



Glencull's May News

Walk to School

Monday 12th May will be an Active travel day at St Malachy's. We will encourage the children to get dropped off at St Malachy's Church and walk around the path or 'pad' to school.

According to 'Sustrans'; The school journey is a perfect opportunity for children to learn about their local area, develop wider social networks and gain independence.

The average primary school journey is just 1.6 miles, and yet one in four cars on the road during the morning peak are doing the school run.

Encouraging children to walk will

reduce congestion and pollution around the school gates. It will also help your child's mental and physical health.



End of Year Tests

At this time of year the whole school sit their end of year tests. From Tuesday 6th until the Middle of June Primary 2-7 pupils will be given Numeracy and Literacy tests to track their progress and to highlight what great work they have been doing all year. Attendance and punctuality are important during this time as we hope to give everyone the best possible chance of performing well. Please encourage your child to read questions slowly and a second and third time. Why not ask some quick numeracy questions on a long car journey. Every little bit of prac-

tice helps.

Please encourage your P2-7 child to use Mathletics if they are using the computer.

We use computer based testing similar to the format of Mathletics. The children will find Mathletics great practice for concentrating on a computer based task for 30-45 mins.



May bank holiday closing date is shown in the calendar. School closed Monday 5th and then Monday 26th May—reopening Monday 2nd June.

May 2025							
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We're adding another week to our attempt to reach our Mathletics target in April! The good weather led us to encourage lots of outdoor play in April. The finish date is now Fri 9th May. Great practice for your end of year test.

Shared Education

P5 will be meeting up with our friends from Richmond and St Mary's starting this Wednesday 30th April, and the next 5 Wednesdays, in St Ciaran's Hall Ballygawley. They'll do 3 activities together:

Cage area for sports with AB coaching, Art with Art-funkl and Dance with Chris Cross.

Children will need:

Snack and water

Coats (weather dependent)

Appropriate clothing for PE and dance. School tracksuit bottoms/leggings/trainers. Any P5 boys doing the Feis poem will need to make arrangements around this activity contact bgormley892@c2kni.net if there is a clash.

Flower Boxes

The flower boxes that we place on the railing at the front of the school are filled at this time of year. We would like to extend a huge thank you to P5 Eugene and his mum and dad for preparing the boxes. We really appreciate their hard work and look forward to seeing the flowers every year!

School Money

A reminder to pay off any school money arrears.

If your child has been allocated a space on a payment that they don't participate in (e.g. milk, trad music) please email your class teacher to have them removed.

-SPRING HYACINTHS-



St. Ciaran's College Entrance

St. Ciaran's College have confirmed the date of their entrance exam as Thursday 6th June 2023. The primary 7 children are encouraged to take every chance to practice testing. Every little bit of practice helps.

Please encourage your P7 child to use Mathletics if they are using the computer. St Ciaran's use CAT computer based testing similar to the format of Mathletics. The children will find Mathletics great practice for concentrating on a computer based task for 45 -60 mins taking care to answer each question carefully and use a pencil and paper!.

Uniforms

With good weather approaching the children are more inclined to take off their jumpers while playing outside. To ensure that no items of uniform are misplaced **please ensure that all items of uniform and PE kit are labelled**

with a name and class. Blue gingham dress and Navy shorts are welcome in term 3!



Confirmation

Sunday 15th June at 11am, Church of the Immaculate Conception Ballygawley.

A photographer will be available for taking photos before and after Confirmation. A survey will go home via WhatsApp if you'd like photos taken before the ceremony so that arrangements can be made - The pupils from St Brigid's Altamuskin and St Mary's Ballygawley will join us on the day. We encourage as many families as possible to have photos taken before.

We ask all P4-6 to make themselves available for helping the P7s celebrate their Confirmation by singing in the choir. We all benefit from a choir when it's our turn to be Confirmed or receive our First Holy Communion.

Feis 2025

Speech and language poetry competitions are on this week.

Feis Traditional group

Saturday 17th April please be in St Joseph's Hall Omagh for 3.45pm for the traditional competition. Well done to all those involved in the group. Amazing progress all year

This group will also play an instrumental during the Communion ceremony as part of the choir. Please be in Ballymacilroy for 10.20 for practice and tuning.

Rest of the choir arrive at 10.40am

Moving Up

Next year's primary one intake are invited into school on Thursday 5th June along with their parents to see what P1 is really like. All classes in school will move up to the class above to experience being a year older!

School Photo

Tues 13th May. School photographer Donny Mc Gale. Photos will be sent home as samples after the photos are taken and you can order via direct communication with Donny.



FRIENDS OF GLENCULL AGM

THURSDAY 1ST MAY 9PM

SKILLS NEEDED: ACCOUNTING, EVENT ORGANISING, ENGAGING WITH FUNDERS

Friends of Glencull Community and Parent Association

PIC-COLLAGES

☐☐ In order to prepare for first Holy Communion there will be a Friends of Glencull meeting on Thursday 1st May at 9pm.

P4 parents should attend to hear arrangements for the party and what input they will have.

Parents of families not involved in Communion will help set up the school for a celebration after the service and should attend.

We ask for volunteers, bearing in mind that your family will have others volunteer to celebrate your child's day in years to come. ☐☐

The meeting will also act as an AGM for Friends of Glencull



EAT SMART WITH THE LUNCH BUNCH

WEEK BEGINNING	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17 February	Homemade Beef Bolognaise	Baked Breaded Whiting & Tartare Mayo	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Cook's Gammon with Stuffing & Gravy	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons with choice of Dip
17 March	Home-Baked Margherita Pizza & Coleislaw	Creamy Mac 'n' Cheese & Garlic Bread	Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Penne Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Baked Potato with Chesy Beans & Salad
14 April	Green Beans & Diced Carrots	Garden Peas & Sweetcorn	Quorn Filler with Creamy Pepper Sauce	Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season	Baked Beans & Coleislaw
12 May	Penne Pasta or Baby Potatoes with Herbs	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato	Broccoli & Roasted Butternut Squash	Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato
9 June	Iced Lemon Sponge Finger	Forest Fruits Flavoured Jelly with Mandarin Oranges	Steamed Fluffy Rice or Oven-Baked Herb Wedges	Belgian Waffles with Fruit, Salad & Chocolate Sauce	Artic Roll with Summer Berry Sauce
24 February	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers & Mayo Dip	Homemade Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread Slice	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Cook's Roast Turkey with Stuffing & Gravy	Cheeseburger with Burger Sauce in Bun
24 March	Roasted Garlic & Pesto Chicken Pasta	Home-Baked Margherita Pizza with Salad in Season	Oven-Baked Pork Sausages with Gravy or Ketchup	Salmon Fricassee with Mayo	- Or - Tex-Mex Chicken Fajita
21 April	Garden Peas & Baked Beans	Baton Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Spaghetti Hoops	Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season	Mini Corn on the Cob & Coleislaw
19 May	Mashed Potato or Pasta Salad	Chipped Potato & Baby Potato Salad	Steamed Fluffy Rice or Mashed Potato	Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato
16 June	Homemade Chocolate & Raspberry Brownie	Assorted Yoghurt Pots & Fresh Fruit Salad	Caramel Apple Crumble & Custard	Ice Cream with Two Fruits	Homebaked Oaty Biscuit with Fresh Fruit
3 March	Oven Baked Cod Goujons with Mayo Dip	Homemade Spaghetti Bolognaise	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Cook's Roast Pork with Stuffing & Gravy	Oven Baked Chicken Nuggets with Choice of Dip
31 March	Veggie Dog with Crispy Onions & Ketchup	Chicken Tikka Mayo Wrap with Salad & Coleislaw	Home Baked Margherita or BBQ Chicken Pizza	Homemade Savoury Mince with Crusty Bread	- Or - Ham & Mushroom Carbonara & Garlic Bread Slice
28 April	Garden Peas & Potato Salad	Baton Carrots & Broccoli	Mini Corn on the Cob & Butternut Squash	Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season	Sweetcorn & Baked Beans
26 May	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato	Spaghetti & Parsley Baby Potatoes	Steamed Rice or Oven Roasted Cubed Potatoes	Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato
23 June	Ice-Cream Slider & Orange Wedges	Homemade Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Summer Fruit Salad & Yoghurt	Strawberry Jelly & Sliced Peas	Homemade Shortbread & Watermelon Wedge
10 March	Baked Cod Bites with mayo Dip	Home-Baked Margherita or Tex-Mex Spicy Beef Pizza	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry with Freshly Baked Mini Naan Bread	Cook's Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding with Stuffing & Gravy	Hot Dog with Ketchup
7 April	Sweet Chilli Chicken Pasta & Salad in Season	Penne Pasta & Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	BBQ Pulled Pork with Cheese in Broche Bun	Quorn Dippers with Choice of Dip	- Or - BBQ Chicken Wrap with Salad in Season
5 May	Mushy Peas & Coleislaw	Baton Carrots & Broccoli	Sweetcorn & Roasted Butternut Squash	Fresh Selection of Vegetables in Season	Mini Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans
2 June	Chipped Potatoes or Baked Jacket Potato	Oven Baked Paprika Wedges & Baby Potato Salad	Steamed Fluffy Rice & Pasta Salad	Oven Baked Roast Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes	Skinny "French Fries" or Baked Jacket Potato
30 June	Chocolate Kratiep Square & Orange Wedges	Cola Jelly & Chopped Fruit	Angel Cake & Custard	Ice-Cream Sliced Peas & Caramel Sauce	Chocolate Cookie & Milkshake

MENU SUBJECT TO PROOF AVAILABILITY

IF YOU NEED ANY INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS, OR HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR SCHOOL ACCORDINGLY

MILK, WATER, BREAD & FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY



May Menu



At Glencull we are holding a **Rosary Relay** during the month of May. We ask your child to bring in Rosary Beads to keep in school and they will use a card explaining how to say the Rosary. They will need the beads in school every day in May as they will say a decade of the Rosary together. Please help us by sending flowers for our May Altars in our classrooms. Legion of Mary have offered to visit every Wednesday in May to lead different year groups in the Rosary.

St Malachy's Calendar 2025-26

Please note,

School returns Thursday 28th of August for Children. If any further changes are required throughout the school year, families will be made aware in a timely manner via the school monthly note.



St. Malachy's calendar 25/26

November 2025						
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September 2025						
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August 2025						
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July 2026						
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April 2026						
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Day off School
School Open