

# Ballymagee Newsletter

February 2026



## Key Dates

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

Internet Safety Week

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

SDD 3 closed for all pupils

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

Half Term Holiday

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

World Book Day

Dress Up Day

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

FAB Meeting @ 1pm

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

P3 & P4 Spring Concert

9.30am & 11am

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

SDD 4 – School Closed to all pupils

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup>**

**April**

Easter Holidays



## FAB Update

Thank you to the families who have already contributed to the FAB subscription via Gateway. The funds this year will go towards much needed ICT equipment and a new Play Area. If you haven't contributed there is still time. Log onto Gateway and select FAB Subscription via the payment tab. Please come along to our monthly meetings for a cuppa and a chat. We would love to have more parents involved in the invaluable work we do.

## Message From Mr Totton

It is hard to believe we are already stepping into February. This month promises to be a busy and purposeful one as we turn our focus toward Safer Internet Day and our school-wide Internet Safety Week. With AI changing the digital landscape it is an opportune time to look at this with our children. They will be engaging in a variety of interactive workshops and lessons designed to help them navigate the digital world with confidence, kindness, and caution. We are also looking forward to welcoming many of you into school for our Parent Interviews (Nursery–P6); these meetings are a vital opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their individual achievements so far this year. Finally, I would like to extend a huge congratulations to our P7 pupils on their fantastic SEAG results. We are incredibly proud of the hard work and resilience they have shown. As they now begin the important process of making their post-primary choices, we are here to support them and their families through every step of this exciting transition. This month Mr McCrea and Mr Cram will be leading us in our school value of the month, excellence. Watch out on Dojo to see how we explore this value.

Best regards,

*P Totton*

## Internet Safety Week-

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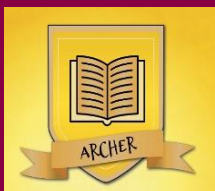
Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place in Ballymagee on 3rd February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices' – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.

In Ballymagee, we will be exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

## School Values



This month we will be focusing on excellence. Children will be introduced to the contribution they can make to our school and the community in assembly led by Mr McCrea & Mr Cram. They will be involved in lessons and activities, and we will be awarding an excellence star pupil award.



## EA School Meals

We are a nut aware school and many children within our community have allergies. Please make sure that no nuts or foods containing nuts are sent in lunch boxes. School dinners must be booked by midnight on a Sunday, this includes children that are entitled to free school meals.

## SEAG RESULTS



Well done to all P7 pupils who received their SEAG scores. We are so proud of everyone for working extremely hard and trying your best.

## Road Safety



Our school community is precious, and we want to always ensure everyone's safety. Please talk to your children about the importance of crossing the road safely when arriving or leaving school, whether they are walking home or to the car. See the link below highlighting rules for pedestrians and the highway code.

**Note to drivers – please be aware at pick up and drop off as many children walk home. Be mindful when driving and parking at Ballymagee.**

<https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/rules-for-pedestrians-crossing-the-road.html>

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## Book Week



Book Week will take place from **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th 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 DEAR (drop everything and read) sessions every day of this week. There will also be a 'guess the teacher' reading competition on Dojo for all to take part in.

On **Thursday 5th March** children should come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. Please do not go to any great expense for this event. We look forward to a fun filled week!

## School Council

Congratulations to our elected School Council.

This year's committee have decided to raise funds for Autism NI and School Council Playground Games Initiative.



## 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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