



Ballyclare Primary School

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REMINDER - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will close today at 1:55pm and remain closed for one week (9th– 13th February) for Half Term.

All classes will resume on Monday 16th February: 8:45am entry.



★ AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITY DAYS WILL RECOMMENCE ON MONDAY 16th February.

PARENT INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all parents who attended Parent Interviews this week. We hope you found these useful.

Should you need any further information to assist helping your child/ren, please contact the class teacher or a member of our SEN Team/Mr Joyce/Mrs Mulligan.

WORLD BOOK WEEK

We plan to host a Book Fair in school from Monday 2nd March – Friday 6th March. Friday 6th March will be our Dress Up Day when pupils are asked to come to school dressed up. Our theme this year is “PJs and Pages”



Mrs Arbuckle (P6) is sending information to all classes about this. Home designed outfits are very suitable and welcomed. PJs are perfect with teddies too!

LIBRARY

Ballyclare Primary School is fortunate to be located beside Ballyclare Town Library and all classes have the opportunity to visit these facilities, when appropriate. We encourage our Key Stage One (P4) and Key Stage Two pupils to make full use of their local library by applying for their own library card. If your child would like to apply for one, please pick up an application form from the Library. However, we would ask parents to be mindful that on signing the application form they are accepting responsibility for the safe and prompt return of all books borrowed.

To avoid overdue notices, parents should ensure that all books are returned on time to the library. The library staff is always greatly encouraged by the high number of Ballyclare Primary pupils who avail of their service.

ONLINE SAFETY

Again, we encourage parents to be very aware that pupil phones should be monitored as much upset is caused by comments made that can be traced back to the use of Tiktok, Snapchat and other social media platforms. Primary age children should not have these accounts as they can have content that affects their wellbeing.

Have a conversation.

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

■	<p>Ask you children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.</p> <p>What games do you and your friends like online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?</p>
▲	<p>Ask them about how they stay safe online.</p> <p>What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?</p>
●	<p>Ask them if they know where to go for help.</p> <p>Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?</p>
◆	<p>Think about how you each use the internet.</p> <p>What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?</p>

The attached Online Safety ‘Shareable’ outlines the age restrictions for many popular online platforms and the dangers they can present.

As part of our school target on the development of reading we would love to extend the promotion of ‘Reading for Enjoyment’ within our wider school family.

Could you or another family member, perhaps a grandparent, spare some time to come into school to read a story or talk to your child’s class about a favourite childhood book?

Alternatively, would you like to upload a short book review alongside a picture of yourself, your child and your favourite book (a template would be given for this). These would then be used as part of our display in school and/or shown in assembly.

If you are able to help us in this, please complete the Teachers2Parents form sent to your inboxes.



CANTEEN MENU 16/2/26 – 30/6/26

‘Working together, towards excellence, for all.’

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EAT SMART WEEK THE LUNCH BUNCH



WEEK BEGINNING

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

16th February 16th March 13th April 11th May 8th June	Baked Fish Goujons with Lemon Mayo Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Selection of Fruit Yoghurt Pots	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Green Beans Fusilli Pasta & Fresh Seasonal Salad Mandarin Orange Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Fresh Seasonal Salad Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Peach & Raspberry Traybake Trifle	Roast Pork with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Steamed Broccoli & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate and Pear Sponge Cake	Hot Dog with Tomato Ketchup Garden Peas & Mini Corn on the Cob Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Vanilla Ice Cream with Sliced Pears
23rd February 23rd March 20th April 18th May 15th June	Golden Baked Cod Bites Steamed Broccoli & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Baked Potato Frozen Strawberry Yoghurt and Fruit Tub	Mild Beef Chilli Sweetcorn, Fresh Seasonal Salad & Coleslaw Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Homemade Apple Sponge with Custard	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Diced Carrots Steamed Rice & Mashed Potatoes Fresh Fruit Salad with Strawberry Yoghurt	Roast Turkey with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Roast Carrots & Spring Cabbage Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Fruit Muffin and Milkshake	Cheeseburger with Tomato Ketchup Mini Corn on the Cob & Crunchy Veggie Sticks Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Oatmeal Biscuit with Orange Wedges
2nd March 30th March 27th April 25th May 22nd June	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers Garden Peas & Spaghetti Hoops Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Banana-flavoured Mousse	Homemade Beef Bolognese Steamed Broccoli & Fresh Seasonal Salad Fusilli Pasta & Herbed Baby Potatoes Summer Fruit Sponge Finger	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Green Beans & Baton Carrots Steamed Rice & Oven Roast Wedges Blueberry and Lemon Sponge with Custard	Roast Gammon with Stuffing and Rich Gravy Cauliflower & Roast Butternut Squash Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Jelly Whip with Mandarin Oranges	Baked Pork Sausages Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes & Mashed Potatoes Frozen Vanilla Yoghurt with Melon Wedge
9th March 6th April 4th May 1st June 29th June	Homemade Beef Bolognese Baton Carrots & Steamed Broccoli Fusilli Pasta & Oven Roasted Wedges Melon, Mandarin and Pineapple Pot	Ham and Cheese Pizza Sweetcorn & Coleslaw Chipped Potatoes & Baby Potatoes Raspberry Jelly with Two Fruits	Lunch Bunch Chicken Curry & Mini Naan Bread Garden Peas & Roast Butternut Squash Steamed Rice & Potato Salad Pineapple Upside Down Cake with Custard	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing and Rich Gravy Or Baked Salmon and Tomato Pasta Roast Carrot & Cauliflower Mashed Potatoes & Oven Roast Potatoes Chocolate-flavoured Mousse with Chopped Fruit	Oven Baked Chicken Goujons Garden Peas & Baked Beans Chipped Potatoes, Baked Potato & Fresh Seasonal Salad Homemade Flakemeal Biscuit with Melon Wedge

MILK, WATER, BREAD AND
FRESH FRUIT AVAILABLE DAILY

MENU SUBJECT TO
PRODUCT AVAILABILITY

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLERGENS OR
SPECIAL DIETS PLEASE CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL

YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO POPULAR PLATFORMS

AN ONLINE SAFETY SHAREABLE

Messenger

An instant messaging app developed by Meta, popular for group chats, sharing images and videos. This app is also popular for playing games with friends. Can allow young people to connect with strangers, receive message requests from strangers and video call.

16+

Yubo

A live-streaming platform designed to help users "meet new people" from all around the world. There have been multiple reports of young people being harassed into sending sexualised or nude images and videos.

17+

WhatsApp

A popular messaging platform which allows group chats, video and audio calls. WhatsApp users have been subject to scams and malware spreading through the platform.

16+

Reddit

A platform which allows interactions through communities and discussion forums based on particular interests. There are no age verification systems for NSFW channels and can be easily bypassed to view inappropriate content. (NSFW forums are 18+)

13+

Kik

A mobile messaging app which allows one-to-one chatting, group chats and anonymous chats. Since Kik allows chatting with random strangers, it leaves children open to exploitation and grooming. Once messages are deleted, they cannot be retrieved.

16+

Telegram

A cross-platform messaging app which allows communication between individuals, small and large groups of up to 200,000 people. The ability to connect with others in the area may lead to young people to disclose locations and personal details that could lead to grooming or harassment in-person.

16+

Discord

An instant messaging social platform, in which people enter 'servers' so they are part of a group - commonly used for gaming communities. Some servers are NSFW (Not safe for work - often meaning inappropriate/adult content) and may have content age-inappropriate for younger users.

13+

Snapchat

A popular image sharing and messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (snaps), with photo effects and filters, which disappear after a period of time. The 'disappearing snap' feature of Snapchat can lure young people into a false sense of security, and they may send images they would not normally send.

13+

Instagram

An image and video sharing app. Users can share content that followers can interact with by viewing, liking and commenting. Instagram may push a narrative of a 'perfect world' to young people, and they may feel pressured to post perfect, polished images of themselves.

13+

YouTube

A popular video sharing and social media platform. Videos can be commented on, liked and shared. Cyberbullying can occur through YouTube comments and age-inappropriate content may slip through moderation strategies deployed.

18+

TikTok

A free video sharing app which allows users to capture short video clips, share them and watch other user's videos or live streams. Age-inappropriate content which can be accessed through public feeds, especially any live streams. This may be unsuitable for young people and can be the origin of bullying trends.

13+

BeReal

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A once-a-day photo sharing app - Users are given a 2-minute window to share a photo of themselves and their surroundings to their friends. If young people accept contacts they don't know, it is easy to build up a picture of routines in daily life, for example, school uniforms, bus stops and regular locations.

13+

Twitch

Twitch is a live streaming video platform which allows creators to broadcast and users to watch content, usually about games, including esports. Twitch streams are often live and are therefore difficult to moderate.

13+

NETFLIX NOW Disney+

Streaming services which often involve paid subscriptions which offers a variety of TV shows, movies, gaming streams and more. Netflix shows such as 'Squid Game' and '13 Reasons Why' went viral and attracted the attention of young people, despite not being appropriate for under 18s. Parental controls which restrict access to age-inappropriate content e.g. profile PIN codes.

13+

16+

18+

Vault Apps (Decoys)

Apps which allow users to secretly hide photos, videos and files behind the premise of another app, for example a calculator which can only be accessed through a numeric pin code. Can become dangerous 'stash' of youth produced sexual imagery.

17+