



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



Week beginning — 10th + 17th February 2025



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For all the latest news see our [School Website www.ballymoneymodelips.co.uk](http://www.ballymoneymodelips.co.uk)

Slapped Cheek Syndrome – if your child is diagnosed with Slapped Cheek Syndrome please inform the school office immediately.



Monthly Value



Monday 10th — Tuesday 11th February — Changing Food Waste Survey

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day



Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

School Development Day — Wednesday 12th February — no pupils

Half Term Holidays — Thursday 13th - Friday 14th February (2 days)

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 Contact School form on the school app to let us know.

Science Week — Pharmacy Schools Focus — 17th — 21st February

Monday 17th February — Ulster Hockey Blitz — Girls

Tuesday 18th February — Ulster Hockey Blitz — Boys

Y6 Hockey Lessons start — every Friday — starting 21st February

Wednesday 26th February - Visit from the Dogs Trust — Year 4

Wednesday 26th February — Whole School Assembly — Dogs Trust

Friday 28th February

Love for Life Visit —Year 6 and Year 7

Primary 7 - Post Primary Online Application Process

Opens: Tuesday 28th January at 12 noon Closes: Thursday 20th February at 12 noon

Pupil Progress Meetings

Monday 3rd — Thursday 6th March — 1.30 — 3pm

Online form open for bookings

Early Home Times — Monday 3rd — Friday 7th March

12.50pm — Y1–3 pupils + siblings

1.05pm — remaining Y4–7 pupils

If your child/ren is/are unwell please remember
to complete an online absence form as soon as possible.

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.

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

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.



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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 .

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.



Schools NI App

- All main notes and newsletters are added to our Schools NI App
- Bookings — Breakfast Club, School Dinners, Stay and Play, Homework Club, After Schools Activities etc
- Forms (click on Contacts)
 - Absences
 - Late Arrivals
 - Early Collections
 - Contact School

(Apple or Play Store — Schools NI App — Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School)



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 Contact School Form on the School App.

ALLERGIES

Many parents/carers are now aware of the increasing number of children who suffer allergic reactions. A child with an allergy can be affected even if, for example, the product that they are allergic to is in someone else's lunchbox or on someone's hands following eating the product. We have a number of pupils with allergies in the school and therefore ask that everyone cooperates by not sending in the following products.

All nuts including horse chestnuts

Eggs - hard boiled and egg sandwiches

Any breaks or packed lunches brought into school must not contain the above products.

PLEASE NOTE: Many chocolate spreads DO contain nuts. Please check ingredients carefully.

Recyclable materials e.g. cardboard from products containing nuts must not be brought into school for junk art.

Unfortunately, due to issues arising from the labelling of products, birthday cakes must not be sent into school.

It is parents/carers' responsibility to make sure any medication that is held in school for their child is in date.



Term 2 Important Dates



School Development Day — Wednesday 12th February

Half Term Holidays — Thursday 13th - Friday 14th February (2 days)

St Patrick's Day — Monday 17th March (1 day)

End of Term — Non-Uniform — Wednesday 16th April

Wednesday 16th April - Pupils finish for the Easter Holidays as follows:-

Y1-3 pupils and their Y4 — 7 siblings — 11.40am

Remainder of Y4 — 7 pupils — 12 noon

Easter Holidays: Thursday 17th April – Friday 25th April 2025 (7 days)



Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday
26th February
2.00pm

ECO COMMITTEE

Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday
12th March
2.00pm

DIGITAL
LEADERS

Leader — Mrs Boyle

Wednesday
19th February
2.00pm