



### EDUCATION MINISTER VISIT

Yesterday we had the privilege of hosting the Education Minister Mr Givan in our school for a brief visit.

Mr Givan was with us to look at the site planned for our new wing which DE has agreed for our school. It was a joy to host him and to show him round our lovely school. Mr Givan was taken on a tour of the building and our facilities and he met pupils and staff on the way. Check out our Facebook page for the photos.

### TAKE 5 WEEK

Next week in school we are celebrating 'Take 5' week from Monday to Thursday.

Each day children will be completing activities focusing on a number of key wellbeing themes:

- Monday: Give and Connect
- Tuesday: Keep Learning
- Wednesday: Take Notice
- Thursday: Be Active

On Thursday, all pupils will take part in the Weekly Mile, showing their support for staff participating in the Belfast Marathon on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May.

We are supporting The Cancer Fund for Children. Please donate £1 for the pupil Weekly Mile and our Marathon Team for this worthy cause. Donations can be made on our Teachers2Parents app. If you are able to give generously that will be very welcome.

### 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 is great to see our summer uniform on in the better weather.

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.

MAY	
1 <sup>st</sup> May	School Closed- TransformEd Day.
4 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closure - May Day Holiday.
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Teacher Training Day - School Closure.
16 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fair Parade.
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Community Concert 6:30pm Town Hall
19 <sup>th</sup> May (12:00 finish)	May Fair in Ballyclare Town.
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Knockout Competition 6pm.
25 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closure - Bank Holiday
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Sports Day for all pupils. Details to follow for parents.
28 <sup>th</sup> May (Reserve Day)	Sports Day Reserve if wet on 27th.
★ We have a number of school trips and visits organised for year groups in May/June. Details of these will be sent to you by Year Heads.	

JUNE	
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> June	New P1 pupils for 26/27 will join us in school for a visit.
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Exams Ballyclare High School venue.
★ Our P7 pupils have a full programme of Leavers events. These will be shared with P7 parents.	
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	School Reports go out to parents.
25 <sup>th</sup> June	"Move On" morning to new teachers for next year.
30 <sup>th</sup> 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 see below 2026/27 Holiday/Closure List





Please find below our proposed 2026-2027 Holiday/Closure 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	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> August 2026	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	School closed:	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	Bank Holiday
	School closed: For pupils	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	TransformEd (DE)
	School closed: For Pupils	Monday 28th September	School Development Day
	School finishes:	Friday 23rd October	all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week (19-23 Oct)
	Half Term Holiday School closed:	Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	
	School Recommences:	Monday 2nd November	
	School finishes:	Friday 18th December	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	Christmas Holiday School closed:	Monday 21st December 2026 – Monday 4th January 2027	
Term 2	School recommences: Term 2	Tuesday 5th January 2027	
	School closed: For pupils	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	TransformEd (DE)
	School finishes:	Friday 5th February	all pupils finish at 2:00pm - Interview Week (1-5 Feb)
	Half Term Holiday School closed:	Monday 8th – Friday 12th February	
	School recommences:	Monday 15th February	
	School closed:	Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Bank Holiday – St. Patrick's Day
	School finishes:	Friday 19th March	all pupils finish at 12:00noon
	Easter Holiday School closed:	Monday 22nd March – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	
Term 3	School recommences: Term 3	Monday 5th April	
	School closed:	Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday - May Day
	School closed: For Pupils	Tuesday 4th May / 5 <sup>th</sup> May	TransformEd / School Development Day
	School closed:	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May & Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Bank Holiday Weekend
	School Year Ends:	Wednesday 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.