

# Ballymagee Newsletter

March 2026



## Key Dates

### Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

P6 Parent Transfer Meeting @2.15pm

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Dress Up Day

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March

P3 & P4 Spring Concert  
9.30am & 11am

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March

School Development Day 4 & 5 –  
School Closed for all Children

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Non-Uniform for Red Nose Day  
FAB Sponsored Event – Everyone  
Dance Day

### Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Last Day of Term.  
School Finishes at 12.30pm for all  
Children  
Non-Uniform Day

### Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Holidays

### Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April

P5 Egyptian Day -Dress Up

## P7 Trip to Green Hill



P7 are off on their trip to Green Hill on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. P7 Parents can keep an eye on Class Dojo to see what they get up to. We anticipate that children will be picked up from school at 2pm on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. We will keep parents updated by text should pick up time change.

## Message from Mr Totton

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Spring is finally beginning to peek through, and with it comes a flurry of activity here in Ballymagee! As the days lengthen and the weather (hopefully!) improves, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting month filled with learning and creativity. It was lovely to see so many of you in for Parent Interview chats with the teaching staff. I trust you found these useful. This month kicks off with a celebration of reading with our annual book week. The children (and staff) are really looking forward to dressing up for World Book Day and reading lots of their favourite stories. It is the turn of our Key Stage One children to tread the boards as they perform 'You Are Special' for their audiences on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March. I can't wait to see it! Our value of the month is Curiosity. We will be doing lots of activities in March as we explore this value.

We've got a packed calendar, and I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you in this newsletter.

*P Totton*

## Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day will be taking place in school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March and to help raise money we will be having a non-uniform day. Children are asked to wear something red where possible, even a red nose and a suggested donation of £1 can be made via School Gateway. Thank you for your support.

## Key Contacts

**Principal** Mr P Totton

**Vice Principal** Mr G McCrea

**SENCO** Mrs L Welsh

**Designated Teacher** Miss V Bell

### Deputy Designated Teachers

Mrs L Welsh Mr G McCrea

**Head of Early Years** Mrs S Hanna

**Head of Key Stage One** Miss V Bell

**Head of Key Stage Two** Mrs V Purce

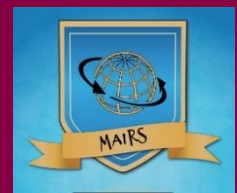
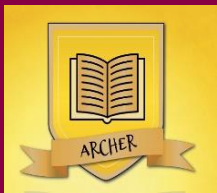
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### **Parking**

Please be careful when driving/parking around the school at drop off and collection times.

We have had complaints from various sources about unlawful parking, dangerous driving and parking on manicured grass areas. The safety of our children is priority and we want to make sure everyone in our community stays safe.

Please ensure that you leave plenty of time for your journey, find a safe place to park, even if this means parking further away and walking to the school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **P3/P4 Spring Concert**



P3 & P4 are excited to present their annual Spring Concert 'You are Special' on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** at 9.30am and 11am. Admission will be strictly by programme to ensure numbers do not exceed health & safety limits. We have allocated a maximum of 2 seats per family. If there are any 'spare' programmes available, a further note will follow.

### **Nursery & P1 Applications 2026 – 2027**



Notification of the outcome of applications will be issued on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March via the EA Portal. You will also receive an email directly from Ballymagee if your child has secured a place here.

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### **Book Week**



Book Week will take place from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Get ready for a mammoth week of books, reading and FUN! Every class will be involved. There will be teacher swaps for story times, book reviews and we will have a Dress Up as your favourite book character day on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate World Book Day. We will also be holding a competition on Dojo to 'Spot the staff member reading'. Competition sheets have been emailed, or you can collect one from the school office.

### **Music Excellence**



We are excited to be preparing four pupils for their String and Woodwind exams in March.

**Carly P5 Flute - Grade 1**

**Victoria P6 Flute - Grade 2**

**Ariella P5 Violin - Grade 1**

**Emma P5 Violin - Grade 1**

We are so proud of their hard work, commitment and love of learning.

### **School Values**



In March we will be focusing on curiosity. Children will be introduced to the contribution they can make to our school and wider community in assembly led by Mrs Balfour, Mrs Armstrong & Miss Thompson. They will be involved in lessons and activities throughout the month, and we will be awarding a curiosity star pupil award.

### **Dance Team**



The Dance Team will be competing in their first dance competition of the year on 5th March and again on 27th March. Thank you to all the girls and boys for their hard work, giving up lunchtimes for extra practice and attending after school to perfect the routine. We think they are wonderful and are so proud of them all!! Good luck team!!