



News Sheet - End of Term – June 2026

Safeguarding Team

Principal: Mr Woolsey

Designated Teacher: Mrs McGuire

Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Somerville

Nursery Deputy Designated Teacher: Mrs Mulholland

Designated Governor: Mrs Sergeant

Chairperson: Mrs Loney

End of Term Arrangements

Pupils will attend a Farewell Assembly for Mrs Mulholland, Mrs Hendron and Mr Woolsey on Thursday 25th June.

Friday 26th June will be our Class End of Year Party Day and pupils do not need to wear uniform. Early dismissal times will be as follows:

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

Monday 29th June is a non-uniform day.

School finishes early on Tuesday 30th June 2026 for the summer holidays. Please note that this will be a Non-Uniform, an Unhealthy Break Day and **NO DINNERS** will be served.

Pupils will have staggered dismissals as follows:

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

Staffing

New Principal

As you have already been informed by the Chairperson of the Board of Governors, Mrs McGuire has been recommended for appointment as the new Principal of Ballyoran Primary School. I am absolutely delighted with this and congratulate her on this well-deserved promotion. Mrs McGuire has been an absolutely outstanding Vice Principal and I know she will be an outstanding Principal as well. I leave Ballyoran in the knowledge that the school is in very safe and capable hands moving forward.

We have a number of staff leaving us this year:

Teachers

We have two long serving teachers retiring:

Mrs Mulholland retires after 34 years' service at Ballyoran Primary School, the majority of those years have been in the early years, initially Years 1 and 2, one year in Learning Support and then Nursery for the last 16 years.

Mr Hendron retires after 31 years' service at the school, in various classes Yrs 4, 5 and 6 and more recently in the Butterfly Room.

Both teachers have worked under all three Principals of the school to date and we thank them for their hard work and their steadfast commitment and dedication to this school and this community over three decades. Both have impacted so positively on the lives of many 100s of pupils over the years. We will miss them, but we wish them both a long, relaxing and happy retirement.

We have two temporary teachers leaving us as well, Mrs Coert has been in the Caterpillar Room for over a year and Mrs Chapman has been teaching one day a week in Year 7 this year. We thank them for their service and wish them well for the future.

Classroom Assistants

We have four Classroom Assistants leaving us:

Miss Pires, Miss Rogers, Mrs O'Connor and Miss Chrapan. All of these Special Educational Needs Assistants have been with us this year and we thank them for all their hard work and wish them well for the future.

Kitchen/Breakfast Club

Miss Dobrowolski left us in early June after seven years as a Catering Assistant and Breakfast Club Leader, we thank her for her service and wish her well for the future.

Celebrating Miss Graham's Placement

In September 2025, we welcomed Miss Graham to Ballyoran Primary School for her placement from Queen's University. Working across Nursery to Year 7, she supported pupils' learning, delivered targeted interventions, and built excellent relationships with both pupils and staff. Miss Graham has been a valued member of our school community, and her commitment and willingness to support in all aspects of school life have made a real difference to our pupils. As her placement comes to an end, we thank Miss Graham for her hard work and dedication. We wish her every success as she returns to Queen's University for the final year of her Psychology degree and look forward to hearing about her future achievements.

2026/2027 School Year

School reopens on **Thursday 27th August 2026** for the start of the 2026/2027 school year.

Please note that there will be no school dinners on the first two days and all parents must send in a packed lunch.

Classes for 2026/2027 School Year

Pupils will get to spend 30 minutes in their new class for next year on Monday 22nd June. The following are the classes for next year:

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues until the end of term. This Club will start on the first day of term – **Thursday 27th August 2026**. The cost remains £1 per day. A reminder that if you wish your child to attend Breakfast Club this must be booked on a weekly basis via ParentPay.

After School Clubs

These will continue next year and more information will be sent out at the start of the new term.

Attendance

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

- Foundation/Key Stage 1: Caterpillar Room - 99.4%
- Key Stage 2: Year 7 - 95.4%

Overall attendance this year has continued to improve and we thank all of our parents for the part that you play in ensuring that your children are in school every day.

PSNI Talk

On Monday 9th June, we warmly welcomed Constable Emma and Sergeant Julie from the PSNI Neighbourhood Team to a Year 7 Leaver's Talk. The focus of their visit was on staying safe during the summer months.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to our Year 4 pupils who made their First Holy Communion at St. John the Baptist Church on Saturday 30th May. We are incredibly proud of how well each and every child conducted themselves during the service. They were a credit to their families and wonderful ambassadors for our school community. Well done also to the Choir conducted by Mrs Muldrew. A massive thank you to Mrs McConville for all her hard work in preparing the pupils for this very important event.

Year 6 My Story In Colour Workshop

Our Year 6 pupils recently took part in the 'Reach Mentoring – My Story in Colour' workshop, where they explored their personal stories through creativity and self-expression. Using colour as a powerful symbol of emotion and identity, the pupils engaged in a range of activities including storytelling, reflective writing and collaborative art. They were encouraged to share meaningful moments from their lives as well as to express their hopes and challenges. The workshop not only encouraged artistic exploration but also helped build confidence and empathy.

Eco Schools Green Flag Award

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in being again awarded the Eco Schools Green Flag Award. Thank you to our Eco Committee who have worked very hard this year to make this happen.

Year 1 Shared Education

Year 1 have completed Shared Education sessions in recent weeks with their friends from Bocombra Primary School.

Yr 5 Chest, Heart & Stroke Workshops

Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed their 3 sessions facilitated by Chest, Heart and Stroke NI. They learned all about how to make healthy choices with their food, screen time and exercise. They all learned valuable lessons on how to keep their bodies happy and healthy.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day took place on Tuesday 9th June. Although the weather was not as good as last year, our Nursery, Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 pupils took part to the best of their ability in a wonderfully friendly and positive atmosphere. We are so grateful to the large number of parents who came along to support their children.

Jo Jingles

Nursery and Year 1 enjoyed a final session of Movement and Music recently.

Year 7 Shannaghmore Residential

Our Year 7 pupils took part in a residential trip to Shannaghmore Outdoor Education Centre from Wednesday 10th June - Friday 12th June. During the trip, they got to experience many exciting adventures such as Bouldering, Adventure Walk, kayaking, Archery as well as a very memorable night enjoying some lovely S'mores at the campfire! We are so proud of the resilience and the teamwork shown by the pupils during the trip. Many of the pupils said afterwards that they have made memories which will last them a lifetime.

End of Year Trips

Classes very much enjoyed their end of year trips this year to a range of fun venues including Peter Pan's, Airtastc, Craigavon Golf and Ski Centre and the Treehouse Soft Play Area.

Year 4 & 6 Library Visits

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful day of learning and fun as part of the Libraries NI programme. The pupils were fantastic ambassadors for our school, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and excellent behaviour throughout their visit. Following their time exploring books and taking part in activities, they enjoyed a trip to Portadown People's Park and some delicious ice-cream from Miss Halls!

Year 4 also visited the library and called at the people's Park on the way back to school.

Talent Show

We had a very successful whole school Talent Show on Tuesday 16th June 2026 which all of our pupils got the opportunity to audition for. This event really did show case the amazing talent of our pupils. Our judges this year were Mrs Mulholland, Mr Hendron & Mr Woolsey. With our winners being:

1st : Maisie Hackett

2nd: Sadie Hall, Leah Nosal & Sofia Poliakova

3rd: Harley McCann & Nicole Poliakova

Nursery Graduation

Our Nursery Graduation took place in the assembly hall on Wednesday 17th June 2026.

Well done to all our amazing Nursery pupils for how well they did at their graduation.

RNLI Water Safety Workshop

Some pupils have had the opportunity to take part in an engaging and informative Water Safety webinar delivered by the RNLI. The session taught pupils how to stay safe in, on and around water, with a focus on recognising hazards, understanding the Water Safety Code and knowing what to do in an emergency. Through interactive videos and activities, pupils learned the importance of floating to live and calling 999 or 112 for help. It was a valuable experience that helped equip our young learners with essential life-saving knowledge just in time for summer.

Prize Day

Friday 19th June was our Annual Prize Day; which is now a very important event in our School Calendar. The Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1 Prize Giving was first at 9.30am, then came the Key Stage 2 Prize Giving. Mrs Barkley who retired last year was special guest for the first ceremony with Mr Hendron being our special guest at the second ceremony. Pupils are to be congratulated on their successes and achievements. A list of the main Award Winners has been included in this News Sheet.

Transition Forms for Nursery

These were distributed to parents on Friday 19th June. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher.

Annual Reports for Year 1 to 7

Annual Reports were distributed to parents on Friday 19th June. If you require clarification on any aspect of this Report, please do not hesitate to request to speak to your child's teacher.

Data Collection Forms

These should already have been returned but if they haven't please ensure these are returned before the end of term to allow us to update our information in preparation for next year.

Unwanted Uniforms for *Share & Spare Uniform*

Could you please send any unwanted school uniforms into school as we keep a selection of Uniform for families who need them in our new *Share & Spare Uniform* initiative.

School Watch

We ask that you help us out over the summer by reporting any suspicious activity around the school to the Police.

Farewell to Year 7

Twenty-eight Year 7 pupils leave Ballyoran Primary School at the end of June and are transferring to the following Post Primary Schools.

Post-Primary School	Number of Pupils Transferring
Clounagh Junior High School	2
Craigavon Integrated College	2
Integrated College, Dungannon	1
St Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	1
St Catherine's College	1
St John the Baptist's College	21

We thank these pupils for all that they have given to Ballyoran Primary School and wish them well for the future. We hope that they leave Ballyoran Primary School with many happy memories.

Term Dates & Holidays 2026-2027

Please see Holiday List for next year at:

<https://tinyurl.com/bp6h94kr>

Menu until the end of June

Primary

<https://tinyurl.com/bp66jctr>

Nursery

<https://tinyurl.com/39jrdjvn>

Thank You

This has been another very enjoyable and busy year. A big thank you to all our super parents for your support and co-operation this year and to all my amazing Staff for their hard work, commitment and dedication throughout the year and finally, to all our wonderful pupils for making this such an enjoyable year.

As this is the final News Sheet that I will write as Principal of Ballyoran Primary School, I want to say what an honour and a privilege it has been to lead this school and serve this community over the last 21 years as your Vice Principal and Principal. I am very grateful for the warm welcome that you have given to me and for your steadfast co-operation and support over the years. I will say more in a final letter which will go out on the school app next week, but I want to say that I am so immensely proud of all our wonderful pupils and staff. Ballyoran Primary School is a very special school community, and I have no doubt that it will go from strength to strength in the years ahead and I wish it continued success.

Wishing the entire school community, a pleasant and relaxing summer break.

Richard Woolsey
Principal

PRIZE DAY 2025/2026
 Friday 19th June 2026
Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1

Caterpillar Room Mrs Coert

Award	Pupil
Helping Hand	Eva-Rose Teague
Inquisitive Mind	Winnie McNally
Word Wizard	DJ Haughian
Outdoor Explorer	Zach Cherry
Budding Artist	Grace Ximenes
Letter Champion	Caiden McCann
Water Wizard	Isaiah Matcha
Texture Detective	Cora Kilgallon
Melody Maker	Brigido Goncalves
Star Pupil	Eva-Rose Teague

	Year 1 Mrs Mackle	Year 1 Mrs Muldrew	Year 2 Mrs McConville	Year 3 Mrs Somerville	Year 4 Miss Abraham
Literacy	Lena Michalik	Freya Fleck	Patrice Balagtas	Amelia- Rose Lyness	Connie O'Hehir
Numeracy	Hunter McGeown	Matty McGeown	Charlie McCann	Sebi Rosca	Patrick Brankin
ICT	Kevin Tudor	Henrick Balagtas	Aodhán McGeown	Ethan McClean	Bety Pirva

Creativity	Lily McAlinden	Elsy Geary	Luca Ciornei	Gianni Boavida	Riley Dalton
Kindness	Grace Cardwell	Marcelina Maia Conceicao	Blanca Zlota	Amaya Ahtty	Miky Byrne
Star Pupil	Fiadhna Mulholland	Olly Corkin	Milo McConville	Sofia Poliakova	Lucy Murphy

SPORTS AWARDS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Girls	Caileigh Boyd (AMK)	Calie Mc Keever	Amara Hanratty	Leah Nosal
Boys	Levi Lawless (AM)	Milo McConville	Sebi Rosca	Vlad Panti

The Hyde Cup for Progress in Reading

Advany Montinho

Nominations for the Calvert Award	Leah Nosal Corkin	Haley	April White	Mila McKernan	Brayan Gomes
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The 'Calvert Award' for Contribution to Key Stage 1

Winner

Haley Corkin Mila McKernan April White
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100% Attendance up to 22nd May 2026

Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Diana Pires Lopes	Amelia Kazmierska Patrick McDonnell	Haley Corkin Eimear Coyle Meabh Larkin

PRIZE DAY 2025/2026

Friday 19th June 2026

Key Stage 2

Butterfly Room - Mr Hendron

Cian Creaney	Outstanding Reading
Laurynas Baziulis	Being Kind and Cheerful
Paul Petreus	Progress in Maths
Elainy D' Assuncao	Improvement in Reading and Handwriting
Salvina Ciuraru	Being Kind and Helpful
Benner Campos	Interest in Countries of the World
Sean Og McConaghy	Being a Hard Worker
Alessandra Da Veiga	Progress in Music
Riquelme De Santa Feg	Good rhythm
Cian Creaney	Star Pupil

AWARDS	Year 5 Miss Martin	Year 6 Miss McKernan	Year 7 Mrs Brown/Mrs Chapman
Literacy	Beatriz Lopes	Nicole Poliakova	Franek Kurowski-Buksa
Numeracy	Enda Creaney	Áedán Creaney	Jeckliny Pires
ICT	Jackson Lopes	Maria Fialho	Fionn Larkin
Creativity	Junior McGeown	Niamh Doyle	Emily Lingurar
Resilience	Jilianne Dela Cruz	Emilie Lawless	Betsy Carvill
Star Pupil	Elena Peneva	Elisabeth Sergeant	Caitlin Corrigan

MAIN AWARDS	
The Woolsey Cup for Excellence, Creativity and Integrity	Varshita Mahesh Babu
The Hillis Prize for Language and Literacy	Varshita Mahesh Babu
The Brown Family Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Isaac Sergeant
The Wilson Brothers' Cup for Mathematics and Numeracy	Ryan Magalhaes
The Governors' Cup for ICT	Isaac Sergeant
The Walker Cup for The World Around Us	Cian Creaney
The Lynas Award for Art and Design	Gracella Soares Vaz
The Heaney Cup for Drama	Aixa Mendes
The RE Cup	Caitlin Corrigan
The Gilpin Butterfly Award	Cian Creaney
The Principal's Cup for PDMU	Rachel Hall
The CWS Eco Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Eco Club	Santiago Liggett
The Mallon Award for Courage, Patience and Resilience	Alessandra Da Veiga
The McCreesh Cup for Music/Instrumentalist	Shekainah Buduan
The Hendron Shield for Contribution to Sport	Aedan Creaney (Yr 6 Pupil)

100% Attendance up to 22nd May 2026

Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Joel Ximenes	Niamh Doyle	Ryan Magalhaes
Noah McStravick	Maria Fialho	Alessandra Da Veiga
Natan Michalik	Nicole Poliakova	
Livia Varela		

House Competition	Final Results
	1 st Place: Foyle
	2 nd Place: Lagan
	3 rd Place: Bann

SPORTS DAY AWARDS	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Overall Winner - Girls	Livia Varela	Emilie Lawless	Jeckliny Pires
Overall Winner - Boys	Noah Mc Stravick	Aedan Creaney	Ksawery Kasmierski

Nominations for The Hagan Award	Betsy Carvill	Gracella Soares Vaz	Cian Creaney	Jeckliny Pires
	Varshita Mahesh Babu	Rachel Hall	Caithlin Corrigan	Isaac Sergeant
		Ryan Magalhaes	Fionn Larkin	

The Hagan Award for Contribution to Ballyoran Primary School	Isaac Sergeant
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