

Ballymagee Newsletter

October 2025



"Learning Today to Discover Tomorrow"

Key Dates

Wednesday 8th October

P1 Curriculum Afternoon @2.15pm

Wednesday 8th October

P3 Trip to Clandeboye Nature Rangers

Monday 13th – Friday 17th October

Parent/Teacher Interviews
(school will finish at 1pm for all pupils)

Tuesday 21st October

House Cross Country Competition

Friday 24th October

School Council Charity Event

Wednesday 22nd October

Harvest Assembly
(Foodbank Collection)

Wednesday 22nd October

FAB Meeting @1pm

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Mid Term Holiday

Cross Country



Our house Cross-Country competition will be on Tuesday 21st October weather permitting, children will need to come to school in PE kits and trainers on this day. All children Nursery - P7 will be taking part to earn points for their house.

Tabletop Sale



P5 will be holding a tabletop sale in aid of NSPCC on **Tuesday 21st October** for P1-P4. Toys, books and games will be on sale ranging from 10p - £2.

A Message from Mr Totton

September has gone by in a flash and the autumnal weather is well and truly here. It has been lovely to watch the children settle into new classes, build relationships with their new teachers and enjoy new learning experiences.

This month we welcomed Miss Hannah Dunn to our team as a Nursery Assistant and Cleaner. Hannah brings a wealth of experience having worked in Nursery settings previously.



The School Council is up and running and councillors are already choosing their charities for the year and sharing suggestions for making Ballymagee even better. They are planning our Foodbank collection as part of our harvest celebrations.

Our FAB committee will be planning for our Christmas Fair. They will be meeting at 1pm on Wednesday 22nd October @1pm in school. If you are free, please consider attending to help us with our preparations.

P Totton

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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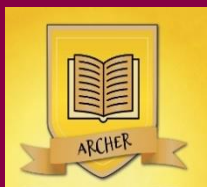
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Nursery – P7 Parent Teacher Interviews



Parent / Teacher Interviews will take place the week of **Monday 13th– Friday 17th October 2025**. School will finish at 1.00pm all this week for P1-P7 classes. Nursery will finish at 12.15pm. School lunches will be available; however, there will be no sports/arts clubs or crossing patrol available at 1pm. Information will follow shortly. Creative Club will be available from 1pm-5pm.

Book Fair



The Book Fair will be in school from **Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th October**, the same week as parent interviews and will be open to children during the school day and to friends and family from 1–3 pm. Please note, children are not to be left unsupervised at the Book Fair while you attend your parent interview.

School Values

RESPECT



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

Devices in School



Nursery to Year 4 children are not permitted to bring a personal mobile phone or other connected devices to school. Years 5-7, devices are only permitted for children who walk to and from school alone, and only for safety reasons. Devices must be switched off and kept in the child's bag during the entire school day, including break and lunchtimes. Children must have signed permission from a parent or guardian to bring a mobile device on to school grounds.

Foodbank



As a school we are going to be collecting for 'Bangor Foodbank and Community Support' and hope to donate items through our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 22nd October.

We would be grateful if each year group could donate the following items to aid our collection for this brilliant cause.

Nursery – Tinned Meat or Tinned Custard

P1 – Shampoo or Pasta Sauce

P2 – Microwave Rice or Tinned Carrots

P3 – Soup

P4 – Tinned Hotdogs

P5 – Pot Noodles

P6 – Tinned Meatballs

P7 – Instant Mash

We would appreciate if donations could be brought to school on Friday 17th, Monday 20th, Tuesday 21st October with your child / children.

Thank you very much in advance for any donations and we will update you on the amount we collect as a school community.

Parking & Road Safety



Please be aware of pedestrians and other drivers when parking near the school. We have recently received complaints from residents and other drivers in relation to parking at drop off and pick up times, especially in relation to people parking across the driveways of neighboring residents. Please be reminded that you must not park across driveways or on the zig zag lines, even for a short period.

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