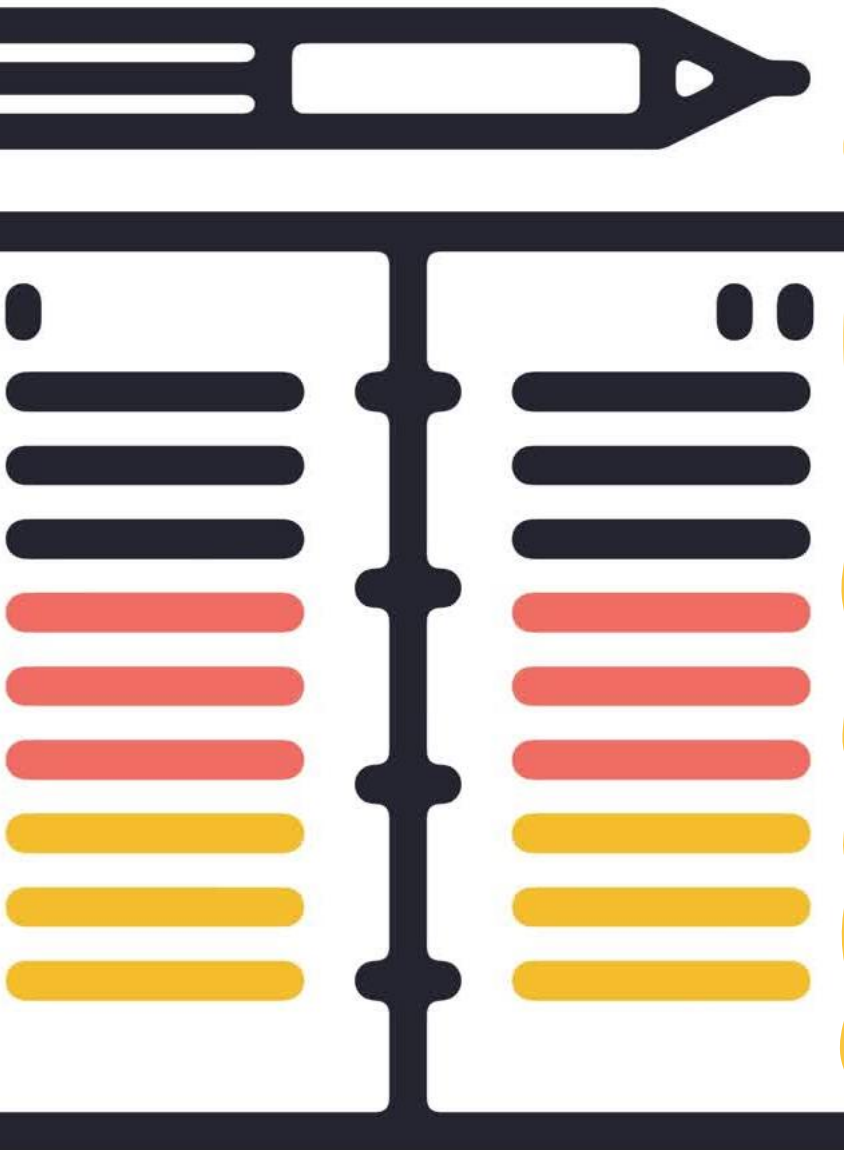


Welcome to Andrews Memorial Primary School





Your welcome pack

- School information
- Curriculum information
- General information
- Starting dates and class teacher
- Uniform
- Family booklet

School Uniform

- Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore
- Light blue shirt or blouse with tie OR light blue polo shirt
- Maroon sweatshirt / cardigan
- Maroon coats and polo shirts with the school logo are also available.



P.E. Kit

- School polo shirt and shorts
- OR T-Shirt and shorts
- School hoodie/sweatshirt
- *Velcro* trainers may be worn to school on P.E. days

- P.E. kit should be worn on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**.



P.E. kit



Where can uniform/P.E. kit be purchased?

School Days

2 High Street
Newtownards
www.schooldaysltd.co.uk

D. Crawford Schoolwear

Newtownards,
Connswater
www.uniformstoreni.co.uk

Tribal Branding

<https://tribalbranding.shop/store/andrew-memorial-mps/>

A collection of school supplies including pens, pencils, scissors, and paper clips. The items are arranged in a somewhat organized manner, with some items like pens and pencils lying horizontally and others like scissors and paper clips positioned vertically or at an angle. The background is a light-colored surface, possibly a desk or table.

What else do I need to purchase?

- **Twistables** – crayon rather than pencil style
- **Pritt Stick** – may need replenished later in the year
- **Box of Tissues** – to be shared with class
- **Pair of wellies** – to be kept in school
- **Water bottle** – filled before school
- **Book Bag** – available from school at a cost of £12. Please attach a keyring to help your child identify their book bag.

Remember to label
all belongings
clearly!!



A typical day in Primary 1

- 8:40-8:55am – flexible start – children should be dropped off at the P1/2 door
- 9am – register taken and morning routine
- 9:15 – 10:30am – Play-Based Learning (indoors/outdoors)
- 10:30am – Break time and play time
- 10:50am – Task time
- 12:00pm – Lunch time and play time
- 12:40 – 1:50pm – Afternoon activities
- 1:55pm – Home time – children should be collected from the P1/2 playground



A wooden cutting board with several sliced apples and whole apples. One apple is sliced into thin, alternating red and white rings, arranged in a fan shape. Other whole apples, including red and green ones, are scattered around the board.

Break

- Break should be sent with your child to school every day
- Once the children start to bring a packed lunch, we ask that break is sent separately in the book/school bag
- Healthy break is encouraged, such as fruit or a biscuit – please remember it is only a snack...
- Children will then have some playtime outside, supervised by the teachers

Lunch Time



- Choice of school dinner or packed lunch
- School dinners can be booked and paid for via School Money (more information will follow) – £2.60 per day
- The menu can be found on the website
- Children will have about 20 minutes to eat lunch
- They will then have about 20 minutes of playtime, supervised by lunch-time supervisors

School Money



schoolmoney

- Method of payment for all school dinners and activities
- Email address required to register
- Mrs Morrison (secretary) will be in touch with more information in August when school starts

Nut Allergies



Our school is a
nut-free zone

No foods
containing nuts
should be brought
into school,
including Nutella



Home Time

- Please be on time (1:55pm) – teachers will have afternoon classes to take at 2pm
- Children will be released one at a time
- Please inform your child’s teacher about childminders, afterschool care leaders etc.
- Please reinforce with your child that, should you happen to be delayed, they will come back into school with the teacher to wait



Breakfast Club

- Spaces limited
- Open to all pupils
- 8:00-8:40am
- £2 per day (Price subject to change)
- Must be booked on School Money by Sunday evening

2-3 Club

- Spaces limited
- Currently open to those children with siblings in P4 and above who stay until 3pm
- £2.50 per day (Price subject to change)
- Must be booked on School Money by Sunday evening
- More information will follow in August



Jiminy Crickets

- Andrews Memorial Hall
- After school club
- Contact: 07814717281





Communication

- School letters/emails – typically sent on a Wednesday
- School website:
www.andrewsmmps.com



Preparing for school

- Child's attitude is learned from parents
- Ensure child looks forward to starting by being positive yourself!
- Emphasise – enjoyment they will have
 - interesting things to be done
 - new friendships to be made

Please don't threaten with the teacher!!

Some other ways you can help your child be ready for P1

Over the summer, practise:

- Taking off and putting on own shoes, jumper and coat (including inside out jumpers and zips)
- Opening tubs and boxes they may bring in their packed lunch
- Opening packets such as crisps, biscuits etc.
- Toileting and washing hands independently
- Tidying up and looking after their own belongings!!
- Using a tissue
- Remembering manners – please and thank you!!



Accidents

- Toileting and other accidents are not uncommon in P1
- There is no need to send a change of clothes to school with your child as we have some spare clothes in school we can use
- However, please ensure that if your child comes home in a change of clothes, that they are washed and returned to school ASAP so they can be used again

How to help with writing

- **If** your child **wants** to write their name –
 - Start with a capital letter, followed by lowercase letters
- Bad habits are difficult to correct so please encourage proper formation – a great website to use to help with this is:
<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/letterformation/>
- Your child is **not** disadvantaged if they cannot write their own name





Counting

- Many children can count to 10 – it is like another rhyme
- They need to have 1:1 correspondence, i.e. associate 1 object with 1 number

Opportunities for counting:

- As we climb the stairs
- Counting cutlery as we set the table
- Fruit in the bowl

Children with the greatest advantage...



Have stories read to them

Are talked to and listened to

Have questions answered

Know some nursery rhymes and songs

Are allowed to help at home

Have interesting things pointed out to them

Are encouraged to count

Have played with all sorts of materials (not just toys)

One final, early plea...

- Your child will **not** receive a reading book home for a little while
- However, when books do go home; **please, please, please** ensure that the book is kept in book/school bags every day (**don't** take them out and leave them at home)
- Some of our book sets are a little low in numbers due to books not being returned in previous years!!





**Thanks for
listening!**

- Please don't hesitate to hang around to ask us any questions you may have
- We look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) next Wednesday/Thursday (1:30-2:30pm) at our induction afternoons
- We may also see you at our Summer Fair tomorrow night, Friday, 14th June, 5-7pm – all welcome 😊