



May 2025 Edition



IQM Centre of Excellence Award Winners 2024-27

First Communion 2025

Sunday 11th 2025 will stay in the memories of our P4 pupils as they celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion. We were blessed with a fine day and our boys and girls looked magnificent in their finery.

Fr Darren was the main celebrant of the mass and he was amazed at not only how well the children had prepared for the occasion by answering out all their prayers, but also by the way in which everyone present held a respectful reverence throughout the ceremony.

It also says a lot about the dedication of all pupils to the school with the number of pupils from P5 onwards who turned up to sing with the choir. We feel that this was one of the best ceremonies we have had due to the commitment of all our pupils from the P4 First Communicants to the singers in the school choir, their musical sound was just awesome. The pupils who sang the solos and performed the readings and bidding prayers were first rate, not a nerve amongst them!!

A special word of thanks should go to our teachers and classroom assistants from P4 who not only prepared the children so well but who also put in so much effort in preparing the church in their own time. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated staff who are always there when we need them. They all go above and beyond.



Centre of Excellence Annual Assessment

Even though it is late in the school year, the work does not stop or the striving for educational excellence. As you are aware, the school received the status of Centre of Excellence last year. This title is dependent on annual assessments carried out by IQM officials to ensure that action plans have been realised and there is quality assurance. The full report is available on our website www.stclaresps.net

However, one paragraph from the extensive report does stand out as it relates to all the children in the school. Inclusion is for every pupil in the school and the report states:

“Inclusion isn’t something that just happens in St Clare’s, it is at the very core of what they do. The school truly is a place where every child is encouraged to ‘Dream, Believe, Achieve’ and they are supported to do so in a way that manages to meet individual needs despite catering for a diverse group of 471 pupils. The school Principal describes wanting St Clare’s to be a ‘safe’ place for the community. Conversations with parents revealed this to be very true for them. Equally, the Principal described how the school in turn feels “blessed” to have the support of the community and how enriched they are as a direct result of embracing inclusion

The people behind the scenes who make this all happen are the staff and in particular Mrs Brennan our language practitioner and Newcomer expert and Mrs Logue our coordinator. Their efforts are the reason why we have been so successful in our practice and application towards achieving the highest Inclusion Quality Mark. We have so much to be thankful for and we appreciate everything they do.

A reminder that School will finish for the academic year for all pupils on Friday 27th June at 11.00am. There will be no Breakfast Club or dinners served on that day. 123 club will finish on Thursday 26th June. See below for important dates for the rest of this term .

Important Dates for the Diary

The school year is fast approaching its end but there is still so much we have to pack in. A lot of this surrounds the arrangements for P7 but there are a host of events for all the pupils to look forward to.

Please check your seesaw messages from the class teacher for details of specific year group school trips planned.

P1 Induction- Meeting for our parents and pupils of our new intake for September will take place on **Wednesday 4th June at 1.30pm**. Our present P1 pupils should be picked up early on this date after dinners at 12.30pm.

P7 School Trip Tayto Park- This will take place on Thursday 12th June

Nursery Induction- All new pupils joining our nursery in September will visit the Nursery on **Friday 13th June**. Letters of invitation will be sent to all pupils who have been accepted.

Feis- All pupils involved in the Feis Beal Feirste will attend St John The Baptist PS on Saturday 14th June. Letters will be sent home with participants.

School Show- Our production of 'Annie The Musical' will take place on **Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 June curtain up at 7.30pm**. Tickets priced at £3 available from the school office from next Wednesday 4th June. This will involve all our P5 and P7 pupils.

P7 Dinner and Disco- This will take place on Wednesday 18th June from 6.00pm – 8.00pm.

P7 Leavers Mass- This will take place in St Paul's Church on **Thursday 19th June at 11.00am**. P7 pupils will be free to go home from this ceremony and this will be their leaving day.

Friday 27th June- School finishes for all pupils at **11.00am**. No dinners or Breakfast Club or 123 Club will operate on this day.

End of Year Disco- This date is yet to be decided.

Book Fair

Our recent Book Fair was a roaring success with over £1200 of merchandise purchased. This reflects the importance our parents place on literacy and the ability to read a good book. Many thanks of course go to Ms Shaw who pulls it all together and somehow always delivers. She is also responsible for our AR work so much credit must go to her and Mrs Clarke who assists in literacy further down the school.

Attendance Award for April 2025

Many congratulations to the boys and Girls from Miss Gilhooly's P2 class for winning the attendance cup, treats and homework passes for the month of April. This is a particular great achievement considering they are such a big class so the average attendance is harder to achieve. And not only did they win but they smashed it with an incredible monthly attendance of 97%. This is incredibly impressive when considering the national average is just below 94%. Well done P2 we hope you enjoyed your treats.

Sports Day

It was with a certain amount of apprehension that Sports Day 2025 took place last Friday just on the day the weather decided to change. This did not dampen the spirits of the competitors or the support received from the huge turn out of parents. We hope that all our parents and pupils had a great day. Special thanks to Mr Birt for hosting and to Mrs Fox our PE coordinator.



Infinity Room

It is only fitting at this time of the year that we acknowledge the tremendous work that is taking place in our specialist unit, the Infinity Room. This is a very special place of learning and as the year has progressed, all in the school have been so impressed with how much confidence our infinity pupils have gained. They are a very special part of our St Clare's community and they have progressed so well as the year has progressed. The pupils love to see them come along to the singing sessions on a Monday and Friday. At this point we would like to thank Ms Lees and her team for the brilliant work which goes on there. We are learning all the time and they are so important to us as a school and grateful that they chose us for their learning needs.

Award Winners



Our latest successful athlete obtaining her Black Belt

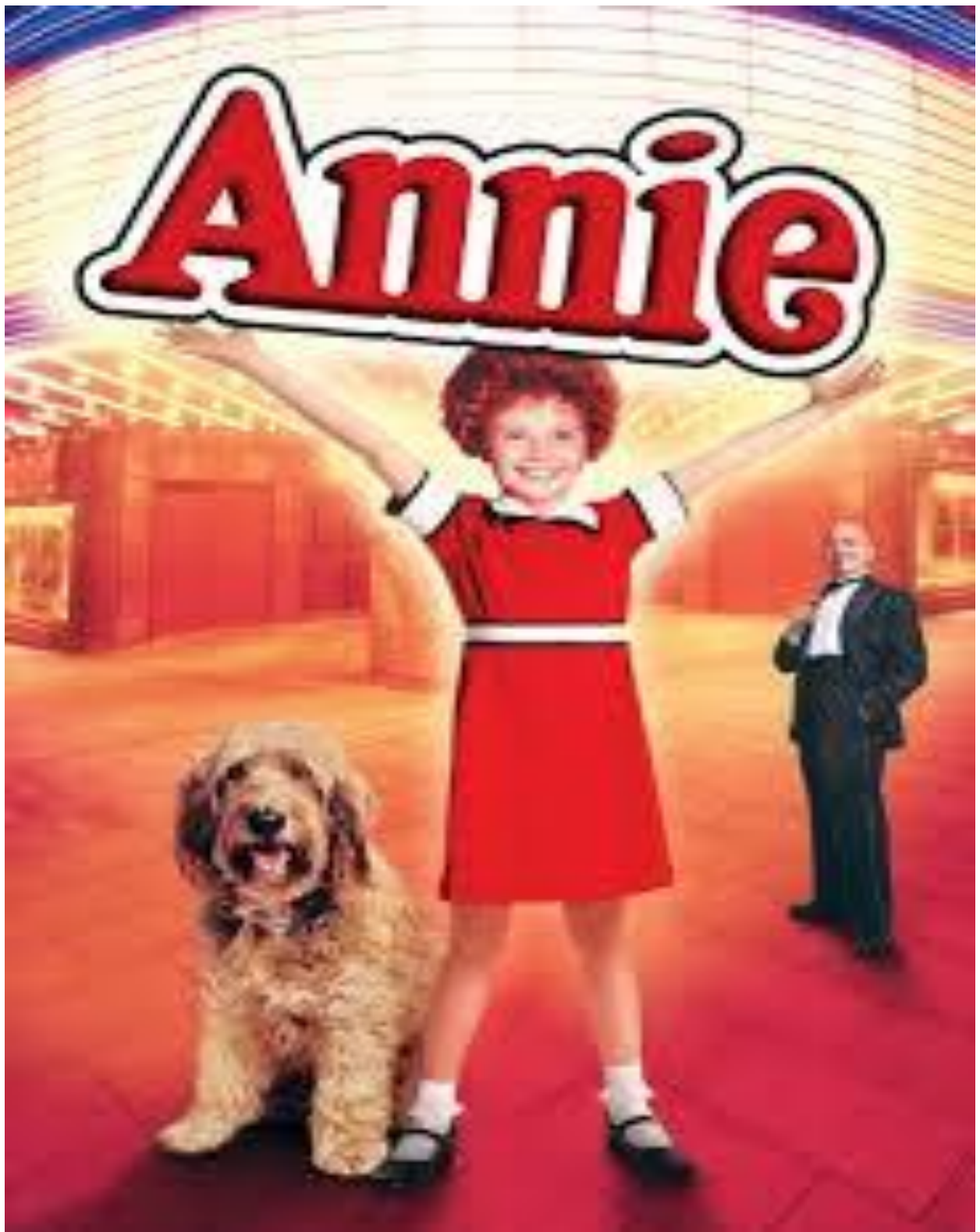


IFA Inclusion Award goes to St Clare's PS, Belfast



Congratulations to our pupils who completed the reading partnership with our wonderful Reading Volunteers Geraldine and Judith. All of our participants made substantial gains in their reading ages as a result of the work these ladies have undertaken with them.

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June
Curtain up at 7.30pm



Last Wednesday of every month
12 - 2pm
Forthspring, 373 Springfield Road



FREE COMMUNITY LUNCH

