

Research-Informed Conferences - Successful School Conference Dates 2025/26 (as at 27/02/26)

No.	Phase	School(s)	Theme	Proposed / Actual Date <small>(actual / confirmed dates in bold)</small>
1	Post Primary	Friends' School Lisburn (4420050)	Explore Strategies that Activate Hard Thinking: How Pupils Learn, Why Knowledge Matters, Artificial Intelligence in Schools	22/08/25
2	Post Primary	Down High School (4410085)	'Enhancing Pedagogy to Super-Charge Lesson Planning' and 'Identifying and Addressing Misconceptions in Pedagogy'	26/08/25
3	Post Primary	Banbridge Academy (5410013), Rathfriland HS	Spaced Practice, Active Retrieval, Associations and Desirable Difficulty i.e. SAAD and utilising these 4 learning strategies effectively	27/08/25
4	Post Primary	St Cecilia's College (2230188), Lumen Christi College, St Joseph's Boys' School	Developing Adaptive Pedagogical Approaches Will Challenge Teaching Staff to see Pupil Development as Unique Experiences	27/08/25
5	Post Primary	Devenish College (2210312)	Co-Regulation – Have you got what it takes?	27/08/25
6	Post Primary	Wallace High School (4420051)	Mathematics	30/08/25
7	Post Primary	Dalriada School (3420012), Ballymoney High School, and Our Lady of Lourdes (Ballymoney Area Learning Community)	Teaching, Learning and Assessment: evidence-informed and workload-friendly approaches to support all learners	22/09/25
8	Post Primary	Parkhall Integrated College (3250207)	Bridging the Listening Gap between KS3 and KS4 and	22/09/25

			Metacognition in MFL, Modern Languages	
9	Post Primary	Belfast Royal Academy (1420028)	AI in Education: Teaching, Learning and the Future	26/09/25
10	Post Primary	Ballycastle High School (3210124) & Cross and Passion College	Metacognition	26/09/25
11	Post Primary	Coláiste Feirste (1240291), Gaelcholáiste Dhoire	Developing Immersive Classroom Pedagogy	26/09/25
12	Post Primary	St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon (5420304)	Power Up Your Pedagogy	29/09/25
13	Post Primary	Mount Lourdes Grammar School (2420041)	EmpowerED: Strategies, Support and Success in the Classroom	29/09/25
14	Post Primary	Slemish College (3260289)	Developing Independent Learners, Through Metacognition	03/10/25
15	Post Primary	Sacred Heart College (2230298), Omagh, Arvalee Special School, Christian Brothers School, Dean Maguirc, Drumragh Integrated College, Loreto Grammar School, Omagh Academy, Omagh High School.	Subject-specific, evidence-based pedagogy	24/10/25
16	Post Primary	St Benedict's College, Randalstown (3230308)	Developing reflective learning practices and fostering an integrated, cross-school approach to address educational disadvantage	October 2025
17	Post Primary	St Mary's Grammar School (3420080), Kilronan School, Magherafelt High School, Rainey Endowed School, St Conor's College, St Colm's High School, St Patrick's College, St Pius X College, and Sperrin Integrated College	Adaptive Teaching Technologies, Use of AI, and Key Provisions of Anti-Bullying Act (2016)/policy	03/11/25

18	Post Primary	Lismore College (5230213), Brownlow Integrated College, Clounagh Junior High School, Lurgan Junior High School, Tandragee Junior High School, Killicomaine Junior High School, Craigavon Senior High School, Portadown College, St Ronan's College, Lurgan College, St John the Baptist College, CEARA Special School	Evidence-Based Teaching for Every Learner: Scaling Excellence Through Research-Practice Integration	03/11/25
19	Post Primary	Movilla HS (4210012)	Closing the attainment gap through effective evidence informed learning – Maximising the working memory of pupils	December 2025
20	Post Primary	Cookstown High School (5210230)	Creating a Culture for Learning: Behaviour, Routines and Relationships in Schools	19/01/26
21	Post Primary	St Dominic's Grammar School (1420029)	Science of Learning	06/02/26
22	Post Primary	Royal Belfast Academical Institution (1420027)	Pupil Wellbeing	27/02/26
23	Post Primary	St Mary's Limavady (2230077), Limavady High School	Embedding Good Practice from a Shared Campus Perspective	Term 2 2025/26
24	Post Primary	Integrated College Dungannon (5260286)	The Processes Used to Embed Evidence-Informed Research into a Pedagogical Approach for Professional Learning	20/05/26
25	Post Primary	Ballyclare High School (3410008)	Cognitive Load Theory	25/05/26
26	Post Primary	Newry and Mourne Area Learning Community (5420076)	Digital Pedagogy in Practice	26/05/26
27	Primary	Macosquin PS (3013700)	Neuromotor Readiness for Learning	20/08/25
28	Primary	Bleary PS (5011602), Mounthorris PS, Mullaglass, Newtonhamilton PS, Hamiltonsbawn, Lisnadill, Drumhillary	Assessment for Learning	21/08/25 & 27/08/25

29	Primary	St Therese of Lisieux PS (1036132), Cavehill PS	Cognitive Science Research	22/08/25
30	Primary	St Joseph's PS (Drumquin) (2032700), Christ the King PS (Omagh), St Caireall's PS (Armagh)	Science of Learning	26/08/25
31	Primary	South Belfast Primary Partnership Stranmillis PS (1010324), Finaghy PS, Fane St PS, Holy Rosary PS, St Michael's PS, St Bride's PS, Rosetta PS, Botanic PS, Forge Integrated PS, Donegall Rd PS, Scoila and Droichad PS, St Malachy's PS	Inclusion as Collective Praxis: Reimagining School and Community Relationships	26/08/25
32	Primary	St Patrick's PS (Aghacommon) (5031168), St Brendan's PS (Craigavon), St. Anthony's PS (Craigavon), St. Mary's PS (Derrytrasna)	Metacognition	August 2025
33	Primary / Post Primary	Gaelcholáiste Dhoire (2240319), Gaelscoil na Speiríní, Bunscoil Cholmcille, Bunscoil Naomh Bríd, Gaelscoil Éadáin Mhóir, Gaelscoil Neachtain, Gaelscoil na Daróige, Gaelscoil an Chaistil, Gaelscoil Léim an Mhadaidh, Gaelscoil an tSeanchaí	Irish Language Oracy	August 2025
34	Primary	Ballyhenry PS (3016170) on behalf of East Antrim Primary Principal Association	Research Informed Learning – Inclusion, Nurture and Scaffolding	September 2025
35	Primary	St Patrick's PS (Armagh) (5031183)	To empower young people to achieve their potential and to make informed and responsible decisions throughout their lives	10/10/25
36	Primary	St Mary's Ps (Gortnaghey) (2036458)	Assessment That Lifts Learning: Building Thinking Classrooms Through Formative Practice and Data-Informed Dialogue	October/November 2025
37	Primary	Thinking Schools NI Network Members Ashgrove PS (3016244), Cumran PS, Priory Integrated College, Killicomaine Junior HS, St Patrick's College, Maghera,	Metacognition and Self-Regulated Learning - a whole school approach	07/11/25

		Moira PS, Rowandale Integrated PS, Riverdale PS, Mallusk Integrated PS, Ballynahinch PS, Seaview PS, Sunnylands PS		
38	Primary	Mid-Ulster Primary Partnership: Bush PS & Nursery Unit (5016391), Orritor PS & Nursery Unit, Ballytrea PS, Stewartstown PS, Killyman PS, Newmills PS, St Mary's PS Stewartstown, Woods PS, St Mary's PS Lisbuoy, St Mary's PS Dunamore	Empowering Education Through Artificial Intelligence	13/04/26
39	Primary	St Malachy's (Glencull) (5032729), St John's (Kingisland), St Oliver Plunkett's (Ballyhegan), Edendork PS, St Peter's (Collegeland), Sacred Heart Rock	Making Learning Visible: Metacognition, Formative Feedback, and Marking for Improvement	05/01/26
40	Primary	Gaelscoil Uí Néill (5046637), Gaelscoil Aodha Rua, Gaelscoil Eoghain, Scoil Iósaef	Literacy within the Irish-Medium setting	05/01/26
41	Primary	Drumachose (2016029)	Creating Professional Learning Communities as a Vehicle for Change, Collaboration, and Improved Outcomes for Pupils	March 2026
42	Primary	Glenwood PS (1016485)	Embedding School Vision and Values Through the PIXL Culture and Character Framework	18/02/26
43	Primary	Harmony PS (1016604)	Creating a Community of Learning: Building and Sustaining Collaborative Professional Practice	May 2026
44	Primary	Riverside SS (3316609)	Middletown Centre for Autism Partnership: utilizing the SPACE model, Restorative Practice, Training in PDA (Pathological Demand Avoidance)	June 2026

45	Primary	Millenium Integrated PS (4066644)	Effective teaching approaches in primary schools	TBC
46	Primary	Newtownabbey Primary Principals, Ballyhenry PS (3016170)	Implementation of Whole School Approaches (WSA) to physical activity and play within special education settings	TBC
47	Primary	Rowandale Integrated PS (4066682)	Foundation Stage Play – Embedding Best Practice	TBC
48	Primary	Mt St Michael's PS Randalstown (3030688)	Science of Reading	2026
49	Primary	Dunmurry (4010788), Seymour Hill, St Colman's (Lambeg), St Joseph's (Carryduff)	Developing highly effective learning and teaching through Play-based and Outdoor Learning: Research-informed collaboration across schools	Ongoing throughout academic year
50	Nursery	North-West Nursery School Cluster, Galliagh NS (2116336), Carnhill NS, Belmont NS, The Academy NS, Bligh's Lane NS, Strathfoyle NS, Limavady NS, Lisnaglewin NS, Omagh North NS, Trench Road NS	Supporting Natural Language Development: Gestalt Language Processing in the Early Years	26/08/2025
51	Nursery	Bangor Integrated Nursery School (4150029)	Block Play Training	September 2025
52	Nursery	Harrison Nursery School (5116190)	Understanding ACEs and Trauma Sensitive Practice	Term 1 2025/26