

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026



## The Score in the 'Dore







### Our Special Visitor

Mr Armstrong, our new principal, will be visiting Carrowdore Primary School on Friday 5 June for our Sports Day and School Fair. He will also meet our new P1 pupils and parents on Monday 22 June at the Parent P1 Induction Information Meeting at 2.10pm

### Sports Day and Our Summer Fair

Weather permitting, we plan to hold our Sports Day this **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**. Races will take place in the morning starting at 10:30am and parents are very welcome to come and watch. All children should be collected at 12:15pm (no dinners will be available but children who receive free school meals can order a lunchbox express bag to be collected at 12.10pm). The PTFA are then planning to run their Summer Fair on this day. In the event that we have to cancel Sports Day, pupils will still finish at 12:15pm and the fair will go ahead.


If you are able to help out for even part of the afternoon, we would really appreciate it, please speak to a member of the PTFA or your child's teacher. PTFA are asking for help by donating any of the following items you can spare:

-  Unopened toiletries, gifts and Bric a Brac, good quality toys, games and books.
-  P1-3 pupils are asked to bring a small prize (worth 50p), wrapped and labelled for boy or girl or leave blank if suitable for either. These will be used for a Lucky Dip game at the fair.
-  P4-7 pupils are asked to send cakes or buns (bought or baked) tomorrow for the fair.
-  Any uniform that you have finished with that could be used again for a preloved stall. Please ensure it has been washed.

### Car Parking for Sports Day and Our Summer Fair

As we look forward to this Friday, we kindly ask you to support our local community by walking if possible. If you do need to drive, please park considerately and avoid blocking driveways. Thank you for helping us keep these events safe and enjoyable for everyone.

### Teddy Bears' Picnic

We are looking forward to our Primary One pupils joining the Pre-school pupils for a picnic with teddy bears on the 9<sup>th</sup> June. 

### P1 Induction

Our Stay and Play dates for incoming Primary One pupils provide a great opportunity for children to meet staff and become familiar with their new learning environment ahead of starting school. The Stay and Play dates this year are the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

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### **Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2026 - 2027**

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 that parents/ guardians need to reapply each year.

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

### **School Fund**

If you pay termly, we would very much welcome your final £10 for the year via School Money, thanks so much for your support with this.

### **Outstanding Monies**

We kindly ask parents to clear up any arrears for break, dinners, swimming, production tickets etc. as soon as possible.

### **After School Clubs**

<b><u>SEAG Club</u></b> Mrs Warnock will run this.	<b><u>Tuesdays 3pm – 3.45pm</u></b> 9 <sup>th</sup> June 2026      16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b><u>Spaghetti Maths</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesdays 2pm – 3pm and 3pm – 4pm</u></b> 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2026      17 <sup>th</sup> June 2026      24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
<b><u>Cup Stacking Club</u></b> No club on 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	<b><u>Thursdays 2pm – 3pm and 3pm – 4pm</u></b> 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2026      11 <sup>th</sup> June 2026      25 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

### **Dinners for Next Week (w/c 8<sup>th</sup> June)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo - Or - Classic Margherita Pizza	Homemade Beef Bolognese  Baton Carrots and Green Beans	Chicken Curry and Mini Naan Bread  Garden Peas and Fresh Salad	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Gravy  Steamed Broccoli and Cauliflower	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup  Garden Peas and Mini Corn on the Cob
Steamed Broccoli and Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes and Baked Potato	Fusilli Pasta and Fresh Salad  Mandarin	Steamed Rice and Roast Wedges	Mashed Potato and Roast Potato	Chipped Potatoes and Baked Potato
Selection of Fruit Yoghurt Pots	Orange Sponge with Custard.	Peach and Raspberry Traybake Trifle.	Chocolate and Pear Sponge.	Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Pears
Please note due to ongoing supply issues this menu is subject to change!				

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**Important Dates**

**Friday 5th June:** Sports Day and School Fair

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** First 'Stay and Play' for incoming Primary One

**Friday 12th June:** RNLI Day in school

**Friday 12th June:** P7 trip to Jungle NI - more details to follow

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Second 'Stay and Play' for incoming Primary One

**Friday 19th June:** P7 Formal

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June:** Third and final 'Stay and Play' for incoming Primary One

**Friday 26th June:** Leavers' Service 2:15pm - this will be P7s last day

**Tuesday 30th June:** End of term 12:15pm finish



# Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2026-27

**Applications can now be made on EA Connect for the 2026/27 school year.**

We hope the following will be helpful to you in communicating with parents and carers.

We are very grateful to you for your continued support throughout the academic year, particularly with sharing key information and updates with your school communities.

## Social Media Toolkit

Each year, there are many families who would be eligible to apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance, but who neglect to do so.

In order to help us promote awareness of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance applications for September 2026, we again include a social media toolkit which you may wish to use on your own communication channels.

The toolkit - [which can be accessed using this link](#) - includes graphics and text with key information for you to share with your parent community on the suggested dates throughout the next few months. This links in with the dates of EA Social media posts.

## Pupil Lists

You may wish to consider obtaining a list of 2025/26 eligible pupils from AnyComms+ so that you can make contact with and encourage those eligible parents/carers to submit an application for the 2026/27 school year.

All parents/carers should be encouraged to apply by the last Friday in July to guarantee that support is in place for 1 September.

If you require further information about accessing Pupil Lists, please email the dedicated email address for schools at [mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk](mailto:mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk)

## Universal Credit recipients

Parents or carers who receive Universal Credit and whose net household earnings do not exceed £15,900 per year (£1325 per month or less) are eligible to apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance.

Applicants are required to upload evidence of their Universal Credit entitlement via all pages of their most recent Universal Credit Claimant Statement when they apply.



Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance



## Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/carers in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, will need to upload a Proof of Benefit Letter with their application.

### Qualifying social security benefits:

- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit**

A Proof of Benefit Letter can be requested by [visiting this website](#). It can take at least five days to obtain the letter.

If parents/carers have difficulty in obtaining a Proof of Benefit Letter, or do not understand how to provide evidence of their Universal Credit, **their local Jobs + Benefit office Digital Hub** will have staff on hand to help them obtain the correct evidence to support their application. Parents/carers should telephone their local office to make an appointment.

We ask you to remind your parent community of the requirement to upload evidence - as applications cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.

### Extra help for parents/carers on the EA website:

- **Information on applying**
- **FAQs**
- **Helpdesk contact details**
- **Videos and supporting documents**

### Further Assistance - Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk

The FSMU Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm by telephone on 028 9047 0233 or email [mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk](mailto:mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk)

