NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Blitz Day in school grounds	Friday, 11th September
Primary 1 in to 1pm	Monday, 14th September
Book Fair opens	Tuesday, 15th September
Book Fair Evening 6pm	Tuesday, 15th September
After School Activities commence (staff led)	Tuesday, 15th September
SEAG (P7 transfer test) registration closes **If you are a P7 parent of a child intending to sit SEAG, and you have not registered yet, please do so at your earliest convenience. If you require assistance, contact your child's teacher	Friday 18th September
Assembly with Hope 365 charity	Monday, 21st September
PTA AGM 7:30pm	Tuesday, 22nd September
School Closed – Staff Development Day	Friday, 25th September
School Closed – Staff Development Day	Monday, 28th September
Assembly with Shining Lights	Friday, 2nd October
Harvest Assembly with CEF	Monday, 5th October
Primary 1 in until 2pm	Monday, 5th October
Individual and Family Photos	Monday, 12th and Tuesday, 13th October

Visit our New Website
We are delighted to launch our new website:

www.fairviewps.co.uk

You will see a number of new features on the revamped website, with a calendar you can sync to your own phone, school policies available to download and an oppportunity to view our promotional video. Lots of information about school is available on the website and we will be adding more as the year progresses. We hope you, and any prospective parents, find this a good starting point for keeping up with school life!

Safeguarding and Child Protection
As part of the preventative curriculum all classes will be discussing the NSPCC's Underwear Rule - PANTS. This is designed to teach pupils how to stay safe from sexual abuse, without giving explicit information or telling scary stories or even using the term "sexual abuse." In the lesson, children will learn about the 'PANTS' acrostic, which stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

The lesson will be delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate.
Please see letter for further information.

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.

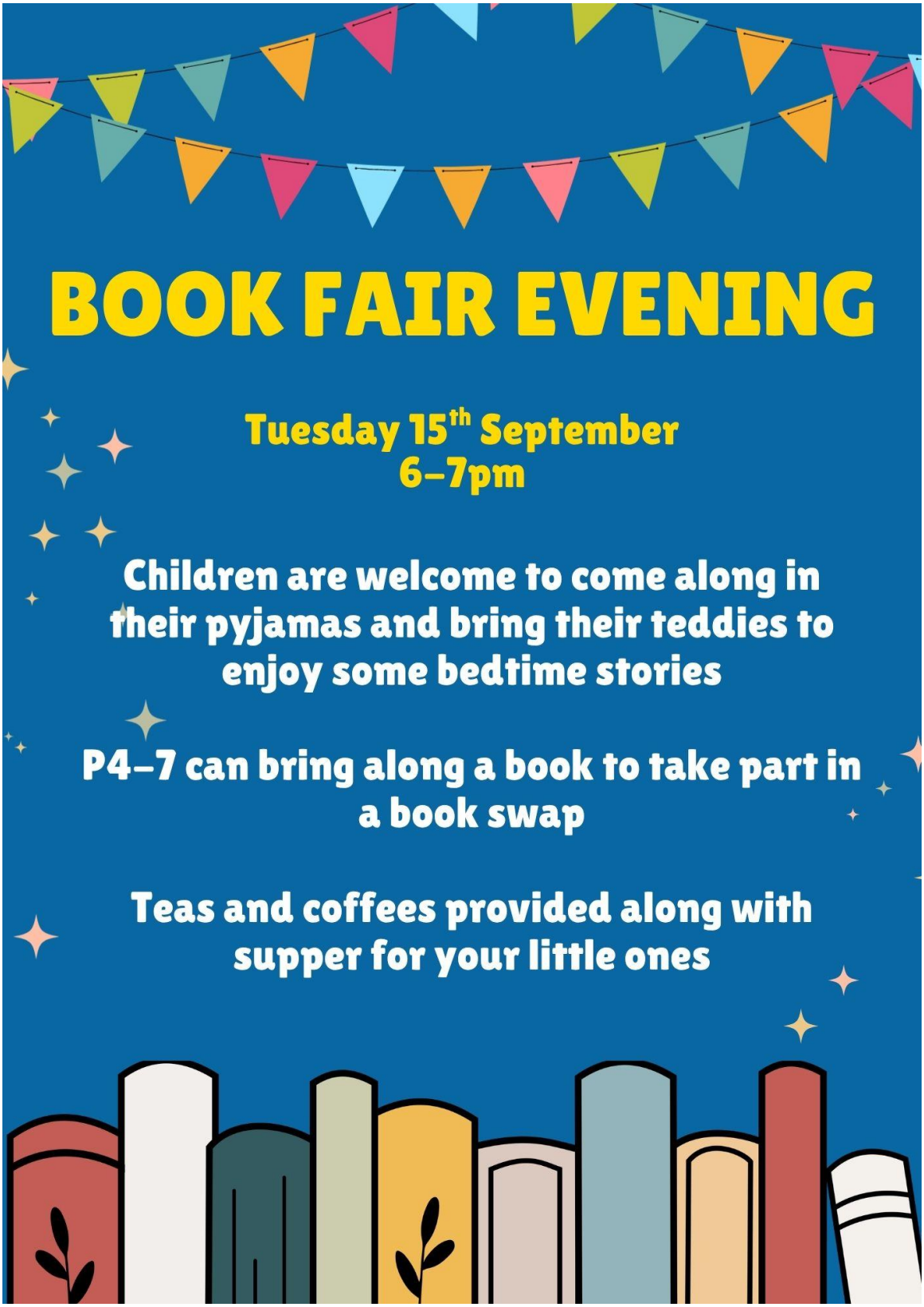
Applications for Free School Meals and Uniform Support
The Education Authority provides support with uniform costs for eligible families. If we can support you with this application, or indeed in applying for free school meals, please contact the school office and we will gladly assist. We would encourage you to apply, even if you do not intend for your child to avail of the support.



Allergy Aware School
Parents of any children who we know about as having allergies or a food intolerance will have been contacted already to confirm foods which cannot be eaten and suggest alternatives, based on the form completed last year. If your child has developed an allergy or a food intolerance since last year, please complete the form emailed out previously (or available from the school office) and return to the office or your child's teacher at the earliest convenience.

A number of our pupils have a severe allergy to various types of nuts. Therefore, it is school policy that nuts, of any form, are not permitted in school. This also includes the likes of a chocolate spread such as 'Nutella'. We appreciate your support with this. If there has been a change in your child's allergies, please inform school.

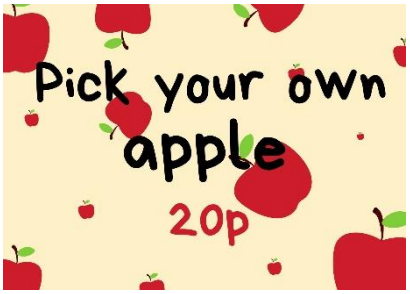
Book Fair Evening
Next Tuesday 15th September we are having our Book Fair Evening from 6-7pm. P1-3 children are invited to come along with their teddies for bedtime stories. P4-7 children are invited to join our 'Book Swap' by bringing along some books they have already read to swap for new titles. Juice and toast will be provided. Parents and guardians should stay in school and are welcome to enjoy some tea and coffee in the assembly hall.



Blitz Day
We are lucky to have such extensive school grounds and we have worked hard over the last number of years to develop these grounds into an innovative and stimulating learning environment. At our Blitz Day today, all pupils got to spend some time in the grounds, making sure our school is looking its best! Thank you to the many parents and grandparents who came along, we really do value your support.

If there are any parents or grandparents out there who could help us with projects on an ongoing basis, we would love to hear from you. Our vegetable garden, poly tunnel, raised beds and pond all need regular tending – maybe this is something you could get involved with at a time that suits you? Contact Miss Harrison or Mr McAllister if you are interested.

Pick Your Own Fruit
We have the apples for sale again this year, grown in our very own orchard. Pupils can pick their own for 20p. I can assure you, they are very tasty! If you are collecting at the front gate, do feel free to try one.



After Schools Programme
We pride ourselves in Fairview on the amount of after school opportunities our pupils have available to them. All our staff are involved in delivering this programme and notes for signing up to these clubs have already been sent home with pupils. Teacher led clubs commence next week. If your child has signed up for a club and cannot make an afternoon for any reason, please ensure you let the class teacher know, contact the office or send in a note.

On top of what our staff offer, we have a number of external clubs which will run throughout the year, booked directly with the provider. These details have been emailed out to you and will be on our new school website.

P1 Baselines and Meetings
The P1 staff would like to pass on their thanks to all the parents who took time to speak to their child's teacher over the last couple of weeks. The staff found the calls very useful and look forward to getting to know your child over the coming weeks and months.

Our Primary 1 pupils have settled so well into school life. Pupils finish their split sessions today, with Monday bringing the two groups in each class together for the first time up until 1pm. This will include having lunch together. A reminder also about a chance to meet with your child's teacher on **Tuesday 22nd September at 1.15pm**. Do come along to hear about the year ahead for your child and what you can expect from their first year in school. Please note that this meeting is for adults only.

P2 – P7 Information Sessions
There has been a terrific turnout from our parents at the information sessions as the staff introduced themselves and shared with you what will be happening in your child's year group over the coming months. We hope you found the sessions useful and I know the staff appreciated the support. Our P7 year group had their information evening this week, including an update on SEAG. If you have any further questions around SEAG, please contact your child's teacher or myself and we will be happy to help.

PTA AGM
The first PTA meeting of the year will be held in school on Tuesday 22nd September at 7.30pm. We are looking forward to seeing many familiar faces returning but also welcoming many new parents who may not have come along before. There will be no pressure on any parent to take on a specific role on the Committee so please don't be put off!
Please do consider coming along. Our PTA is a great group and it is a wonderful way to become part of school life – your child loves to see you involved and they get advance viewings of all the events! We really need your support, ideas, enthusiasm and skills! Don't be shy, give PTA a try!

FAMILY FUN DAY!

HOPE & LOVE OCT 26

Join us for an amazing day of fun for the whole family! Activities, food, and fantastic memories await everyone!

- Face Painting & Craft Table
- Sports Competitions
- Bouncy Castles
- BBQ, Ice Cream Van & Cream Tea

FREE BBQ



FREE OF CHARGE



Saturday
12th September, 2026

1:00 PM
5:00 PM

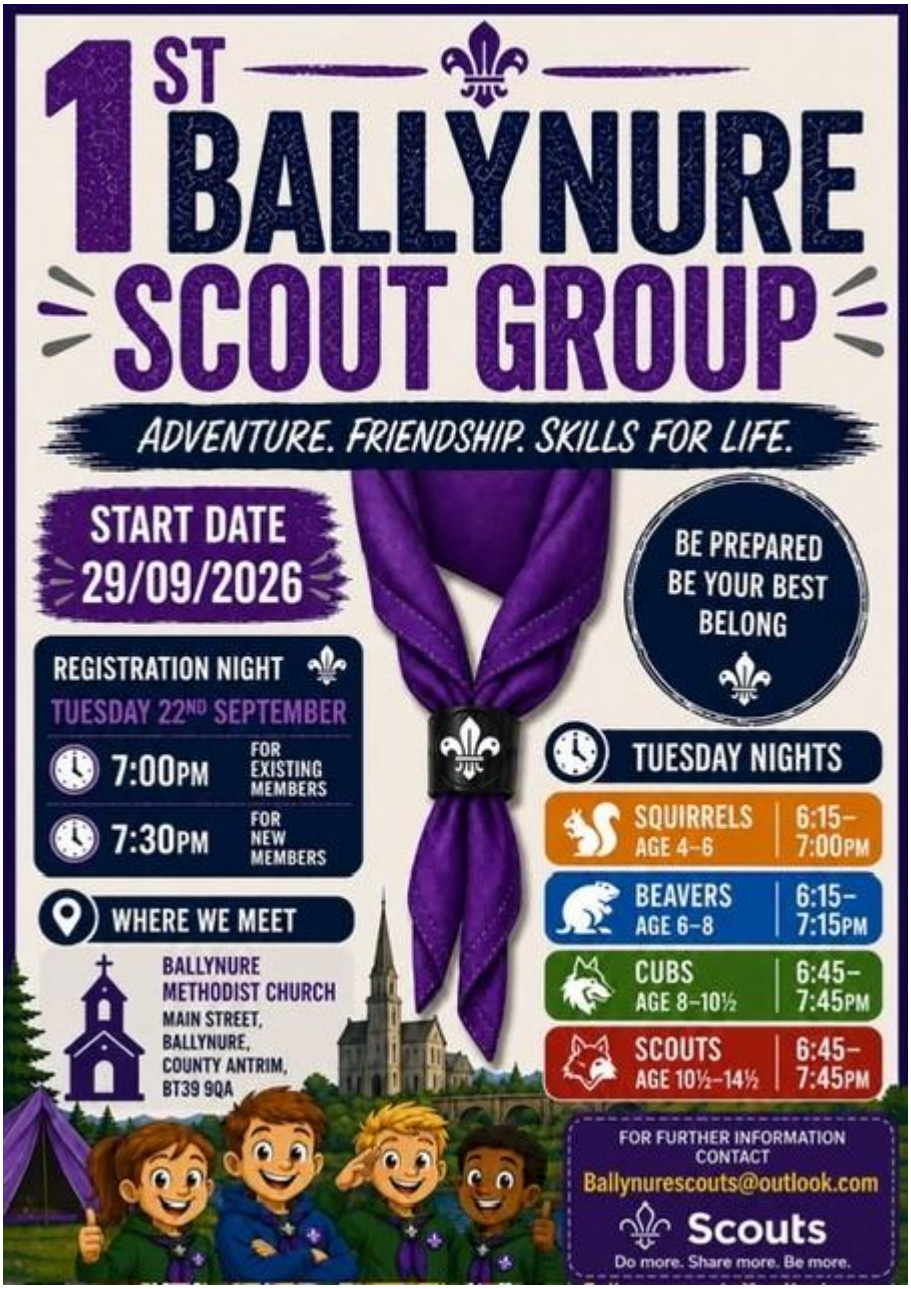
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1ST BALLYNURE SCOUT GROUP
ADVENTURE. FRIENDSHIP. SKILLS FOR LIFE.
START DATE 29/09/2026
BE PREPARED
BE YOUR BEST
BELONG
REGISTRATION NIGHT
TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
7:00PM FOR EXISTING MEMBERS
7:30PM FOR NEW MEMBERS
TUESDAY NIGHTS
SQUIRRELS AGE 4–6 6:15–7:00PM
BEAVERS AGE 6–8 6:15–7:15PM
CUBS AGE 8–10½ 6:45–7:45PM
SCOUTS AGE 10½–14½ 6:45–7:45PM
WHERE WE MEET
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Do more. Share more. Be more.


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FREE WORKSHOP
Parent LineNI™
0808 8020 400
Worry to Wonder
A workshop for parents of primary school aged children exploring why our children worry and ways we can support them.
PICK THE DATE/TIME THAT WORKS BEST FOR YOU!
TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER
7-8.30PM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY 29 SEPTEMBER
10-11.30AM
ONLINE VIA ZOOM
CALL NOW TO BOOK YOUR PLACE
0808 8020 400

Fairview Primary School

Knowsley City Learning Centres

Online Safety Newsletter Sept 2026

Childline under 12s site

Childline have a separate area on their website for under 12s. The pages are written for primary school children. The area includes a section full of games and a Buddy Zone with tips, such as how to speak to a trusted adult and information on where to get extra support from.

You can access this area here: https://www.childline.org.uk/get-support/u12-landing/

How to manage parental controls for different ages?

Internet Matters asked online experts, Karl Hopwood and Richard Waite to share their advice on how to manage parental controls for different ages. Find out more here: https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/question/managing-parental-controls-for-different-ages/

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/september-2026-primary/

New guidance issued due to concern of AI-manipulated images



Photos of children that seem completely innocent can be manipulated using artificial intelligence (AI) to create sexualised or abusive images. There is a growing threat that children's images shared online are being manipulated by criminals into AI generated sexual abuse material. As concerns grow, the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) and the National Crime Agency (NCA) have issued new guidance to help you understand the risks around AI image manipulation and advice on how to speak to your child about AI and image consent.

The IWF states that child sexual abuse images or videos created or altered using AI may include:

- Everyday images of a child or young person that are manipulated into child sexual abuse imagery, including images taken from social media, websites or messaging apps, that are manipulated into sexualised or abusive imagery. These are sometimes known as 'deepfakes'.
- Images or videos that look like a real child but are completely artificial.
- AI technology that digitally removes clothing from existing images to create nude or semi-nude images, sometimes known as 'nudifying'.

[source: IWF https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/ accessed 25.08.26]

What can I do?

The guidance provides practical advice about sharing photographs of your child online. Some useful things to consider are:

- Think before you share photographs online. The IWF suggest creating a 'close friends' group to share images.
- Check and adjust your privacy settings on all social media accounts.
- Understand the steps to take if you or your child has any concerns and the organisations you can contact.

Where can I find the new guidance?

The full guidance can be accessed at the link below. It also includes a video highlighting how everyday photos can be misused using AI tools.
https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/

You can find the full press release/announcement here:
https://www.nationalcrimeagency.gov.uk/news/new-guidance-for-parents-and-carers-as-ai-manipulated-images-of-children-become-a-growing-concern

YouTube



YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices - phones, tablets and Smart TVS etc. **YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13,** however, younger children can still access YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age:

1. YouTube Kids – a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), Younger (ages 5–8) or Older (ages 9–12).

2. Supervised accounts – a parent-managed version of YouTube that allows you to control the content your child can access. You can select one of the following options:

- **Explore** - Generally for viewers aged 9+.
- **Explore more** - Generally for viewers aged 13+
- **Most of YouTube** - This setting includes almost everything except for videos marked as 18+.

Find out more: https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/10315420

What do I need to be aware of?

Whilst YouTube can be educational and fun, it is important to be aware of the potential risks, such as:

- **Inappropriate content**
- **Excessive Screentime –** particularly due to the autoplay feature.
- **Unwanted contact / cyberbullying –** particularly via comments if your child is sharing videos.
- **Algorithms –** algorithms influence what we see to keep us engaged. This can lead to a user being exposed to large amounts of content about one topic/theme, which may not be helpful if it is negative.
- **Adverts** that may not be aimed at or suitable for your child's age.

What can I do?

- Set up appropriate parental controls.
- Show your child the reporting and blocking tools available.
- Watch YouTube together or supervise use.

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/entertainment-search-engines/youtube-app/

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A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner has published this guide to help you support your child and make starting conversations about their online world easier. It's a useful read: https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2025/12/cc-what-i-wish-parent-guide.pdf

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Nex Playground

Nex Playground is a new video game console, which features games to get kids active. The games have no ads, no violence and no chat features, however it does rely on purchasing either a yearly or quarterly game subscription. You can find out more here: https://www.nexplayground.com/en-gb

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Online Safety Quiz

The NSPCC have created this quiz to test your child's knowledge on how to stay safe online. It's a great way to start a conversation with your child about their online life. You can access the quiz here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/quiz/

WhatsApp Usernames

WhatsApp is introducing the use of usernames, so people no longer have to share their phone number. Wayne Denner provides an overview of the new features, what you need to consider and steps you can take here: https://www.waynedenner.com/whatsapp-usernames-what-parents-need-to-know/