



C.B.S. School NEWS / Easter 2026

IMPORTANT REMINDERS TO PARENTS

School Start Time

- Lessons begin at 9:05am please ensure children arrive promptly.
- All school gates will open at 8.50am for yard supervision.

School Safety/Security

- Parents and visitors are reminded that access into the school building during school time is NOT PERMITTED, unless by prior appointment. **Late arrivals (after 9.30) must be dropped off at reception** and children must walk to their class. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated, as these safeguards are crucial for the children's safety and protection. All children must be collected with their class at the designated pick-up collection.
Please Note: Any child leaving school during class-time, must be collected by an adult at reception and the Early Leaver form must be completed with the time and the reason for early dismissal.

Updated CBS Child Protection Policy/Statement and Anti-Bullying Policy

- These policies are available on our school website. Please familiarise yourself with these policies.
<https://www.cbsprimarydunkalk.ie/>

Attendance

- We want to remind parents that the Attendance Policy is available on our website, and our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) is Ms. Sinead McCourt. Attendance is being continually monitored, and issues will be raised early to try and reduce absenteeism. We are also encouraging families to **please take holidays during school holiday periods and not during term time**. The loss of school days due to holidays can be significant, and the days add up. We are also closely monitoring children leaving school early repeatedly as it disrupts the class. These minutes add up too and can significantly impact a child's learning.

School Absence Procedure:

- When a child is absent from school, parents/guardians are asked to please send a note of explanation to the class teacher using the 'Aladdin Connect' System **only**. This is essential to complete the Daily Attendance Roll. Aladdin Connect provides us with the information we need to monitor attendance. We want to stress the importance of school attendance; it is important to remember that if a child is sick, they must stay home.

20-Day Plus Absences

- Our database system 'Aladdin' will **automatically** generate a text message to parents once any child reaches 20 days absence from school. Thank you for your continued cooperation regarding the submission of notes of explanation this information is vital to complete their Attendance Record.

Traffic

- We need to keep traffic moving around the school. It can become gridlocked as you well know. We appreciate that you don't stop on the road to let children in or out, this keeps the traffic moving. After Easter, we will be continuing to allow the 1st to 2nd classes to exit first and then the 3rd to 6th straight after.

Standardised Testing

- Testing will take place from the 19th May – 22nd of May. Please ensure your child attends school.

Confirmation

- Confirmation will be on Saturday the 25th of April at 11.00am in St Patrick's. The photographer will be in school to take the children's photographs on Monday 27th of April. Please ensure the children wear their blazers in that morning, they will change into the school hoodies once the photos have been taken.

Communion

- Children will make their Communion on Friday 15th of May at 11.00 am in St Patrick's. The photographer will be in to take the children's photographs on Monday 19th of May. Please ensure that the pupils wear their blazers into school that morning.

Lunch

- We have noticed a high amount of waste with our hot lunch scheme. If your child no longer wishes to avail of the hot lunches please deselect the lunches on the app. If you wish to cancel the lunches indefinitely please send an email into the school office with the child's name and the class teacher's name.
- Please ensure your child has a healthy snack with them every morning.
- Important Note: Owing to children's allergies – please don't bring **any** Peanut Products to school.

School Rules

- Uniform: Children must wear their full uniform at all times. Mrs. Hart will be monitoring.
- Care of Hair: In an attempt to reduce the transmission of nits in the school we ask that you ensure that long hair is tied back or plaited. Extreme hairstyles and highlights are not permitted, this includes, dyes, highlighting and patterns cut into short hair.
- Make Up: Is not allowed, any child wearing it to school, will be asked to remove it on arrival.

Open Day for Junior Infants

- We have our Open Day for incoming Junior Infants on Wednesday 27th of May at 2.00pm. All places have been allocated and we have a waiting list. If you haven't completed an enrolment form, please let us know. Siblings are prioritised and this will be an important criterion if places become available.

Up-Coming School Closures

Easter Holidays

Friday 27th March, School reopens Monday, 13th April

Staff Meeting

Monday 20th of April **Shortened-Day Closure**

Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 1.25.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd classes will finish at 1.40.

The 4th, 5th and 6th classes will finish at 1.45.

Teacher Training

Wednesday 20th May for Primary Curriculum- **Full Day Closure**

