



Knockevin School Newsletter

From school to home, keeping you informed - September 2026

We hope that everyone had a really lovely summer break. We have really enjoyed welcoming our pupils back to school! We look forward to another fun and busy year ahead!

Breaks and Birthdays – we continue to offer a free breakfast every day as pupils arrive. Classes also make a healthy snack for pupils. We are resending our health promoting foods policy. Please take a little time to read it.

Please never send nuts or coconut.

We know that birthdays are really special for our pupils and we love helping them to celebrate with their friends. You are welcome to send a cake to school. Please do not send additional treats or drinks as we can find it extremely difficult to provide alternatives for pupils who cannot have them. Thank you 😊



Outdoor Learning –We continue to ensure that our pupils have access to fresh air and physical activity every day so as we approach the colder months, please remember to send their coat and suitable shoes. We have been busy developing our playground and outdoor play facilities across our sites and are delighted with the progress. At Downpatrick we have a brand new forest school area that we are very excited about!

Roots Café – don't forget that the café at our Castlewellan site is open to the public every Tuesday morning from 10am, starting Tuesday 15th September!

Phones in schools – please see letter from Minister for Education. Knockevin is generally mobile phone free for pupils but there are exemptions for communication devices, medical monitoring etc. Your child's class teacher can send you further information if needed.



Key Dates and Events – for your diary, full details will follow

Fri 25th Sept – pupils off (staff training)

Mon 28th Sept – school photo day

Thurs 1st Oct – after school Harvest Hoedown (optional)

Fri 2nd Oct – **Harvest**, please bring an item for our foodbank collection

Fri 9th Oct **World Mental Health Day** – please wear something yellow and donate to help us support AWARE NI

12th -16th Oct **Maths Week Ireland**

16th Oct – Downpatrick, 19th Oct – Dundrum & Castlewellan **annual reviews**

Thurs 22nd Oct – **Halloween** celebrations, pupils can wear their costume to school

Fri 23rd Oct - Pupil half-day (12.45pm finish), non-uniform

26th – 30th Oct pupils off for Halloween, return Mon 2nd Nov

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