

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

School finishes for half term break	Friday, 23 rd October 2:00pm
School returns following half term break	Monday, 2 nd November
Remembrance Sunday	Sunday, 8 th November
Hockey Blitz	Monday, 9 th November
Remembrance Assembly	Wednesday, 11 th November
Crown Jesus Puppets visit	Friday, 13 th November
Being a Good Friend Week	Monday, 16 th November – Friday, 20 th November
Grandparents' Concert (P1-P2)	Monday, 23 rd November 9:30am
PTA Wreath Making Evening (see poster)	Tuesday, 24 th November
Infant Christmas Concert (P1-P2)	Tuesday, 24 th November 9:30am Wednesday, 25 th November 7:00pm
Junior Christmas Concert (P3-P4)	Wednesday, 25 th November 9:30am Thursday, 26 th November 7:00pm
Infant Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 26 th November
Open Day for Prospective Parents	Tuesday, 1 st December
Christmas Fair 5:30pm	Thursday, 3 rd December
Senior Christmas Dinner (P4-P7)	Thursday, 3 rd December
Senior Christmas Concert (P5-P6)	Monday, 7 th December 7:00pm Tuesday, 8 th December 9:30am

Open Day

We will be hosting our Open Day this year on Tuesday, 1st December 2026. If you have friends, family or neighbours with a child ready to start Primary 1 in September 2027, please let them know this date and tell them to keep the morning free. A visit to walk around our school and grounds is the best way to find out what our school is all about. Tour places are now available to book online, or by contacting the school office.

Do take a look at our promotional video by visiting [Fairview Primary School - Admissions](#) or on our Facebook page. Our prospectus can also be found on the school website.

Finishing for Half Term

Please note, school will be closed to pupils from Monday, 26th October to Friday, 30th October inclusive. We hope our pupils enjoy a well earned break after a busy start to another school year.

Lunch and Healthy Break Orders

As you know, if you want to order a lunch or healthy break for your child, this needs to be done via the SchoolMoney app by midnight of the previous day. We have an increasing number of people phoning into school in the morning requesting last minute orders. Going forward, please ensure all orders are completed on time via School Money. **As an emergency**, we will accept orders up to 9am on the morning, but this should not become a norm.

Please note, bagels will no longer be available from the canteen. To replace these, pancakes will now be one of the healthy break options.

Parent Teacher Interviews

This week we have had our Parent Teacher Interviews. Thank you to those parents/carers who either attended in person or took a phone call to discuss their child's progress in school so far this year. The next scheduled set of interviews will be just prior to the half term in February but please remember that phone calls or meetings can be arranged between now and then, if you have something which you wish to discuss with the teacher.





Fairview Primary School

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 1st December

Come and get a taste of life in
Fairview Primary School



Book a space on one of our tours by scanning the QR code,
visiting the Facebook page or website or by contacting the
school office on: 02893352094

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Fairview Primary School
PTA

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop



Tickets:
£40 per person



Includes:
Light refreshments &
all materials provided



Venue:
Ballyclare Golf Club



Date & Time:
Tuesday, 24th November
at 7pm



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Primary School

P7 Parents with a child sitting SEAG

All P7 parents/carers with a child sitting the SEAG entrance assessment in November should now have received information from the school in which your child will be sitting the test – Ballyclare High School for most of our pupils. If you have not received this information, please contact the post primary school directly or let us know and we can advise you.

Please note key dates:

- Saturday 7th November - Familiarisation paper
- Saturday 14th November – SEAG Paper 1
- Saturday 21st November – SEAG Paper 2

Half Term Disco

We had a few sleepy pupils in school today after a late night at the Half Term Disco on Thursday evening. Can I say a huge thank you to our PTA team, led by Emma Armstrong, for organizing the evening. The hall looked great, but not as great as some of our pupils and their amazing outfits! A lot of effort has gone into preparation and it was well worth it! As ever, the tuck shop queue was the place to be in all the discos!

We continued with our Sensory Disco on the night and this proved to be a huge success, enabling some pupils who may not have been able to come normally to join in the fun. All three main discos were well attended, making this another important fund raiser for our PTA. We will confirm how much we raised after half term. Take a look at Fairview Facebook for some pictures from the evening.

After School Clubs

In Fairview, we feel we offer a wide range of clubs and it has been really encouraging to see so many of our pupils getting involved with these clubs during the first half term. In our most recent pupil survey, when asked what was their favourite thing about school, nearly every pupil talked about the after school clubs. The staff in Fairview go over and beyond to make these clubs fun and enjoyable for the pupils taking part and I want to say a thank you to the staff for their willingness to provide these opportunities for the pupils.

After half term, teacher led clubs will return for 3 more weeks. The final week for teacher led clubs this term will be week beginning 16th November. External clubs will continue to run based on the dates you have paid for.

Attendance

We have had a strong start back to school with overall attendance for August and September at 97.2%. Well done to all our boys and girls for being such regular attenders. Do try to have your children in school by 8.55am at the latest, with doors open from 8.45am. We know mornings can be a stressful time in many houses but being ready to start class at 8.55am is a valuable routine to establish and settles everyone for the day ahead.

I had the pleasure of visiting P4 Mrs Craig last week to present them with their attendance trophy for August/September, achieving an incredible 99.2% attendance. Well done to P1 Mrs Graham who were top Junior School attenders with 98.9%. Our top attending Senior School class was P6 Mrs McIvor achieving 99.0% attendance.

As you know, if your child is ill, it is right and proper to keep them at home. Similarly, if your child has been vomiting, please keep them at home for 48 hours. This reduces spread of any bugs around their peers and staff. Please continue to let the teacher or office know if you have a child off school.

Appointment of House Captains and Deputies

A huge congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice-Captains; Molly and Bethany (Cogry), Alfie and Liam (Collin), Anna and Cerys (Rashee) and Lottie and Kaya (Ollar).

We would like to wish the House Captains the very best in their new roles, we know they will make wonderful leaders who will encourage and support their fellow house mates throughout the rest of the year. We look forward to hearing their ideas for future house competitions and seeing these take place during the school year. May the best House win!

Visit to BHS for 'Sister Act'

Our P7 year group were invited to Ballyclare High School this week to see their performance of 'Sister Act'. What a wonderful show it was! It was lovely to see so many of our past pupils on stage acting, singing and dancing. Many were also involved in the wonderful orchestra which accompanied the performance.

"I liked getting to go for a visit to somewhere else and sit and enjoy all the wonderful singing, dancing and acting. My favourite character was Sister Mary Robert." Evie McLernon





Bright Socks for World Mental Health Day!

Recently, our Fairview Primary School pupils and staff celebrated World Mental Health Day by wearing their brightest socks to school!

We had a fantastic splash of colour around the school as we raised awareness of the importance of looking after our mental health and supporting one another.

Remember, a little kindness can make a big difference, and it's always okay to talk!



Pupil of the Month

Mr McAllister is looking forward to visiting classrooms after half term to present some of our wonderful pupils with the Pupil of the Month certificate, sticker and pencil. The target for October was Building Independence. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for some photos.

Our Pupil of the Month targets once again this year will reflect our new Core Values in school.

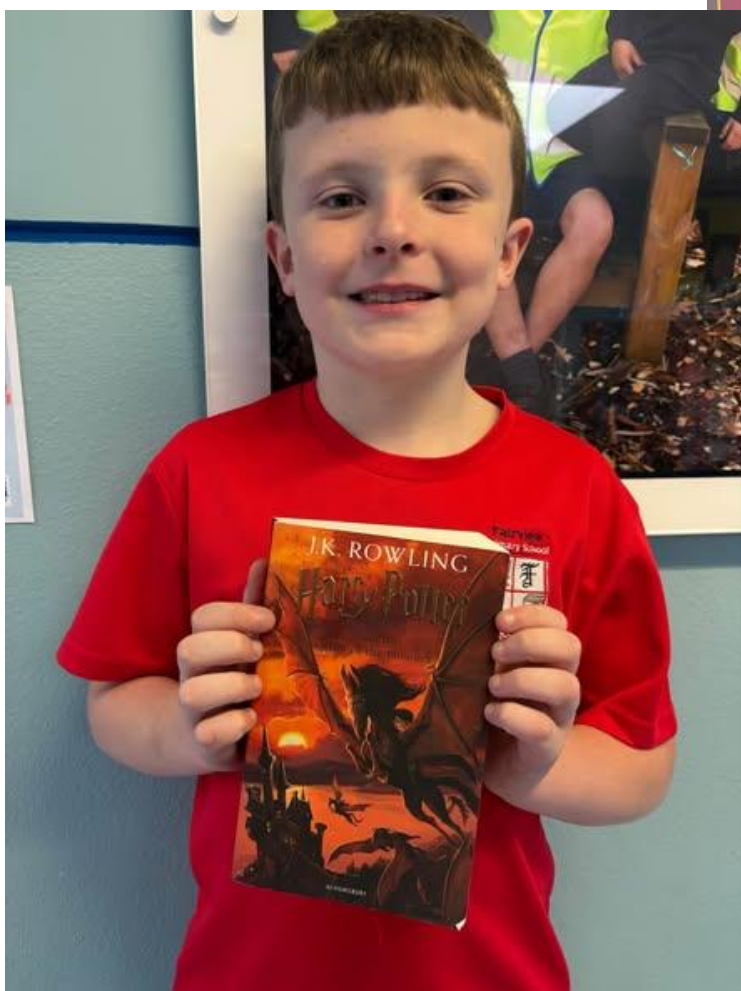
Our target for November will be:

We show: Kindness

Kindness as one of our Core Values is perfect for November, complementing our 'Being a Good Friend' week. The Core Value is based around treating others as we would like to be treated. All classes will be thinking about what it is to be a good friend and talking about ways we can show this as we interact with others in school, and indeed outside of school.

AR Success

Our Accelerated Reader programme in P4-P7 is a hugely popular way to get children reading. Lots of pupils have been working on their personal word count targets and have reached the milestones for reading 250,000, 500,000 or 750,000 words. Well done to Daniel in P6McI and Matthias in P7S for becoming our first word millionaires this year!



Remembrance Day Poppies

The Royal British Legion has once again left in a box of their poppies along with a small box of stationery items. There is no price as such for the poppies or stationery but rather a suitable donation is appreciated. These will be around school after the half term break. Please do be generous as we support this most worthy cause. As ever, three P7 pupils will be accompanied by Mr McAllister and Mrs Norris for the parade and wreath laying on Remembrance Sunday.

TTRS 'Ireland Rocks' Competition

Last week, some of our pupils from P5-P7 took part in the 'Ireland Rocks' competition, a times tables challenge organised by the internationally renowned and award-winning learning platform, Times Tables Rock Stars. The competition was extremely fierce, with more than 14,000 pupils from across Ireland, both North and South, collectively answering over 7 million questions.

We are delighted to share that our school finished 12th out of 298 participating schools based on the total number of questions answered. P7K was our highest-performing class, achieving an impressive 20th place out of 1,206 classes. Our top-performing pupil this year was Miles (P6H), who answered an incredible 5,562 questions during the allotted 90 minute competition. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done, Miles! The second-highest scorer in the school was Daniel (P6McI), followed by Jacob (P7K).

"Our class was very competitive in the TTRS competition. Everyone was cheering on our class and our school. I was really pleased with my performance, and we hope there will be another TTRS competition soon." Peter Ragg, P5McC

"I loved the TTRS competition because it challenged me to practise my tables and get better at them. It was fun to see my name so far up the leaderboard." Jacob McLorie, P7K

"It was fun because we were able to compete against one another but not like in sports. We were still learning at the same time as having fun!" Daniel Lorrimer, P6McI

"It was a fun way to practise our tables. I really enjoyed seeing where our class was on the leaderboard." Ruby Dempster, P5P

School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teachers -	Miss Earls, Mrs Craig, Mrs McCullough, Mr McAllister
Safeguarding Governor -	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.

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SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

For local schools
and young people



INTERACTIVE EXHIBITIONS

For young people

A partnership of the United Parish and the Ballyclare Branch of the Royal British Legion

Programme

Thursday	10am	Public Opening
	1pm - 2pm	Closed for private schools exhibition
	2pm	Stories of Thiepval Wood (Timothy Craig)
	7pm	Men of St John's Church (Stephen Moore)
	9pm	Exhibition closes

(Tea & Coffee served in the Halls)

Friday	10am	Closed for private schools exhibition
	12 noon	Public Opening
	3pm	Men of Ballynure WW1 (Richard Wallace)
	7pm	Formation of the Comrades (Robert Fleck)
	9pm	Exhibition closes

Saturday	10am	Public Opening
	12 noon	This Soldier's Story - Balkans & Iraq (David Wallace)
	1pm	The B17 crash (Alfie Montgomery)
	3pm	Exhibition closes
	7.30pm	New Irish Arts concert (SOLD OUT)

(Tea & Coffee served in the Halls)

Sunday	11.30am	Morning Worship incl Act of Remembrance
	1pm	Public Opening
	6pm	Exhibition closes
	7pm	Remembering our Loved Ones



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Billy Heaney Memorial Tournament 2026

Last Wednesday, the senior football team travelled the short distance to Dixon Park to compete in the annual Billy Heaney Memorial Tournament. Billy was a local man who gave many hours of voluntary service so that children could enjoy sport, and in particular football, in the Ballyclare area.

In our first group game we played The Thomson PS. The game began nervously for both teams as both sides tried to fashion an early goal. The Fairview boys worked hard down the flanks through Albie Reeve and Roman Johnston but just could find that telling pass. Mason McGowan and Leo Forsythe worked hard to eliminate the Thompson's threat and managed to intercept any through ball. Marshall Hassard playing as striker had a good chance but his shot was well saved by the keeper. Caleb Spiers beat the defence but was unlucky to see his shot go narrowly over the bar. The Thompson PS had a couple of good chances of their own but were well caught by Alfie McClurg in goals. After an injury to Roman, Danny McNaughton found himself on the right wing and did well to beat his marker and put a low, driven cross into the box which was cleared by the Thomson defence. However, the deadlock was eventually broken. Caleb Spiers played a through ball to Marshall Hassard on the right which he then squared back to Caleb for a tap in at the back post to make it 1-0. Alfie McClurg made another good save from distance while Mason McGowan and Leo Forsythe continued to control the Fairview defensive area. A quick change of personnel saw Abel Forsythe coming on as striker and the impact was almost immediate. Intercepting a kick-out from the keeper, Abel raced clear only to find his shot well saved by the Thompson goalie. A minute later, Caleb Spiers beat his marker on the left wing, passed to Abel in the advanced position and he duly slotted the ball between the keeper's legs to make it 2-0.

Final Score: Fairview 2-0 Thompson

In our next group game we played Ballyclare Primary School. Both teams were up for this, having both played a game each and attacked from the start. Mason and Leo were kept busy in defence but managed to thwart any Ballyclare attack. Abel, Caleb and Marshall all pushed forward and saw shots well blocked or drift narrowly wide. A cross into the box from Caleb Spiers bounced around dangerously but the Fairview boys just couldn't get it under control and it was eventually cleared. The Ballyclare keeper made another great save with his legs to deny Abel Forsythe his second of the day, while at the far end Leo and Mason did well to neutralise the Ballyclare attacks before they reached Alfie in nets. With the game still 0-0 and looking like it would finish that way, Ballyclare had other ideas. A lofted cross from the right looped over the Fairview defenders and found the Ballyclare PS striker unmarked at the back post. He took his shot well, striking the ball low and hard into the back of the net. With just a few seconds left, Fairview launched the ball upfield, hoping to find a last gasp equaliser but the ball ran through and was picked up by the Ballyclare keeper.

Final Score: Fairview 0-1 Ballyclare

Placing second in the group meant that we played the winners of the other group which were Templepatrick PS. Always well structured and drilled, the Fairview boys knew that this would be another tough encounter. However, the boys began well and in the same attacking vein as before. Abel Forsythe worked tirelessly up front and had a few half-chances early on. Marshall Hassard saw his curling shot go narrowly wide while Roman Johnston's shot went narrowly wide. With the wind playing havoc, Alfie McClurg had to be alert from a series of kick-ins and corners and did well to hold the ball despite the tricky conditions. Fairview almost took the lead from another Marshall Hassard shot from distance but the Templepatrick keeper made a fantastic save to maintain the deadlock. At the other end Alfie

pulled off a super diving save to his left while Mason and Leo covered every inch of the pitch to intercept the Templepatrick attack. Caleb Spiers was also unfortunate to be tackled just as he was about to shoot. The final whistle and a 0-0 draw meant that the fate of both teams was decided by penalties. Both teams scored their first penalty, but an excellent high save from Alfie McClurg gave the Fairview boys the slimmest of advantages. However, the Templepatrick keeper was up to the task and parity was restored. Three more penalties were successfully converted by both teams adding to the tension. Templepatrick scored their 6th but unfortunately it wasn't to be for Fairview as the final penalty crashed against the crossbar and rebounded out, meaning Templepatrick progressed to the final and the Fairview boys went to the 3rd / 4th place playoff match.

This final game was against Ballynure PS, who had qualified and runners-up in their group matches. Again, both teams were well matched and the game began very evenly. Fairview soon found their rhythm and produced a few good chances. Roman Johnston, now playing more centrally, found himself clear of the defenders but saw his shot well saved. Danny McNaughton was

enjoying the challenge down the right and managed to see two shots well blocked in quick succession. Albie was also getting some joy down the left wing but the Ballynure players defended brilliantly. Mason and Leo continued to control the Fairview half and this additional space allowed Mason the odd foray up the pitch before being passing the ball upfield. Ballynure did however push hard for a goal of their own; a series of kick-ins keeping Alfie McClurg alert in goals. With only a few minutes left Fairview found their second wind and created a number of other chances. Opportunities were either just wide, blocked or well saved meaning that the game finished 0-0 with both teams deservedly placing in Joint 3rd.

Congratulations to Templepatrick PS who ended the day as overall winners, beating Ballyclare 2-0 in the final. And a 'final' thanks to Ballyclare PS for the kind invitation to participate this year again in the Billy Heaney Memorial Tournament and to Stephen Blair and his team for organising and refereeing the matches.





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- ◆ Helping children express feelings in healthy ways
- ◆ Strengthening the parent-child relationship
- ◆ Practical tools to support emotional wellbeing at home

 **Thursday 12 November**

 **2.15pm – 3pm**

 **Fairview Primary School**

Friendly welcome to all parents.

A supervised space will be available for children during the session.

The session will be facilitated by Lauren McBriar.

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