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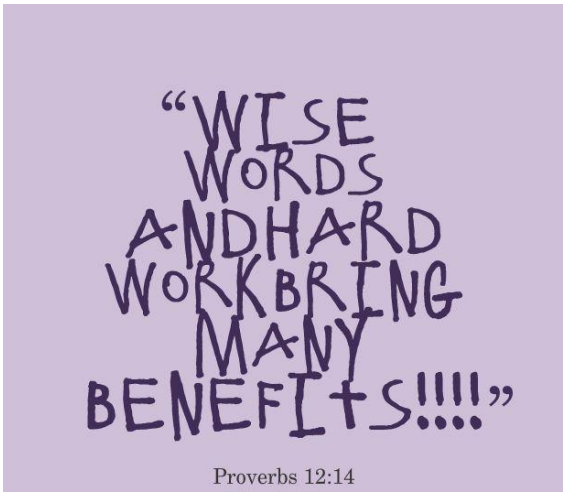
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Diary Dates

Being a Good Friend Week	Monday, 16th November – Friday, 20th November
Grandparents' Concert (P1-P2)	Monday, 23rd November 9:30am
PTA Wreath Making Evening (see poster)	Tuesday, 24th November
Infant Christmas Concert (P1-P2)	Tuesday, 24th November 9:30am Wednesday, 25th November 7:00pm
Junior Christmas Concert (P3-P4)	Wednesday, 25th November 9:30am Thursday, 26th November 7:00pm
Infant Christmas Dinner	Thursday, 26th November
Open Day for Prospective Parents	Tuesday, 1st December
Christmas Fair 5:30pm	Thursday, 3rd December
Senior Christmas Dinner (P4-P7)	Thursday, 3rd December
Senior Christmas Concert (P5-P6)	Monday, 7th December 7:00pm Tuesday, 8th December 9:30am

Pupils to sit SEAG tests

Tomorrow and next Saturday, many of our P7 pupils will sit their SEAG test. Our pupils are well prepared having worked exceptionally hard in the build-up. A familiarisation day at Ballyclare High School last Saturday will have settled a few nerves! Regardless of outcome, we are immensely proud of all our pupils and the efforts they have made. You are nearly there boys and girls!



Open Day

We will be hosting our annual 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.

Take a look at our Facebook page and website for more details, including our amazing promotional video, by visiting Fairview Primary School - Admissions. Our prospectus can also be found on the school website. We feel it showcases all that is great about Fairview!

Do share the Open Day posts widely on your own social platforms so the message is seen by the whole Greater Ballyclare community…you could even add a comment to encourage some new families to join us in September 2027! It is that personal touch that makes all the difference.

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 still available to book online, or by contacting the school office.

If Open Day does not suit you, please give us a call to school or drop us an email and we will arrange a time for an individual tour. Choosing a school for your child is a huge decision and we want you to see that Fairview is the right choice!



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

fairviewps.co.uk

Christmas Dinner Orders – Important Information
The lights are going up around school, play practice is in full throw, Christmas is just around the corner!

Our pupil Christmas dinners are now available to order on School Money. At the normal dinner price, this meal is great value and such a special occasion for all who partake.

The P1-P3 dinner will be on Thursday, 26th November. There will be no alternative dinner. Pupils in P4-P7 will need to bring a packed lunch on this day, except those on free school meals who will have a sandwich lunch provided. If you want your P1-P3 child to have a Christmas Dinner on 26th November, **orders must be placed by Friday, 20th November** at 9am. No late orders will be accepted.

The P4-P7 dinner will be on Thursday, 3rd December. There will be no alternative dinner on this day. Pupils in P1-P3 will need to bring a packed lunch on this day, except those on free school meals who will have a sandwich lunch provided. If you want your P4-P7 child to have a Christmas Dinner on 3rd December, **orders must be placed by Friday, 27th November** at 9am. No late orders will be accepted.

Both occasions are lovely days and I can assure you, the pupils are well fed and looked after! As ever, we will need some parent helpers on board to help serve dinner to the pupils. If you are free on either Christmas Dinner day, please let your child's teacher know.

School Meals and Healthy Break
As you know, if you want to order a lunch or healthy break for your child, this needs to be done via the School Money app by midnight of the previous day. The number of 'on the day' orders has decreased the past fortnight – thank you. Going forward, we will not now be able to take orders not on the system by midnight the previous day as our canteen will base what they cook on the numbers they take off the system when they start their day at 7.30am. Parents of pupils in receipt of free school meals must ensure their child is booked on if they wish their child to have a cooked meal.

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 term. Teacher led clubs will finish next week as Christmas events commence in school. These clubs will start again in the new year. External clubs will continue to run based on the dates you have paid for.

Hockey Blitz
On Monday, we sent both a boys' and a girls' hockey team to Belfast High School for a hockey blitz tournament, organised by Ulster Hockey. This was a great opportunity for our boys and girls to develop their hockey skills together as a team, as well as having great fun!

Mrs McIvor and Mrs McKenzie continue to be blown away by the dedication and enthusiasm from the boys and girls at hockey club each week and are so pleased to be able to offer pupils the chance to represent the school at these tournaments.

At hockey club and during these Blitz days, our boys and girls are making consistent improvement as they take on-board new tactics and feedback after each match and training session. Whilst the tournament this week was only a friendly, it is important that we recognise our efforts on the pitch.

Girls' results:
vs Mossley PS - 7-0 Win: Molly (3), Ava (2), Olivia (2)
vs Ballynure PS – 1-0 Loss
vs Silverstream PS – 4-0 Win: Olivia (2), Cerys (2)
vs Ballyclare PS – 2-0 Win: Molly (1), Cerys (1)

Boys' Results:
vs Silverstream PS – 5-0 Win: Jaxon (1), Roman (3), Albie (1)
vs Ballynure PS – 2-0 Win: Roman (2)
vs Silverstream PS – 4-0 Win: Albie (1), Jaxon (1), Joseph (1), Roman (1)
vs Ballynure PS – 1-1 Draw: Roman (1)

Well done to everyone involved, we look forward to the next blitz in December!

Pupil of the Month
Our Pupil of the Month targets reflect our Core Values in school.

Our target for November/December will be:

We show: Kindness

Kindness as one of our Core Values is perfect for November/December, complementing our 'Being a Good Friend' week starting on Monday. 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.



Our Mission

Our mission is to be a nurturing, kind and respectful community where each person is valued and empowered to be the best they can be

Our Vision

Our vision is to inspire creativity, support growth and achieve excellence through a wealth of opportunities in every student's journey

Our Core Values

Inclusive
Everyone is a valued and welcomed member of our whole school community

Nurture
Our Fairview family cares for, supports and encourages one another

Kindness
We treat others as we would like to be treated

Respect
We show respect to ourselves, others and our environment

Empower
We enable each other to achieve our full potential

Attendance
There were a lot of bugs and illness about in October but our overall attendance in school remains high at 96.5%. 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 P1 Mrs Graham this week to present them with their attendance trophy for October, achieving an incredible 99.5% attendance. Well done to P2 Miss Wallace who came second overall and winning the Junior School trophy with 98.7%. The Senior School top attenders were P4 Mrs Craig, also with 98.2% 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 48hours. 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.

Pudsey's Visit to Fairview!
What a lovely day we had yesterday welcoming Pudsey Bear to Fairview! A huge thank you to Pudsey for spending time with our pupils, spreading lots of smiles and even handing out some very special prizes!

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to our wonderful pupils and their families for their kind donations to Children in Need. Your generosity and support for such a fantastic cause is very much appreciated.

Remembrance Day
On Wednesday 11th November, we held special Remembrance assemblies led by Mr Kennedy and a group of P7 pupils. The boys and girls explored what Remembrance Day is all about, why we wear our poppies, and learned about the lives of soldiers from our local community, including some who are ancestors of pupils currently attending our school.

Every child observed the two-minute silence with the utmost respect, taking time to reflect on and remember the soldiers who gave their lives during both World Wars and other conflicts. We are incredibly proud of the maturity, thoughtfulness and respect shown by all our pupils throughout the assemblies.

A special thank you has to go to Erin's mummy for creating such a beautiful wreath for our own Remembrance Day display. I must say a huge well done to our three P7 pupils, Walker, Max and Bethany, who proudly represented Fairview at the Remembrance Day Parade last Sunday.

Our pupils did us incredibly proud as they laid a wreath on behalf of everyone at Fairview, paying their respects and remembering all those who have served and sacrificed.

We are so proud of you all.

Last Friday, P6 had the pleasure of visiting St John's Church for their Ballyclare Remembers exhibition. The boys and girls got to look at the exhibits and fascinating memorabilia. They also read stories shared by those whose relatives served in two World Wars and other fields of conflict, including lots of stories from our own Fairview pupils. It was truly an incredible experience for our boys and girls.

Thank you to Rev Jonny and The United Parish of Christ Church & St John's for getting us involved in the Ballyclare Remembers exhibition and inviting us to visit it.

Lest We Forget.

<u>School Safeguarding</u>
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.


Senior School Top Attenders
Awarded to:
Mrs Gold
Month:
October


TOP ATTENDING CLASS OF THE MONTH
Awarded to:
Mrs Graham
Month:
October


Junior School Top Attenders
Awarded to:
Miss Wilson
Month:
October




PANTS


SHARING THEIR STORIES






Remembrance Day


Remembrance Day
2026


What we remember...


Fairview
Primary School PTA
Christmas
Fair
Thursday 3rd December
5pm – 7pm
Come along and get
into the festive spirit!
We'll have our
tombola, games, crafts,
our famous Christmas Chip
and some special visitors!
All
Welcome!

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

In conjunction with

Stem and Scent

Click the link to book now:
https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QH1JT1Z2

EXTERNAL NEWS



Welcome to

BALLYCLARE NURSERY SCHOOL

@ Tir na nOg

Where Children Shine



If your child will be 3 on or before 1st July 2027, then you will need to apply for a nursery school place in January!

OPEN AFTERNOON

MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER

DROP IN ANYTIME BETWEEN

3:30-4:30PM

Look around and meet the staff!

Come along and discover everything we can offer your child for their pre-school year!

Find out more about applying for a place and take home an application pack.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES ARE ALL VERY WELCOME

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empowering futures, one TinyStep at a time

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