



Learning Together

Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



May Newsletter — week beginning 6th May



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Please remember we have a number of pupils with nut (including horse chestnut) and egg allergies.

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

Our May monthly value is Teamwork

We will be focusing on Teamwork through the following:-

- our school assemblies
- focusing on our school ethos and vision



Following our consultation with pupils, parents and carers we have reviewed our school ethos and vision.



Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School



This is who we are

OUR ETHOS

At Ballymoney Model Integrated Primary School, we believe in learning together. Our school is a place where every child is special, supported and encouraged to do their best. We aim to create a safe and happy school where everyone works as a team to explore new ideas, learn new things and celebrate our successes.

OUR VISION

We want our school to be a kind and welcoming place where every child feels important and excited to do their best. Through learning together, we will create a school where everyone helps, cares and respects each other. We want pupils to love learning forever and grow up to be confident, caring and active members of our community.

Learning Together



Teamwork: We love working together because it helps us learn more and have fun. By helping each other, we can achieve great things.

Respect: We treat everyone with kindness and respect. We value everyone's ideas and strengths, making our school a happy place.

Curiosity: We love to ask questions and learn new things. Our students are excited to discover and explore.

Support: We make sure everyone feels safe and cared for. Our teachers and families work together to help every child succeed.

Inclusion: Everyone is welcome at our school. We celebrate our differences and make sure everyone feels like they belong.



On sunny days, please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and if wished also send your child with a sun hat, please remember to label your child's sun hat.

Term 3 Dates — May

Monday 5th May	School Holiday
Wednesday 7th May	Key Stage 2 Assembly — led by Mrs Thom's class
Thursday 8th May	Rugby Tournament Table Tennis Tournament
Friday 9th May	Lauren Wade Girls' Schools' Cup
Saturday 10th May	Year 8 Post Primary Outcomes

Monday 12th — Friday 16th May Tech Week

Wednesday 14th May	Key Stage 2 Assembly — led by Mrs Boyle's class
Friday 16th May	Year 5 Trip — Balmoral Show
Saturday 17th May	Sacrament Group — Holy Communion
Monday 19th May	Farm Safety Talk — whole school Primary Futures — Year 5
Tuesday 20th May	Year 6 Trip — Airtastic Inflata Park
Wednesday 21st May	Year 7 — It's Your Move — Scripture Union NI Foundation Stage Assembly — led by Miss Hemphill's class
Thursday 22nd May	Year 5 — Primary Futures
Friday 23rd May	Year 7 Trip — Causeway Coastal Centre — Portrush
Monday 26th May	School Holiday
Tuesday 27th May	Year 7 Trip — Mrs Robinson's class — Causeway Adventures
Wednesday 28th May	Year 7 Trip — Mrs Thom's class — Causeway Adventures Key Stage 1 Assembly — led by Mrs Boreland and Mrs Duggan's class
Thursday 29th May	Year 7 Trip — The Lake, Kirea
Friday 30th May	Fun Evening and Colour Run — more information to follow



Our June monthly value is Achievement

We will be focusing on Achievement through the following:-

- our school assemblies
- focusing on Article 28 — Every child has the right to education.



Term 3 Dates — June

Monday 2nd June	Tennis Tournament
Tuesday 3rd June	North Coast Football
Wednesday 4th June	Key Stage 2 Assembly — led by Mrs Handforth's and Ms Browne class
Friday 6th June	School Development Day — staff only — no pupils
Monday 9th June	School Development Day — staff only — no pupils
Wednesday 11th June	Y4 Trip — W5 Whole School Assembly — led by Mr Clarke's class
Friday 13th June	Celebration Whole School Trip to the Beach (weather permitting)
Monday 16th June	Y1 Trip — Causeway Fun Farm
Tuesday 17th June	Y2 Trip — The Jungle
Friday 20th June	Leavers' Celebration — 10am SEN Meetings — Early Home Time for All — 1pm Y1 — 3 pupils and their Y4 — 6 siblings — 12.50pm Remainder of Y4 — 7 pupils — 1.00pm
Monday 23rd June	Y3 Trip — Portrush
Tuesday 24th June	Key Stage 2 Swimming Gala — morning — more information to follow Y4 Ugly Bug Ball
Wednesday 25th June	Y6 Trip — Ulster Museum
Thursday 26th June	Whole School Picnic Lunch — more information to follow
Friday 27th June	Key Stage 2 Prize Day — 11.00am — more information to follow
Monday 30th June	End of Term Assembly Last day of term — see page 7 for more information



Year 6 Parents/Carers, if you wish your child to sit the SEAG transfer test, parents/carers must register via the SEAG website between 19th May — 19th September 2025. Please note, the application process is solely the responsibility of parents/carers.



Year Group Sports Days



weather permitting — if the weather is unsuitable a message will be sent on the app

Monday 2nd June	Tuesday 3rd June	Wednesday 4th June	Thursday 5th June	
Y1 — 9.30am start	Y4 — 9.30am start	Y3 — 9.30am start	Y2 — 9.30am start	
	Tuesday 10th June			
	KS2 Sports Day 9.30am start Pupils if possible to wear something that is the colour of their House			

All parents/carers, relations and friends are welcome, however we politely ask all visitors to

- remain in the roped area — please do not encourage your child to come over to you, they should remain with their class at all times
- refrain from bringing dogs onto school grounds



Leader — Miss Hemphill

Wednesday
30th April
21st May
11th June

2.00pm



Leader — Mrs Murphy

Wednesday
7th May
28th May
18th June
25th June

2.00pm



Leader — Miss Graham

Wednesday
14th May
4th June

2.00pm

Our School Uniform

Our school uniform is as follows:

<u>Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Year 1 - Year 4)</u>	<u>Key Stage 2 (Year 5 - 7)</u>
Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts White polo shirt preferably with school logo or white shirt and school tie Navy V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan preferably with school logo Socks (white/grey/black) and tights (grey/black/navy)	Grey pinafore/skirt/trousers/shorts White shirt and school tie Navy V-neck sweatshirt/cardigan preferably with school logo
Summer Uniform – September, April, May and June: White polo shirt preferably with school logo Light blue checked gingham dress (fitted black/grey/navy shorts can be worn under the dress if wished)	

Please note – lots of companies offer sensory and adaptive school uniform ranges

Please note — shorts must be school uniform shorts i.e. grey and made from 'school uniform trouser material

Footwear

Shoes/Trainers should be of a sensible, comfortable design, low heeled, toe covered and **all black** in colour. Shoes if laced should have black laces.

Term 3 School Calendar

Monday 5th May — School Holiday Monday 26th May — School Holiday

Friday 6th June — School Development Day — staff only, no pupils

Monday 9th June — School Development Day — staff only, no pupils

Friday 20th June — SEN Meetings — 1pm home time for all

Friday 27th June — Key Stage 2 Prize Day - Y7 Pupils and Y5 + Y6 Prize Winners only

End of Term — Non-Uniform — Monday 30th June

Monday 30th June - Pupils finish for the Summer Holidays as follows:-

Y1 — 3 pupils and their Y4 — 6 siblings — 11.40am

Remainder of Y4 — 6 pupils — 11.55 noon

Y7 pupils — 12 noon



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School Calendar 2025-26

Baker Days (School Staff only)

Wednesday 20th August, Thursday 21st August, Friday 22nd August, Tuesday 26th August and Wednesday 27th August 2024

Term 1

Thursday 28th August 2025 — Transition Morning Sessions

School begins for all on Friday 29th August 2025

Holidays: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025 (5 days)

Pupils finish at 12 noon on Friday 19th December 2025

Holidays: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026 (10 days)



Please ensure that family holidays are planned around these dates.

Term 2

Schools begins again on Monday 5th January 2026

Holidays: Wednesday 11th – Friday 13th February 2026 (3 days)

Holidays: Monday 16th — Tuesday 17th March 2026 (2 days)

Pupils finish at 12 noon on Wednesday 1st April 2026

Holidays: Thursday 2nd – Friday 10th April 2026 (7 days)



All absences impact children's school and learning experiences.

Term 3

School begins again on Monday 13th April 2026

Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

Holiday: Monday 25th May 2026

Pupils finish for the summer at 12 noon on Tuesday 30th June 2026



School Development Days will be confirmed at a later date.

Bookings

If your child is unwell we can move your child's dinner booking to another day. **You must contact school by 9.30am.**

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.

Breakfast Club

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 Contact School 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 £3 for the session.

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

**OPERATION
ENCOMPASS**

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 .

Morning Routine

8.45 — 8.50am at the school gate is very busy. 8.50 — 9.00am there is a steady flow of pupils arriving at school. School starts at 9.00am, we would ask parents/carers to ensure that pupils arrive at school for 8.55am, so that they are in class and ready to start their learning at 9 o'clock. If pupils arrive after 9am they are marked late.

Healthy Breaks

Following the guidance from the Department of Education we encourage pupils to have a healthy break, Monday — Thursday. We ask parents/carers to support the school in its commitment to healthy eating,

Head Lice

Please can we ask all parents/carers to regularly check their child's hair for head lice. If they need treatment, it is available free from chemists. It is also a good preventative measure for pupils with long hair to wear it tied back for school.

Healthy breaks for schools

A guide for pupils and parents



HSC Public Health Agency school food

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 children 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.

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.

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.