



Fourtowns Primary School News

23 March 2026

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This is our last newsletter before we break for our Easter holidays.  
School will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 31 March 2026 and reopen on Tuesday 14 April 2026  
**We wish all our families at restful break!**

### **WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH**

Tempest Photography will be coming in to school on **Thursday 26 March 2026** to take a full school photograph.

*If you would not like your child included in this, please phone the school office.*

### **PRIMARY 6 and 7 RESIDENTIAL TRIP**

We are looking forward to our P6-7 School Trip to Northumberland - 1 to 4 June 2026

**The remaining cost of £449 should be paid by 17 April 2026**

Further details will be given at the parents meeting on **Wednesday 6 May at 2.30pm**

### **MILK ORDERS**

The children who paid for milk for term 2b milk, have been refunded for the 2 days milk they did not receive at the beginning of term. Please check ParentPay accounts.

If you would like your child to receive milk in Term 3 (**Tuesday 14th April to Friday 26th June**) you can place your order now via ParentPay. Pupils taking milk will pay **£10.29** (49 days at 21p)

Orders will close on **Tuesday 24th March** at 10am.

**No orders can be accepted after this deadline.**

### **POLICY UPDATES**

We are currently updating our Healthy Eating Policy, Drugs Policy, Period Dignity Policy, Jewellery and Make-Up, and Safe Handling Policy.

Draft versions will be sent out via Seesaw for your consultation.

Please feel free to email any comments to [kparker600@c2kni.net](mailto:kparker600@c2kni.net) before Thursday 26 March 2026

### **ENCOURAGING PUNCTUALITY**

Please aim to have your child in School between 8.40 am and 8.55am each day as persistent pupil lateness has a significant negative impact both on the child who comes into school late, feeling flustered and disorganised, and also on the smooth running of the classroom, placing additional work on already stretched teachers.

Teachers have every part of the day planned to make maximum use of every minute, particularly in the morning. By 9.05 am teachers have a number of morning routine tasks completed; registration, homework, money and form collection; daily spelling tests, an outline of the day ahead, and by this stage, on 3 days a week, children are already lined up ready to go to assembly.

Therefore, even a slightly late arrival at 9.05 am, causes considerable disruption and redirects the teacher's focus and attention from the class to deal with the late child.

We understand that in the busyness of our hectic lives, from time-to-time lateness can be inevitable and on these sporadic occasions you have our full sympathy!! However, persistent lateness sets children apart from their peers and causes regular frustration to teachers.

**In line with our Attendance Policy children who are late 5 times within a month will be sent home the parental letter in appendix 2 of the Attendance policy.**

### BALLYMENA SHOW

We are sending entries from each class to the Ballymena Show. If you would like your child to enter please see the SeeSaw message from your child's class teacher and decide which class/es you would like your child to enter.

Entries are 30p paid via ParentPay. Entry is optional

Please make sure that you note in the comments box the class number/s you would like your child to enter.

If you would like your child to enter 2 classes, please submit twice.

The closing date for entries on ParentPay is **Friday 17 April 2026 at 9am.**

### SCHOOL CLOSURES 2025-26

Please ensure family holidays are arranged around school closures

Easter Hol 01 April 2026 to **13 April 2026**  
(09 days)

**Term 3 Starts Tues 14 April 2026**

May Holiday 04 May 2026 (1 day)

May 20 May 2026 and 25 May 2026  
(4 days)

**School Year ends on Fri 26 June 2026**

**The final day for our primary 7 leavers will be  
Tuesday 23 June 2026**

### FOURTOWNS GOT TALENT



TICKETS SOLD OUT!!

Fourtowns Got Talent on **Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 7.00 pm!**

Ice-creams will be on sale for £1.00 at the interval.