



# Ballyvester Primary School

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**Newsletter – November 2025**

## **School Fund 2025-2026**

**Thank you** to everyone who has sent a donation to our school fund. This money is used to benefit **every** child in the school and to help subsidise resources and subscriptions. Please forward payment via the school app if you have not already contributed. Thank you.

## **Flu Vaccinations**

Flu Vaccinations will be administered in school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 to those pupils consenting to receive a vaccination. Letters will be sent home today and need to be returned by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 as the school nurse is collecting them on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024. If your child is absent on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, there will be a second opportunity to receive the vaccine in school on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

## **PTA Sponsored Maths Week**

A huge 'Thank you' to everyone who sponsored our pupils as they took part in Maths Week. Any outstanding sponsorship money should be sent into school this week or uploaded to KindLink via the link on the school app. All money raised will be used to fund our Athletics programme in school. We will inform you of the total amount raised in due course.

## **Open Morning for Prospective Year 1 Pupils**

Our Open Morning will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 from 9.30 – 10.30 a.m. All parents of prospective Year 1 pupils are kindly invited to have a tour of the school and will be free to ask questions about life at Ballyvester PS. We will look forward to welcoming families and showing them our wonderful school.

Thank you to everyone for promoting our school in the local community. Please continue to tell your friends and family about Ballyvester Primary School and encourage them to attend our Open Morning.

## **Whole School Outing – The Adventures of Red Riding Hood**

Our Christmas outing to The MAC theatre will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024. This trip will cost £10 per child and a consent form will follow shortly. Pupils will be free to go home at 1.00pm when we return to school. There will be no afternoon clubs.

## **Whole School Nativity**

Our whole school Nativity, A Midwife Crisis, will take place in First Presbyterian Church, Donaghadee on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1.30p.m. All pupils will be involved and we look forward to welcoming parents, grand-parents and friends.

## **After School Activities**

Clubs recommence this week:

Day	Class	Activity	Location	Teacher	Time
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Monday	Y2 & 3	Art and Craft	Middle Room	Miss Quinn	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Lego & Construction	Y1/2 Classroom	Miss McDermott	3.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	Y2 & 3	Basketball	Playground	Mac Hill	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7				3.00 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	Y2 & 3	Football	Playground	Mrs Coney	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7				3.00 – 4.00pm
Thursday	Y2 & 3	Songs, Stories and Signing	Middle Room	Mrs Kennedy	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Choir			3.00 – 4.00pm

**Please note: All pupils should be collected promptly.**

### **Swimming – Y6 Pupils**

If you opted to pay swimming fees in 2 instalments, the 2<sup>nd</sup> instalment of £25 is now due. Please pay via the school app as soon as possible. Thank you.

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### **Anti-bullying Week – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

We will be participating in the annual anti-bullying campaign next week with the theme: Choose Respect. 'Odd Socks Day' will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024. A letter will be forwarded on the app with more details.

### **PTA Christmas Cards**

Your child will be designing a Christmas Card in school this week which will be sent home on Friday with an order form and payment details.

### **Coats**

Please ensure your child wears a coat to school every day as they play outside at break and lunch times and take part in the daily mile. Please check that all items of clothing are clearly named.

### **Dates for you diary**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: MAC Theatre Whole School Outing

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Open Morning for Prospective Parents of Year 1 pupils

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Whole School Nativity – A Midwife Crisis

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec: School closes at 12 noon for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan: School Re-opens for Term 2 at 9.00am  
Morning Club at 8.00am

