If you haven't already registered an EA Connect account, it's quick and easy to do. Information can be found on the EA website.



5. What happens next?

We aim to process applications within 4 weeks. However, in the busy period of June to September, this can take up to 5 weeks. Please do not contact EA for an update on your application within the 5 weeks of submitting your application. If you have provided incorrect or insufficient supporting documentation, you will receive a tailored email advising you to resubmit your application with details of the correct documentation you need to provide.

You will receive an email from EA once your application has been approved and processed.



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The Big Summer Read

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Calling all young time travellers!

This summer, your library becomes a portal through time - from dinosaurs to Victorians, knights to robots - where will books take you?

Join the Big Summer Read and:

- Read for 15 minutes a day
- Complete fun time-travel-themed adventures
- Visit the library at least four times
- Earn a special certificate

Pick up your FREE adventure poster in the library from Friday 27 June.

Reading can take you anywhere!

66 Days → 66 Reading Adventures → Four Library Visits → One Amazing Time Travel Journey!

For children aged 4–11

