

Ballymagee Newsletter

September 2025



"Learning Today to Discover Tomorrow"

Key Dates

Friday 19th September

Registration for SEAG closes

Friday 26th September

School Development Day – School closed for all children

School Photographs

Tuesday 30th September

Monday 13th -Friday 17th October

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

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October

Mid Term Holiday

Friday 21st November

Children in Need Day

Monday 1st December

FAB Christmas Fair

Wednesday 3rd December

Nativity 9.30am & 11am

Thursday 4th December

Nativity 9.30am

Thursday 9th December

Flu Vaccinations

Monday 15th December

KS2 Carol Service

A Message from Mr Totton

Welcome back! I would like to offer an especially warm welcome to our new Nursery and P1 families as well as those who have joined us throughout the school. I trust that you and your family have had an enjoyable summer break and that your child(ren) are excited about the new academic year ahead.

I am delighted to introduce you to three new members of staff. Mrs Pollock will be teaching Nursery on Monday and Tuesday as we move to full time provision. Mrs Mahood, who is no stranger to Ballymagee, will be teaching in P2AM on Mondays and Tuesdays alongside Mrs Atcheson. She will also be teaching in P5HM on alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays along with Mrs Hunter. We also have welcomed Mrs Rathfield as a General Assistant and Lunchtime Supervisor in P2AM.

It has been lovely to chat with so many of you at drop off over the last few mornings. If you are not at the gate, but need to chat with me, I would encourage you to contact me through the school office.

With every good wish to you and your family for a blessed and successful academic year.

P Totton



Mrs Pollock



Mrs Rathfield



Mrs Mahood

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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School Values



This month we launch our 8 core school Values. In September we will be focusing on **community**. Children will be introduced to the contribution they can make to our school and wider community by Mrs Bell and Mrs Purce in assembly. They will be involved in lessons and activities throughout the month, and we will be awarding a community star pupil award.

Breakfast Club



Breakfast Club operates between 8.00am and 8.45am on days when children are in school. The cost is £3.50 per session, which includes a payment of £1.10 for breakfast. This is a fixed rate, whether a breakfast is availed of or not.

Nursery children can avail of breakfast club once they have commenced their full day. They will be brought from the school canteen to the Nursery at 8:45am.

Please use this link to book Breakfast Club

<https://supreme-sports.classforkids.io/camp/21>

Flu Vaccine



The school nursing team will be in school on Thursday 9th December to administer the flu vaccination to children. Forms will be sent home nearer the time. Please ensure these are returned as the vaccination will not be given without your consent.

Free School Meals/Uniform Grant



If you have not already done so, and think your child may qualify for Free School Meals, please apply via the EA Website. We would encourage all parents whose child(ren) may be eligible, to apply as soon as possible. Even if your child does not avail of the option, the school receives additional funding on the basis of numbers registered – <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants>

School Meals



Ballymagee is a cashless office and school dinners are managed online via the downloadable app or through the website 'School Gateway'. **Families in receipt of free school meals still need to book dinners via this service, although no payment will be required.**

If you haven't already done so, please download the School Gateway app or visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

School meals cost **£2.60** per day and can be booked via School Gateway from a Friday afternoon to Sunday at Midnight for the week ahead. **Meals must be paid for at time of booking.**

We have children in our school community with allergies, to keep them safe it is school policy that the children do not share food. Please do not send in cakes or treats for birthday celebrations. Thank you for your cooperation.

Scooters, Bicycles and Dogs

Please remember that dogs, with the exception of assistance dogs, are not permitted on the school grounds.

Children arriving to school on scooters or bicycles must wear a helmet and dismount at the school gates and push them on school grounds. Parents must push e-scooters on the school grounds also.

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