



Ballyvester Primary School

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Newsletter - January 2026

The staff join me in wishing you all a Happy New Year!

Parents of Prospective Year 1 Pupils

Primary Enrolment applications for pupils starting school in September 2026 must be completed online at www.eani.org.uk/admissions. Applications will open on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 12.00 noon and must be submitted by 12.00 noon on Wednesday 21st January 2026 (or the application will be treated as late).

Year 7 Post-Primary Transfer Meetings

Mrs Hunter will be available on Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th January to discuss post-primary school choices. We will be in touch with your allocated time and kindly request that you confirm your attendance at this meeting. The Post-Primary online application portal will be live at www.eani.org.uk/admissions from Tuesday 27th January 2026 at 12 noon and will close on Thursday 19th February 2026 at 12 noon.

Christmas 2025

Thank you to the PTA for organising presents from Santa on the last day of term. The pupils were very excited when Santa arrived in Mr Carson's vintage tractor and then visited the children in their classrooms!

A big thank you to Mr Carson for transporting Santa and our Ballyvester Snowman which is situated at the side path.

Child Safety

During the winter months we are concerned about the safety of the children as they enter and leave school. Please help us to keep everyone safe by parking responsibly and refraining from parking on the double yellow lines or zig-zag lines. Traffic Wardens will be monitoring parking at various times throughout the coming weeks. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.

Coats

Please ensure that your child wears a coat to school every day as they play outside at break and lunch times.

Absence notes / Late arrivals

- If your child is absent, please inform the school by telephone before 9.30 a.m. **or** by completing an Absence Notification Form (under Forms on the school app). The school is required to record this information and the Education Welfare Officer monitors attendance of all children on a monthly basis.
- If your child arrives after school has started please bring them to the office before they go to their class.

After School Activities – January/February 2026

Day	Class	Activity	Location	Teacher	Time
Monday	Y1 - 3	Football	Playground	GM Coaching	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Football	Playground	GM Coaching	3.00 – 4.00pm
Tuesday	Y1 - 3	Construction Club	Middle Room	Miss Quinn	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Mini Detectives	Middle Room	Miss Quinn	3.00 – 4.00pm
Wednesday	Y1 - 3	Movie Club	Y4/5 Classroom	Miss Elliott	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Sketching & Painting	Middle Room	Miss Elliott	3.00 – 4.00pm
Thursday	Y1 - 3	Drawing, Painting & Colouring	Middle Room	Miss Elliott	2.00 – 3.00pm
	Y4 - 7	Comic Book Club & Activities	Middle Room	Miss Elliott	3.00 – 4.00pm

Please note: All pupils should be collected promptly.

Y1-3 Afternoon Club will continue to run during Term 2 (please book via the app).

Dates for your diary:

Wed 7 th Jan:	Year 1 Online Applications open at 12 noon for children due to start school in September 2026
Wed 21 st Jan:	Closing date for Year 1 On-line Applications
Tue 27 th Jan:	Post-primary Online Applications open at 12 noon for children due to start Year 8 in September 2026
Thu 19 th Feb:	Post-primary Online Applications close at 12 noon

Term 2 – School closures

Half Term	School closes at 2.00pm on Friday 6 th February School resumes at 9.00am on Monday 16 th February
Easter Holiday	School closes at 12 noon on Friday 27 th March School resumes at 9.00am on Monday 13 th April