



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

We are having our school photographs taken in school on 7th-8th May. These individual photographs will be taken for our school records. Family groupings will also be taken of siblings within a home. No pressure is on parents to purchase photographs. These will be available to you if desired. We take class groupings in P1 and P7 for purchase if desired also. We will keep you informed.

CONTACT PARENTS

Our text messaging service is still in use. Please note that if the text cannot be sent to the first mobile number given in our Pupil Contact database, the computer system will send it to an alternative number on the list.

Please ensure we have up to date working mobile numbers for parents at all times.

Due to the changes in GDPR, please ensure you have the consent of all contacts on our database, which you have given us, for school to hold their details in a secure system.

UNIFORM

It will be great to see our pupils wearing their summer uniform, when the weather is suitable, after Easter.

A reminder for the girls that the summer uniform is a red gingham dress. We appreciate playsuits may be on sale locally, or online, but they are not our uniform, and they are tricky for toilet times etc. especially in the younger classes. Thank you for keeping this in mind when buying anything new.

We also have a lot of uniform in school to share/give away. Should anyone need anything, just let us know. Thank you to all parents who donate almost new uniform and shoes to us for sharing with others.

REMINDER!

School is open on Monday 14th April from 8:45 – 12:00. School then closes for the Easter Holidays.

We do not have any BPS Club afterschool on the 14th but Rise and Shine early drop off is available from 7:45am.

*We have opened our online booking system for school dinners and BPS Club afterschool bookings already for after the Easter Holidays. It is easy to forget to make reservations over a school closure so we hope this will be helpful to you this week. The bookings close at 9pm on Sunday 27th April.

WELL DONE!

Well done to our girls hockey team who reached the Semi Finals of the McCoy Finals Day Tournament on Tuesday. It was an amazing day and fabulous hockey was played.

Our boys Hockey Team attended today and they also did extremely well - reaching the quarter finals. Despite the extreme heat they played amazingly well. Thank you to all parents and family members who attended in support. It was great to have you cheering us on.

Well done to all our Boys and Girls who had a great experience to talk about in the future.

Attending Finals Day is a memory never to be forgotten.

MAY	
5 th May	School Closure - May Day Holiday.
6 th May	Teacher Training Day - School Closure.
17 th May	May Fair Parade.
20 th May (12:00 finish)	May Fair in Ballyclare Town.
26 th May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
28 th May	Sports Day for all pupils. Details to follow for parents.
29 th May (Reserve Day)	Sports Day Reserve if wet on 28th.
★ We have a number of school trips and visit organised for year groups in May/June. Details of these will be sent to you by Year Heads.	

JUNE	
11 th /12 th June	New P1 pupils for 25/26 will join us in school for a visit.
★ Our P7 pupils have a full programme of Leavers events. These will be shared with P7 parents.	
23 rd June	School Reports go out to parents.
26 th June	"Move On" morning to new teachers for next year.
30 th June	End of School Year. 11:45-12:00 Exit.

Please keep these dates on your calendar. We will send some reminders as the term progresses.





Please find below our proposed 2025-2026 Holiday List, should our school year go according to our usual plan. You appreciate that changes may be made in accordance with Government/DE/EA Guidance

Term 1	School starts: Term 1	Tuesday 26th August 2025	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	School closed: For Pupils	Monday 29th September 2025	School Development Day
	School finishes:	Friday 24th October	all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week (20-24 Oct)
	Half Term Holiday School closed:	Monday 27th October – Friday 31 st October	
	School Recommences:	Monday 3rd November	
	School finishes:	Friday 19th December	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	Christmas Holiday School closed:	Monday 22nd December 2025 – Monday 5th January 2026	
Term 2	School recommences: Term 2	Tuesday 6th January 2026	
	School finishes:	Friday 6th February	all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week (2-6 Feb)
	Half Term Holiday School closed:	Monday 9th – Friday 13th February	
	School recommences:	Monday 16th February	
	School closed:	Tuesday 17 th March	Bank Holiday – St. Patricks Day
	School finishes:	Friday 27th March	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	Easter Holiday School closed:	Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	
Term 3	School recommences: Term 3	Monday 13th April	
	School closed:	Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday - May Day
	School closed: For Pupils	Tuesday 5th May	School Development Day
	School closed:	Monday 25 th May	Bank Holiday
	School Year Ends:	Tuesday 30th June	all pupils finish at 12:00noon

Subject to small changes of which you will be notified. Please note Bank Holidays have to be taken as holidays now as directed by DE/EA.