

Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Primary 7 Musical Performance at the Peace Proms

Our Primary 7 pupils were given the fantastic opportunity to participate in the Peace Proms at the SSE Odyssey Arena in Belfast on Sunday 9th March 2025. The Peace Proms is a superb celebration of youth, music, energy and sheer talent on an epic scale. Our P7 children performed alongside the critically acclaimed Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland and the Belfast Children's Peace Choir which is made up of 3,500 Primary School children from all over Northern Ireland. This was another wonderful opportunity for the oldest pupils in our School and I would like to formally express my gratitude to Miss Cullen for her excellent planning & organisation of this event. The children's behaviour was first class and they were a credit to both their parents and Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School.

Primary 7 Residential Trip To Lorne Outdoor Education Centre

I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate our Primary 7 pupils on their excellent behaviour during their Residential Trip to Lorne Outdoor Education Centre. The activities were fantastic and all the P7's were kept active pretty much the whole time they were away. On behalf of the children and parents I would like to thank Miss Cullen and Mr McLennan for giving up their time so willingly to take the children away for such a great set of school memories.

Parent/Guardian and Teacher Interviews

Thank you for your participation in the recent March 2025 P1 – P6 Parent/Guardian Teacher Interviews. We hope you found being able to share information with your Child's class teacher both valuable and informative. We particularly hope that all those Parent/Guardians who have child/children attendance below 85% for the period September 2024 to February 2025 Half Term will endeavour to have an increase in their School Attendance During the Third Term. School has attached a copy of the D.E. *Miss School – Miss Out* Leaflet with this Parent/Guardian Letter.

World Book Day 2025

We had a very successful and enjoyable World Book Day in School. We were really impressed by the fantastic display of imaginative costumes that celebrated World Book Day and it was great to see so many happy smiling faces as we all celebrated this whole school fun day together. We hope that our World Book Day Celebrations will continue to inspire the boys and girls to have confidence in Literacy tasks and further develop their love of reading. Thank you to all our Parent/Guardians and pupils for going over and above to celebrate World Book Day and we hope that you have enjoyed viewing the wonderful pictures on the School Facebook Page.

School Holiday List for 2025/2026

Unfortunately the Education Authority has not yet confirmed the School Holiday List for the incoming 2025/2026 School Year. **Consequently Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School is not yet able to confirm Holiday Arrangements for next year.** However as soon as this information has been confirmed by the Board of Governors it will be distributed to Harding Memorial Integrated Primary School Parent/Guardians.



MISS SCHOOL = MISS OUT

WHY ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS SO IMPORTANT

If a child of compulsory school age is registered at a school it is essential that they attend their school regularly and maintain a pattern of good attendance throughout their school career.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow a child or young person to fulfil their potential.

Key Point

Young people who regularly miss school without good reason are more likely to become isolated from their friends, to underachieve in examinations and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour.

Below are just some of the key reasons why it is so important children attend school:

- To learn.
- To make new friends.
- To experience new things in life.
- To gain qualifications.
- To develop new skills.
- To build confidence and self-esteem.
- To have the best possible start in life.

CAN ATTENDANCE MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO EXAM RESULTS?

Greater than
95% Attendance



77% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended more than 95%

77%

Less than
90% Attendance



43% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 90%

43%

Less than
80% Attendance



32% of pupils achieved at least 5 GCSEs including English and Maths when they attended less than 80%

32%