



Ballymagee Newsletter

December 2025



"Learning Today to Discover Tomorrow"

Key Dates

Monday 1st December

FAB Christmas Fair 5.30pm-7.30pm

Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th December

Foundation Stage Nativity

Wednesday 10th December

Nursery & P1 Open Day & Night
(2026 enrolment)

Friday 12th December

FAB Christmas Shopping Event

Monday 15th December

KS2 Christmas Concert

Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January

Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January

School Development Day - School
Closed to all pupils

Message from Mr Totton

I hope this newsletter finds you well and you are enjoying the beginning of the festive season. As always, school is a hive of activity with our Christmas Fair and rehearsals for our P1/2 Nativity "The Merry Mouse," the P5/6 Christmas Concert and our Nursery Christmas Sing-along. Our School Council are busy organising a Christmas Day in Ballymagee with lots of fun activities for everyone to enjoy.

As we come to the end of our first term, I would like to congratulate the children on all their hard work and thank you for all your support of everything we do in school. I would also like to pass on my sincere thanks to all staff for going above and beyond for our children daily.

I will hopefully see you at one of our many events this month.

I trust that you will have a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break; Best wishes for a prosperous 2026.

Nursery & P1 Open Day



We will be having an open day & night for Nursery and P1 on **Wednesday 10th December**. This tour of the school is for parents only at this stage. Please email info@ballymagee.org.uk or call the school office on 02891472324 to make an appointment for a tour.

FAB Christmas Fair



We look forward to inviting you along to our Christmas Fair on Monday 1st December 5.30pm-7.30pm. Come along and join in the Christmas festivities. Santa will be here, along with lots of fabulous shopping stalls. Treat the family to dinner at our wonderful BBQ. Senior Choir will perform on the evening 6.30pm-6.50pm at the Amphitheater.

Foundation Stage Christmas Play

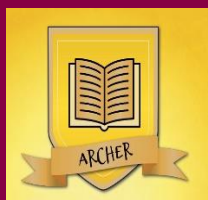


This year's Foundation Stage Christmas event, "The Merry Mouse" will take place on Wednesday 3rd & Thursday 4th December. The children have worked hard, and the show will be a festive treat for all that attend. Admission will be strictly by ticket to ensure numbers do not exceed health & safety limits.

KS2 Christmas Concert



Our Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert will take place on Monday 15th December at 9.30am & 11.00am for P5 & P6 children. Admission will be strictly by ticket to ensure the numbers attending do not exceed health & safety requirements. We have allocated a maximum of 2 seats per family. There is no entrance fee, however, there will be a collection following the performance to go towards Autism NI and our School Council Initiative. If there are 'spare' tickets available, a further note will follow.



Choir



The Senior Choir (P6s) will be singing at Bramblewood Care Home on Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 1.45pm-2.10pm.

Junior Choir will be singing at Bloomfield Shopping Centre on Wednesday 17th December 1.30pm- 1.50pm. Jamaica Blue Café (beside Tesco) have requested that spectators keep the entrance to the coffee shop clear. Junior Choir will also perform at Donaghadee Garden Centre on Thursday 18th December at 2.30pm-3pm.

The children are very excited about the performances, if you are free, please lend your support and join us for some Christmas caroling!

Christmas Holidays

School will finish at 12:30pm on *Friday 20th December* for the Christmas Holidays and will reopen on *Monday 6th January*. Friday 19th December will be a non-uniform day and there will also be a festive Disco for all the classes! More



From all the staff at

*Ballymagee, we wish you a very
Merry Christmas & Happy New
Year!*

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Open Enrolment - Primary 1 & Nursery

The application process for admission to Primary 1 and Nursery in September 2026 will commence soon. Information on the procedure will be uploaded to our website in due course and the Education Authority will publish information on their website from 10th December 2025.

www.ballymagee.org.uk

www.eani.org.uk/parents/admissions

Important Dates:

Wednesday 7th January: Online portal opens for P1 & Nursery applications

Wednesday 21st January: Date by which to submit punctual applications

(Late applications not considered until all on-time applications processed)

School Values

KINDNESS



In November we will be focusing on kindness. Children will be introduced to the contribution they can make to our school and wider community by in assembly. They will be involved in lessons and activities throughout the month, and we will be awarding a kindness star pupil award.

School Council



School Council have already been hard at work! They met with Fiona Payne from the UK Parliament who chatted to them about Democracy and the important role of a School Council. They have held their first fundraising event, Funny Friday, and raised a fantastic £281.50. This money will be split equally between our chosen charity, Autism NI, and a School Council led project which will be buying new equipment for our playgrounds. Well done School Council.

Key Contacts

Principal Mr P Totton

Vice Principal Mr G McCrea

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Designated Teacher Miss V Bell

Deputy Designated Teachers

Mrs L Welsh Mr G McCrea

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