



# June 2026 Parents' Newsletter

Welcome to summer in Ballysillan P.S! What an exciting month this will be!

## Sports Day

Sports Day for **Nursery** will be held on **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June** in the school Multi-Usage Pitch from 9:15-9:45 am. **P1 - P7** will be held on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**. P1 - P3 will have their races in the school front playground. This will start at 9:15 am. Pupils will then go back to their classes with a normal Friday finish time.

P4-P7's races will be held in the Ballysillan Leisure Centre 3G pitch starting at **11am**. Pupils may go home with a parent/guardian straight from the playing fields or walk back up to school with staff. Please send a message to the class teacher alerting them to whether your child will go home after Sports Day or walk back up to school with staff. Pupils may wear their own sports clothes.

## Nursery Thriving Families

Nursery Thriving Families event will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June** from 12-1pm. One parent/guardian or loved one must attend with their child, please make Miss Shiels aware.

## Little Healthy Me Workshops

P1 and P2 have Little Healthy Me workshops Tuesday 23rd June-Thursday 25th. Little Healthy Me Positively promotes mental health and social and emotional well-being in children and has a strong focus on prevention and self-help.

## Sea Park Beach Trip (P1-P3)

P1, P2 and P3 are very excited to be visiting Sea Park Beach on 2nd June 2026. During the trip, the children will take part in a variety of fun activities, including games and beach exploration, while further developing their understanding of our current topics on the seaside and under the sea. We are looking forward to a fun and engaging day of learning outdoors!

## **Art Gallery**

We are delighted to invite you to our Ballysillan P.S Art Gallery! 😊  
Come along and celebrate your children's creativity as we showcase the fantastic artwork they have produced throughout the year. Our Art Gallery will be in our school hall so please feel free to come on in via the front reception doors after picking up your child/dren from their class exit doors.

**Thursday 11th June 2026**

**P1-P3 parents: 2:00-2:30pm**

**P4-P7 parents: 3:00-3:30pm**

We look forward to welcoming you!

## **iRock Concert**

Our iRock Concert is happening on Wednesday 17th June!  
Come along and enjoy a fantastic performance from our pupils.  
More details will be sent home by the iRock Band Coach.

## **P5/6 Tools for Solidarity & Paws B Workshops**

Paws B workshops will continue into June for the P6 class.  
Tools for Solidarity will be facilitating workshops for our P6 class throughout June. These workshops aim to raise awareness in topics such as; poverty, inequality, exploitation of natural resources and fair trade.

## **TAMHI**

P6/7s will continue to work with TAMHI every Monday with their Mindful Play workshops.

## **P7 Blue Houses Leavers Event**

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, P7 will be walking to The Blue Houses for a special leavers event from 12-15-1:45pm.

## **End of Year Celebrations**

We are very excited to hold end of year events for our Nursery and P7 pupils. These are the two key "transition" years. Both graduations will be held on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

**Nursery Graduation will begin at 9:30am** in the school hall.

**P7 End of Year Service will begin at 10:30am** in the school hall.

## **Last Day of Term**

Our last day of term is **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be a non-uniform party day and an **11:30am finish** for all pupils. All children are welcome to bring sweets and treats to share with the class. Please send in a water bottle as normal. Breakfast Club will be on as normal on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Staffing - September 2026**

We will be informing parents of class teachers via their child/ren's end of year Pupil Profile. We are also hoping to provide parents with the "Welcome Back" lunch date and time for August to help settle those pupils with additional needs.

We can inform parents that all classes will be moving up and the year groups will look like the following:

Nursery, P1, P2, P3, P4, P5 and two P6/7 classes.

## **Primary One Transition - June 2026**

As part of our transition month, Nursery will be taking part in 'P1 Club' on **4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June** - your child will end the school day at 2pm on these dates.

## **Sun Cream and Hot Weather**

Please apply sun cream to your child/children if it is going to be a sunny day. You can also send a bottle of sun cream with your child's name on it for them to apply during the day. Wearing a sun hat during outdoor play is also encouraged.

Parents can also send their children with a water bottle. This can be re-filled in school throughout the day.

## **End of Year Pupil Profiles**

End of Year Pupil Profile reports will be sent to parents/guardians via Seesaw on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

## **Return to School September 2026**

Nursery and P1: please follow specific transition and settling in timetable provided by class teacher.

P2-P7: school will re-open to children on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August** at 8:50am. This day will be a 12-noon finish and a **12pm finish** for the rest of the week - Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August.

Please see the 2026 - 2027 Holiday Calendar already sent via Seesaw.

## **Dinners and Breakfast Club September 2026**

Dinners and Breakfast Club will recommence on **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September**. Our bookings for this will open **Monday 22nd June**. We will send parents a reminder on this date to book in for September 2026. We will also send reminders in August.

## **After School Clubs in September 2026**

We hope MR Sports School will continue to run afterschool programmes in September. Please continue to check their website for when their bookings open.

## **September 2026 Milk**

Just a reminder that we offer a milk service here in school. If you would like your child to avail of this service, please pay **£30** for the full year via our app for September to June. Bookings for milk will open on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**.