



Safeguarding Team

Principal: Mr Woolsey

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Nursery Deputy Designated

Teacher: Mrs Mulholland

Designated Governor: Mrs Sergeant

Chairperson: Mrs Loney

News Sheet – June 2026

Diary Dates for June 2026

1 st	School Closed for Staff Training
2 nd	Years 5 & 6 My Story in Colour by Reach Mentoring Yr 7 Testing Day at St John The Baptist's College Data Collection Forms out for Yrs 2 - 6
3 rd	Year 6 visit to Portadown Library
4 th	Year 5 NI Chest, Heart & Stroke Session Nursery, Years 3, 7 & Butterfly Room End of Year Trips 2.15pm: Year 1 Induction Meeting: Assembly Hall
8 th	Yr 5 End of Year Trip Year 7 PSNI Leaver's Talk
9 th	Sports Day – 9.30am
10 th	Year 6 visit to Portadown Library
10 th – 12 th	Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential
11 th	Year 4 End of Year Trip Jo Jingles in Nursery 7 Year 1
12 th	Year 1 Shared Education session Year 6 End of Year Trip Deadline for Data Collections Forms to be returned
15 th	Year 1 Shared Education visit to Tannaghmore Gardens Ballyoran PS & Presentation PS Gaelic Blitz at Tir nA Og
16 th	Talent Show
17 th	Nursery Graduation: Assembly Hall Year 6 visit to Portadown Library
19 th	Prize Day Nursery Transition Forms & Annual Reports issued to parents Last day for Year 7 pupils
22 nd	11am: Class Changes
25 th	Special Farewell Assembly
26 th	End of Year Class Parties – No Uniform School finishes early for all pupils: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12.45pm: Nursery • 12.50pm: Years 1 & 2 & Caterpillar Room • 12.55pm: Yrs 3 & 4 • 1pm: Yrs 5 – 7 & Butterfly Room
29 th	No Uniform
30 th	Last day of term – no uniform, no dinners, school finishes early for all pupils:

- 11.45am: Yrs 6 – 7 & Butterfly Room
- 11.50am: Yrs 3 & 4
- 11.55pm: Yrs 1 & 2 & Caterpillar Room
- 12noon: Nursery

School Closures: June 2026

School will be closed for a full day on:

- Monday 1st June for Staff Training

School will finish early on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9th June after Sports Day at 1pm
- Friday 26th June at 1pm
- Tuesday 30th June, last day of term, at midday

Homework

Homework has now finished for this year and we would encourage pupils to take the opportunity of having no homework to get outside in the month of June and enjoy the longer lighter evenings and hopefully some better weather.

Data Collection Forms

On **Tuesday 2nd June**, Yr 1 – 6 parents will receive a blank Data Collection Form to be completed for each of your children at the school, in preparation for next year. It is essential that we have up to date information and consent for all pupils. Please ensure that these forms are **fully completed and signed** before returning them as in previous years we have had to send many back home again as parts were left out. Completed forms must be returned to school in the envelopes **by Friday 12th June 2025**

Eco Schools Green Flag Reassessment

We have been reassessed for our Eco Schools Green Flag and have successfully been awarded this again. Well done and thank you to the Eco Committee for all the hard work they put into this and to the entire school community who played an important part in this process.

Sports Day

This will take place on **Tuesday 9th June at 9.30am.**

The events will take place as follows:

- Nursery: Nursery Outdoor Play Area
- Years 1 & 2 & Caterpillar Room: Senior Playground
- Years 3 & 4: All Weather Pitch
- Years 5 – 7 & Butterfly Room: All Weather Pitch

We ask that children come to school in their PE kit that day, they should also bring a cap, water bottle and sunscreen already applied.

Again we will be having a Coffee Trailer in the school grounds, where parents will be able to buy refreshments during Sports Day.

School will finish early for all pupils when they have had their lunch, with the following dismissal times:

- 12.45pm: Nursery
- 12.50pm: Years 1 & 2 & Caterpillar Room
- 12.55pm: Yrs 3 & 4
- 1pm: Yrs 5 – 7 & Butterfly Room

Please note, in the event that it is wet, Sports Day will be rescheduled for the next available dry day. **Pupils will still finish school early on Tuesday 9th June even if Sports Day is cancelled because of the weather.**

Attendance

Well done to the classes with the highest attendance for April:

- Foundation/Key Stage 1: Caterpillar Room - 99.1%
- Key Stage 2: Year 7 - 96.2%

The whole school attendance for April was 94.1%

Craigavon Food Bank Competition Prizes

Well done to the following pupils who won prizes for their entries into the Craigavon Food Bank Art Competition:

- ✓ Varshita Mahesh (P7) 1st Prize
- ✓ Aixa Mendes (P7) Runner up
- ✓ Emily Lingurar (P7) Runner up
- ✓ Niamh Doyle (P6) Runner up

Ballyoran Marathon Relay

A big well done to all pupils from Nursery to Year 7 for completing our Ballyoran Marathon Relay on Friday 1st May. This took place on our all weather pitch and was led by Healthy Kidz. The children and staff had great fun from start to finish. The event started with a workout and warm up. We would like to thank you all for your support. There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the event, the children had so much fun. As a result of your kindness and generosity, an amazing £5,517.68 was raised for the NSPCC, this is our highest single total ever raised for a charity. A big thank you to Miss McKernan for organising the event.

Belfast Marathon Relay

As well as the pupils doing their bit, we had staff teams running the Relay of the Belfast Marathon on Sunday 3rd May. A big well done to all of them for this amazing achievement which raised a lot of money for NSPCC as well.

Dreamspace Ambassador Graduation

What an incredible achievement! On Thursday 14th May our nine amazing Dreamspace Ambassadors attended their Graduation Celebration at W5 Life in Belfast., where they were

delighted to receive the prestigious Platinum Level Award for completing the Minecraft Dream Space Ambassador Programme 2025 – 2026. This award recognises their outstanding commitment, training and hard work throughout the year. We are so proud of these superstars.

Year 5 Attend Summer Concert

Year 5 had a lovely morning at Bocombra Primary School on Tuesday 19th May for their Summer Concert.

Shared Education

Nursery and Years 1 and 2 pupils recently enjoyed their Shared Education sessions with their friends from Bocombra Primary School.

Jo Jingles

The children in Nursery and Year1 loved their recent Jo Jingles session. They were introduced to a new Jo Jingles Jungle Theme, with songs and rhymes about the different animals living in the jungle. The children were also given the opportunity to learn about the different sounds that can be played on the tambourine.

NI Chest, Heart and Stroke - Heartley's Heroes

Each year, we support the charity NI Chest, Heart and Stroke by having a 'Wear Red' non-uniform day in order to raise funds. On Thursday 21st May, we had the first of four visits from some NI Chest, Heart and Stroke volunteers. They delivered their Heartley's Heroes programme to our Key Stage 2 pupils. The Heartley's Heroes programme aims to help young people stay healthy and active. Heartley's Heroes is an interactive primary school talk which is designed to educate pupils about the importance of maintaining a healthy heart through simple lifestyle choices. The programme covered topics such as healthy eating, staying active and the significance of a good night's sleep. The pupils were fully engaged and shared excellent answers with the volunteers.

Induction Meetings

Thank you to the majority of parents who attended our Nursery Induction Meetings. A reminder that if you were unable to make it that you need to collect the Induction Pack from school.

Raise

Since 27th April 2026, we have been fortunate to have Jordon from the RAISE initiative working in school. Selected Year 5 and 6 pupils have been enjoying three sessions weekly focused on mentoring, motivation and building resilience. This valuable support will continue into the next academic year.

Year 7 Post Primary Choices

These were communicated to parents on Saturday 9th May and we are delighted that nearly all of our Yr 7 pupils were successful in getting a place at their first preference post primary school.

Assessment Fortnight

Thank you for ensuring that your child/children were in school every day during Assessment Fortnight.

Annual Reports for Year 1 to 7 and Nursery Transition Forms

Annual Reports and Nursery Transition Forms will be sent home with pupils on **Friday 19th June**. You will receive one copy which does not need signed and returned. If you have any queries about anything written in the Report, please do not hesitate to contact the Class Teacher.

After School Clubs

It has been great to have a full programme of After School Clubs running again this year and we are delighted that so many of our pupils have availed of these. The last After School Club of the year will be on **Monday 15th June 2026**.

Facebook

Keep up to date with all our major school events and activities by following us on Facebook.

Sun Safety in School

Given the better weather, it is incredibly important that children bring a cap and sun glasses to school if it is sunny. We also ask that all children wear sun cream to school which is applied before they arrive in the morning as this offers protection during the school day. Finally, pupils should have water with them in non-spill bottles.

Stay Safe and Stay Out Campaign

As we approach the summer we have again been asked by the Health and Safety Executive for Northern Ireland to bring to your attention the dangers of children going near quarries.

The potential hazards that people expose themselves to are:

- Swimming in quarry lakes that can have very cold water even on a hot day in the middle of summer. Strong swimmers have drowned in quarries due to the unexpected impact that the extreme cold has had on their bodies.
- The water in quarry lakes can be very deep and shelving, exit from the water may only be possible in a few places, there may be pumps working or currents that can drag you under the water.
- There can be concealed underwater obstructions and other hazards that can seriously injure swimmers or individuals jumping into the water – tombstoning into quarry lakes is not safe.
- Tunnelling into piles of sand or playing on stockpiles exposes you to the risk of sudden collapses or movements that can easily bury you.

- Walking near the edge of quarry faces exposes you to the risk of serious falls as the edges can be unstable and collapse unexpectedly or sheer faces be obstructed by vegetation.
- Climbing or walking near rock faces can expose you to the risk of rock falls.
- Surfaces in quarries that may look solid, such as the surface of a silt pond, can suddenly break and act like quick sand sucking you down.
- Trail and quad biking in a quarry exposes riders to risks from unstable terrain, unexpected obstructions and being hit by moving plant.
- Young people on bikes or on foot may not be visible to operators of large machinery, they may not appreciate that the driver cannot see them.
- Quarries can often be located in remote sites where mobile reception is poor and there is no one on hand to help in the event of an accident.

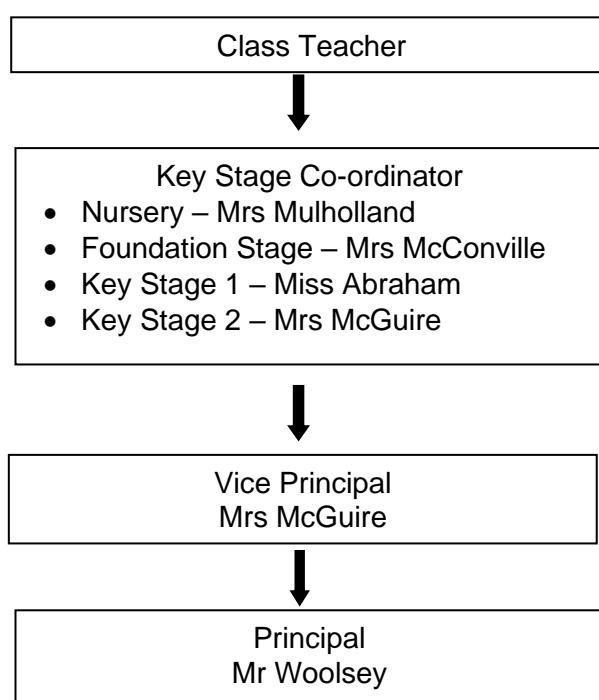
Further information is available at:

<https://mineralproducts.org/Campaigns/Stay-Safe.aspx>

<https://tinyurl.com/36f3929z>

General Queries / Concerns

At Ballyoran Primary School we believe in a strong partnership with parents and communication between home and school is a vital part of this. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, you should contact the office in the first instance and a suitable time will be arranged. Unfortunately, it will not be possible for parents to speak to teachers in the morning as they are busy preparing for the day and supervising pupils. If you do need to pass an urgent message to the teacher in the morning, please either send an email, note or speak to the secretary who will pass the message on. Meetings can be arranged with staff at a mutually convenient time through the office and we would encourage you to follow the flow chart below when raising general queries / concerns:



Pupils Leaving School Early

We discourage pupils being removed from school early as this means they will miss out on valuable learning. If a child, however, needs to leave school early for any reason, a reminder that they **must** be collected from Reception by an **adult**. We are unable to allow pupils to walk home on their own and this policy will be strictly enforced.

Picking Pupils Up

It is vital that parents are punctual when collecting their children otherwise they get anxious. If you are running late we would ask that you phone the office and inform us of this. If a child is not collected and we are unable to make contact with parents/carers and have exhausted all listed contacts, we have no option but to phone Social Services.

Emergency Contact Details

It is vitally important that we hold up to date emergency contact details for our pupils. I cannot stress the importance of this enough, please keep us up to date. Again as with late pick up, if we are unable to contact a parent/carer and have exhausted all listed contacts, in the event of an emergency we will have no option but to refer this to Social Services.

School Uniform

Thank you to the majority of parents who ensure that pupils are wearing school uniform every day. We are very proud of how smart our pupils look in their uniforms.

School Dinner Menu

<https://tinyurl.com/bp66jctr>

School is very busy at the moment and I continue to be very grateful for your support and co-operation.

Richard Woolsey
Principal