

Bushmills Primary School  
&  
Nursery Unit



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Newsletter

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### Head lice

Again, can I remind all parents/guardians that it is your responsibility to regularly check your child's hair. Treatment can be obtained for free from your local chemist. We would request that any pupils with long hair please tie their hair up.

### Contact Details

If you have changed your address, mobile number or any other contact information please inform the school as soon as possible, to keep records up to date. This is important for all pupils, Nursery to Primary 7.

## Summer has arrived!

As we have very quickly come to the end of another year in school, I say a sincere Thanks to everyone involved within our school community.

Firstly, to you the parents who have continued to support me and all the staff throughout the past year!

Secondly, I would publicly like to thank all staff who worked tirelessly day after day to ensure your children were supported and encouraged to achieve and be the best they can be.

Finally, to all our pupils, each one of you have risen to the challenges of this year and you have all achieved to the best of your ability! We are all so proud of you here in school.

Can I conclude by wishing everyone a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break and I look forward to seeing you all again in September!



*Dunseverick Baptist Church*

**CHILDREN'S  
HOLIDAY  
BIBLE CLUB**

**Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July  
6.30pm - 7.30pm**

Singing | Bible Stories | Games | Bible Quizzes

SPEAKER: LYNDA McAULEY CEF

*All boys and girls of primary school age welcome!*

A cartoon globe character with a smiling face, arms raised in a 'V' shape, and legs. The text 'OUT OF THIS WORLD' is arched above the globe, and 'John 3 : 16' is written below it. The background is a light blue map of the world.

## Parent Pay

Can I first say thank you to all of those who have cleared their ParentPay bills in recent days. Sadly, there are still a number of outstanding balances. If you are unsure if you have an outstanding balance or are unable to access your ParentPay please contact Miss Dunbar in the office.

All Parent Pay balances MUST be cleared as soon as possible and no later than MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025 to allow end of year reporting to be submitted to the Education Authority.

## Primary 1-4 End of Year trip

On Friday 13th June Primaries 1 - 4 had a great day out for our end of year trip. They went to Megaw Park for some fun on the slides before heading to Lislagan Open Farm to get a tour of the farm, hear about all the animals and even get to feed the sheep.



## P7 Leavers Assembly

Friday 20th June saw us say Farewell to our Primary 7 pupils as they move to the next stage of their educational journey.

All pupils took to the stage to share their favourite memories of Primary School before singing the Leavers Song. Miss Logan then read a poem entitled "The Class of 2025" before all pupils were presented with certificates and new ties for their next school.

After special prizes and cups were presented, our outgoing Head Girl, Eliana McAfee, and Head Boy, Leo McKendry, presented their successors, Anna Simpson and Caleb Kane, with the cups as they take over these important positions for the next academic year.

The morning concluded with a slideshow of photographs showing our pupils from when they joined the school in the Nursery Unit to the present day.



## Primary 6/7 Residential Trip

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June our p6/7 headed to the Jungle NI where they took part in a range of activities from treetops to llamas trekking and that's not to mention the rodeo bull, the bubble football and the climbing wall!

Then on day 2 they took Splash NI by storm and had a superb morning on the water climbing, sliding and jumping amidst inflatables! They finished off at Curry's Fun Park with rides, rollercoasters, bumper cars and treats. A superb group of pupils and fun from start to finish!!



## Primary 4-6 End of Year trip

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, P4-6 had their end of year trip to the Titanic Centre in Belfast. They had a great day exploring the different exhibitions.



## Prize Giving Ceremony

A short prize giving ceremony was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June when Ian Blair (Golf Professional, Bushfoot Golf Club) came along to present the prizes. This allowed us the opportunity to present class prizes, sports day prizes and any special cups and shields to our P1 to P6 pupils.

We also took the opportunity to say, thank you and best wishes to Mr Wray as he retires as building supervisor here at Bushmills Primary!



## Nursery Induction

An information session for parents on children starting Nursery in September was held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June where Mrs Garrett and Mrs Sheridan shared the important information required for September 2025.

## Assemblies

Assemblies continue every Wednesday morning as usual when all classes, Nursery to Primary 7, come together to meet as a whole school.

This month assemblies were taken by the following visitors:

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Dr. N Cubitt (Retired minister Bushmills Presbyterian Church)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev B Harper (Dunluce Parish Church)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Rev Sam Livingstone (Causeway Methodist Church)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Pastor Billy Jones (Dunseverick Baptist)

## Attendance

The overall attendance for June was 85.6%. Which is down from last year!

Results are as follows:

1st:	Miss Swanson	P6/7	89.5%
2nd:	Mrs Bateman / Mrs Sheridan	P3/4	87.0%
3rd:	Miss Fulton	P1/2	86.0%
4th:	Miss Logan / Mis Campbell	P4/5	83.8%
5th:	Mrs Garrett / Miss Cochrane	Nur	78.7%



**Well done to Miss Swanson's class!**

## Every School Day Counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning.

Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed	Excellent
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed	Unacceptable
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 Weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed	Unacceptable

For some parents, 90% may seem like an acceptable level of attendance, but the reality is that 90% attendance means that your child will miss half of a school day each week or 19 days of school during the school year - that's nearly 4 school weeks.

**Give your child the best start in life - every school day counts!**

## Holiday Dates 2025 - 2026

<h3>Term 1</h3>		
New Term Begins	27-Aug-25	Starts 9:00am sharp
Breakfast Club Starts	01-Sep-25	Doors open at 8:15am. Last entry at 8:35am
Extended School Starts	08-Sep-25	Please see the timetable for more information
Staff Development Day	26-Sept-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Parent/Teacher Interviews	22-Oct-25 to 24-Oct-25	School closes at 1:00pm for all pupils
Half Term Holiday	27-Oct-25 to 31-Oct-25	School closed to ALL pupils
Christmas Holiday	22-Dec-25 to 02-Jan-26	School closed to ALL pupils
<h3>Term 2</h3>		
Start of Term	05-Jan-26	Starts 9:00am sharp
Half Term	12-Feb-26 to 17-Feb-26	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	16-Mar-26	School closed to ALL pupils
Bank Holiday	17-Mar-26	School closed to ALL pupils
Easter Holiday	30-Mar-26 to 10-Apr-26	Inclusive
<h3>Term 3</h3>		
Start of Term	13-Apr-26	Starts 9:00am sharp
Bank Holiday	04-May-26	School closed to ALL pupils
Foundation & KSI Revision Week	05-May-26 to 08-May-26	

Foundation & KSI Assessment Week	11-May-26 to 15-May-26	
KS2 Revision Week	11-May-26 to 15-May-26	
KS2 Assessment Week	18-May-26 to 22-May-26	
Bank Holiday	25-May-26	School closed to ALL pupils
Staff Development Day	26-May-26	School closed to ALL pupils
End of Term	30-June-26	School finishes for all pupils at 12:00 noon

**\*Please note Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August and Friday 29<sup>th</sup> August will be half days, 9:00am to 12:00noon.**



## What do I need for school?

### Primary 1 and 2

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Crayons
- Colouring Pencils
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

### Primary 3 and 4

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler (P4 only)
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

### Primary 5

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

### Primary 6 and 7

- 2 Glue Sticks
- Colouring Pencils
- Felt Tip Pens
- Rubber
- 2 Pencils
- Sharpener
- 30cm Ruler
- Geometry Set
- Box of Tissues
- Hand Sanitiser

Items can be easily muddled up especially at the beginning of the year. Please ensure that all items are labelled with your child's name and class.