



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



Week beginning — 25th November 2024



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Will your child be ready to start Primary School in **September 2025**?



Our Open Evening

will be held on

Thursday 28th November 2024

6.15 - 7.30 pm

(Doors open at 6.00 pm)

Our Foundation Stage Open Morning

will be held on

Tuesday 7th January 2025

9.15 — 10.15 am

(Booking required — please visit the school website)

If your child would like to be a helper at our Open Evening (5.45—7.30pm), please see the message added to the school app on Thursday 14th November.

To help give us time to prepare school for our Open Evening, pupils can go home/be collected at 2pm on Thursday 28th November if parents/carers wish.

Parents/Carers are also very welcome to come along to our Open Evening.



Our November value is Friendship.

Monday 25th + Wednesday 27th November — Year 7 Table Tennis Sessions

Ballymoney Nursery Play Date — Tuesday 26th November

We are looking forward to the preschool pupils at the Nursery coming to join our Year 1 pupils.

Ballymoney Museum — A Causeway Safari Tale School Workshop
Year 6 - Tuesday 26th November 2024



Exploring Diversity

sessions provided by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Year 5 — Tuesday 26th November

Post Office Trips

Y4 — Tuesday 26th November

Y3 — Wednesday 27th November

Wednesday 27th November — Causeway Sports Academy Autumn Schools Football Cup

5-a-side competition — Score, Coleraine — Girls' Football Tournament

Key Stage 2 Assembly — Wednesday 27th November - led by Mrs Thom's class

School Christmas Card Competition — Entries to be returned by Friday 29th November

Tuesday 3rd December — Football — Doherty Cup — afternoon

Our school is an integrated primary school, unique in the Ballymoney area. We welcome families of all religions or none and endeavour to cater for everyone's religious requests with professionalism and care.

If you do not wish your child/children to partake in any activities noted within this newsletter, please complete an online communication form on the school app to let us know.

Mrs Jamison



December



Provisional dates - if something important comes along that means we have to change a noted date, we will let you know as soon as possible.

Wednesday 4th December

Ballymoney High School Play — Hairspray — Years 5–7 (ticket order has been placed)

Thursday 5th December — Year 4 Classes

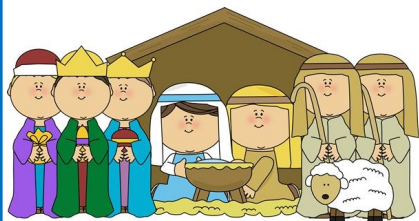
Visit from Lynda McAuley from CEF



Thursday 5th December — School Christmas Dinner

menu added to the school app on 22nd November

Pupils can wear their Christmas Jumper instead of their school jumper/cardigan



£2.00 per adult
just pay at the door

Years 1 — 4 Christmas Plays

Year 4 — Monday 9th December — 1.30pm

Year 3 — Tuesday 10th December — 1.30pm

Year 2 — Wednesday 11th December — 1.30pm

Year 1 — Thursday 12th December — 1.30pm

This year we are celebrating our 15th anniversary of being an integrated primary school. In relation to this our Y5-7 pupils will be taking part in a special show at the end of March.

Friday 13th December — Hebron Schools' Carol Service — 12 noon — Years 5–7

Please ensure you have completed the permission form on the app

Monday 16th December — Christmas Jumper Day

Save the Children + Cancer Fund for Children

Non-uniform — suggested donation — £1 per pupil



Tuesday 17th December — Key Stage 2 — Years 5-7 Carol Service

provisional times — 2 performances — 10.00am and 1.30pm

Wednesday 18th December — Key Stage 2 House Quiz

Thursday 19th December — Christmas Treat Day — more information to follow

Friday 20th December — non-uniform — Pupils finish for the Christmas Holidays

Y1-3 pupils and their Y4–7 siblings — 11.40am Remainder of Y4–7 pupils — 12 noon

School Christmas Holidays

Monday 23rd December 2024 — Friday 3rd January 2025

Pupils start back to school again on **Monday 6th January 2025**





Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday

27th Nov + 4th Dec

2.00pm

ECO COMMITTEE

Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday

11th December

2.00pm

**DIGITAL
LEADERS**

Leader — Miss Graham

Wednesday

18th December

2.00pm



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School

Safeguarding and Child Protection Team

Remember if you are worried about anything please talk to any adult in our school or one of these teachers.



Mrs McNaughton
Designated Teacher
Year 4 Teacher



Mr Clarke
Deputy Designated Teacher
Vice Principal



Mrs Jamison
Principal

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In every force. In every school. For every child.

We are an Operation Encompass School, for more information please go to the school website and within the Parents-Carers Area more information can be found .

HOME/SCHOOL LINKS

Every effort is made to maintain close contact with parents/carers, who should not hesitate to get in touch with their child's class teacher on any matter affecting the welfare, progress or development of their child/ren.

Should a parent/carer have any concerns about their child, we would encourage them to make immediate contact with their child's class teacher in the following ways:-

Contact school in one of these two ways:-

- Ring the school office – 028 276 62340 – and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.
- Complete an online Communication Form available on the school app.



Your child's class teacher will be contacted and a time for a phone call/meeting will be organised as appropriate.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form. The most appropriate member of the Senior Leadership Team will also be involved.



If a further phone call or meeting is required, please ring the school office and speak to the school's Senior Clerical Officer or complete an online Communication Form to make an appointment with the Principal.

Please note the relevant member of staff will return your call or organise an appointment when it is practical to do so. Unfortunately, as you can appreciate with staff completing their roles, phone calls and appointments cannot be returned/arranged immediately.

Bookings

If your child is unwell we can move your child's dinner booking to another day.

If your child is unwell or unable to attend we are unfortunately unable to move bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Clubs etc. to another day, due to having to pay the linked staff.

Please ensure to book on time, late bookings unfortunately cause additional administration within the school and so have a higher linked charge.

Stay and Play Club

Our after school Stay and Play Club is available for Y1—3 pupils.

Stay and Play Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 2–3pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

You will then be contacted by school and if a space is available it will cost £5 for the session.

Activity/Homework Club

Our after school Activity/Homework Club is available for Y1—7 pupils.

Activity/Homework Club will cost £3.50 per session and run from 3–4pm.

Bookings must be made by 12 noon on a Friday for the following week. We cannot stress the importance of this as it allows us to appropriately plan staffing and space requirements for the following week.

If a parent/carer needs to book their child in at short notice, we would ask them to complete a Communication form on the school app to request a space.

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Good Communication

At Ballymoney Model we are eager for good communication between home and school. As an Eco-School we are also trying to reduce the amount of photocopying that we do by communicating with parents/carers through our school apps and website. If you are unable to access the school apps and website please contact the school office and we will endeavour to help you find a solution.



School Jotter App

- All main notes and newsletters are added to our Schools NI App.

(Apple or Play Store – School Jotter – Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School)



School Communication App

- Communication Form
- Absence Form
- Bookings — School Dinners
- Bookings — Milk Order Form

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School Facebook Page

We share what is happening within school with our local community through our school Facebook page.

Please endeavour to ensure your child/ren is/are in school for 8.55am to start their learning at 9.00am. Too many pupils are arriving late and this is impacting on their own and the rest of their class's learning.

Within school we have a large number of policies. Each year we endeavour to review a number of our policies. As we work through reviewing our policies, we will share with parents/carers through the school app.

School Office Hours

Monday — Thursday 8.45am — 4pm Friday 8.45am — 3.30pm

Closed at lunchtime 1.00 — 1.30pm

Our phone line is always very busy, we encourage parents/carers to communicate with school through completing a Communication Form on the School App.