Weekly Bulletin 26.6.25

STAR OF THE MONTH

THANKYOU

Thank you to all parents and families for your continued support this year. We have had many cards and emails of thanks from parents which are always appreciated. Our children are ready for a summer break from the many routines and events in their lives. We hope everyone has a blessed summer and we look forward to seeing everyone on our return on 26th August (8:45 – 12:00).

Our early drop off Rise & Shine Club will start on the 26th August at 7:45am as usual.

Afterschool Care – BPS Club will start on Wednesday 27th August. Bookings should be made the previous week as usual.

We have had a great year with many new events and opportunities. We are already planning further exciting things for next year for our school community. We hope everyone will join us in these endeavours.

NEW CLASSES

Our pupils moved to their new classes today to meet their teacher and see their new room.

Everyone got a note home in their reports of the entry and exit doors needed for Day 1 Start. Please keep this safe. Thank you.

EVERY BLESSING

We wish Mr Gordon (P7) and Mrs Drury Mulligan (P1/2) and Gemma King (P1 LSA) every blessing as they embark on new career paths next year.

We welcome a number of new staff to our school, starting in August this year. We hope they settle well with us and feel welcomed to our BPS family.

P7 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

We had a lovely time at our Leavers Assembly with P7 pupils and parents. Thank you to everyone for coming. Our award winners are detailed on the following page.

FINDING NEMO

Our P7 performance of "Finding Nemo" was a fabulous experience. Well done to all the P7 pupils who took part. Every pupil was involved, and they made us very proud.

The acting/singing and overall production was outstanding.

Thank you to all the staff involved and to the P7 Staff team – Mr Joyce, Mrs Watson, Mrs McIntosh and Mr Gordon for all their dedicated efforts this whole year.

SPORTS CAMP IN BPS

Some places are still available in the Sports Camp running in our school in July. Please see details.



HOLIDAY LIST

Please find the holiday list for next year attached to this Bulletin. There are some changes from previous years due to EA/DE directives re: Bank Holidays. Please keep this calendar list and book holidays in holiday times as far as possible. Thank you.

'Working together, towards excellence, for all.'

P7 PRIZE WINNERS - 2025

Ballyclare
Primary School

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Beth Montgomery Cup for Mathematical Competence	Harmony Hall	P7MJLM
Josh Montgomery Cup for Mathematical Competence	Hunter Ross	P7NG
<u>Gilmour Cup</u> – Mental Maths	Olly Mehaffy	P7MJLM
<u>Jackson Cup</u> - Mathematical Competency in problem solving	Ethan Holland	P7RW
The Taylor Shield - Creative Writing	Joshua Luke	P7MJLM
Paula Reading Cup	Joel Ritchie	P7MJLM
Top AR Reader Shield	Ethan Bonnes	P7NG
Reid Cup - Overall Literacy	Emily-May O'Neill	P7NG
BPS Endeavour Award (shield)	Anya O'Callaghan	P7NG
BPS Endeavour Award (shield)	Priya Kidd	P7MJLM
Endeavour Award (Stewart cup) and (Overcoming in life – Courage and Bravery award	Harry Keys	P7RW
<u>Jessica Kirk Cup for most Improved</u> <u>Pupil</u>	Mason Sinclair	P7MJLM
Mr & Mrs McLaughlin Shield – Penmanship	Ruby Carmichael	P7NG
The Principal's Cup - I.C.T.	Judah Ramsay	P7RW
World Around Us Cup	Ben McFall	P7NG
McCullough Shield - Art	Sophia McCusker	P7MJLM
<u>The Finlay Shield</u> Music All-rounder	Leah Ferris	P7RW
The Blair Trophy Shield for Most Promising Singer	Eva Rose Stewart	P7MJLM

Performing Arts - Most Promising	Macie Montgomery	P7RW
Performing Arts - Most Promising	Jack McLaughlin	P7MJLM
Outstanding Potential following the highest score in an external examination	Alfie Gault	P7RW
Stand out Footballer Cup	Ben Robb	P7RW
Most Legendary Female Footballers	Miyah Coleman / Lottie Moore	P7MJLM / RW
Most Promising Male Hockey Player	Jack Stewart	P7MJLM
McKinstry Shield Hockey - Most Promising Female	Sofia Agnew	P7NG
Sports Day Cup Boys (Highest Score)	Max Agnew	P7NG
Sports Day Cups Girls (Highest Score)	Sofia Agnew	P7NG
McAuley Cup - Girls overall sports	Sienna McClay	P7MJLM
Whittley Cup - Boys overall sports	Alfie Gault / Calum Gordon	P7RW
McKeown Shield - Cycling	James McMillan	P7RW
Snoddy Cup – Swimming 850m	Aedan Kilpatrick / James Craig	P7MJLM / NG
McFall Shield for Manners and Respect	Myla Evans	P7NG
Crawford Creativity Cup	Anna Alexander	P7MJLM
McWilliam Cup for Creativity and Character	Susanna Bell	P7MJLM
BPS Character Shield	Sofia Fleck	P7RW
The Patterson Character Cup	Joel Kennedy	P7NG
The Clare McFaul Spirit of Kindness Award	Connie Woodside	P7NG

Courage and Bravery Award Overcoming challenge in Life	Alex Beattie Dylan Hepburn Leah Ferris Callan Lavery Stephen Lyness	P7RW P7NG P7RW P7NG P7RW
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2025-26 Holiday List

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