

March (1) 2026

Dear parent,

Although today has brought a return to damp weather, we're delighted to notice more bright and dry spells appearing throughout the week. On these drier days, our outdoor areas become an invaluable extension of the classroom. To help us make the most of these planned outdoor brain-based activities and PE sessions, we kindly ask that pupils come to school wearing their trainers on Mondays and Tuesdays.

PTA NEWS

Parkgate Primary School Family Fun Ceilidh

Parkgate Primary School PTA is hosting a **Family Fun Ceilidh** on **Saturday 21 March 2026** at **Jim Baker Stadium, Ballysavage Road, Templepatrick (BT39 0DX)** from **7pm until late**.

The evening promises music, dancing, and fun for all ages, with the Alastair Scott Ceilidh Band leading the dances and showing everyone the steps — no experience required.

There will also be a raffle, bar for adults, and tuck shop for children, making it a great night out for the whole family.

Tickets: £10 per adult and £5 per child.

Available from **Parkgate Spar** or by contacting **Rachel (0759 565 8847)** or **Emma (0787 159 4013)**.

Bring your dancing shoes and join the fun!

Colour Run Fundraising – An amazing £821.16 was raised by all who participated in our recent Colour Run. Congratulations to our PTA and to all our pupils as well as those from Doagh Primary School and Ballyclare Secondary School.

BALLYCLARE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Date: 13 March 2026

Classes: P1-P7

Supported by Mrs Brown and Mrs Moore the pupils have been preparing for their entry in Ballyclare Music Festival. The pupils are entered in the Primary School Hymn Singing section and will compete on Friday 13 March. Pupils should wear full school uniform for this occasion.

P1-P3 Smart black trousers/skirt/pinafore
 White polo shirt
 White socks (girls) Black socks (boys)
 Red school sweatshirt/cardigan

P4-P7 Smart black trousers/skirt/pinafore
 White long-sleeved shirt

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School Tie
White socks (girls) Black socks (boys)
Red school sweatshirt

UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES

Monday 16 March –Term 2 TransformEd development day.

Tuesday 17 March - School Development Day 4

Tuesday 31 March – End of Term. School closes at 12pm for all pupils and staff.

DIGITAL SCHOOLHOUSE

Class: P6 and P7

Unfortunately our first visit was postponed due to staff unavailability in Ballyclare High School. We hope to rearrange this date for later in the school year and make two visits as originally planned. If you have yet to do so, please make a bank transfer payment of **£10** towards transport costs by **Friday 6 March – reference P6/P7 DSH**

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STORY & RHYME – 2026 DATES

Friday 6 March

Friday 13 March

Friday 20 March

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIBRARY VAN – The next visit of the library van is **Wednesday 18 March**

NHSCT – Stronger Together – An Information Day for children with additional needs – See flyer attached.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13.03.26	Ballyclare Music Festival
16.03.26	TransformED Development Day closure
17.03.26	School Development Day 4 closure
23.03.26	P6&P7 Ballyclare High School Digital Schoolhouse
23.03.26	P1 2026 Admissions Notification of Outcome
31.03.26	End of Term – School closes at 12pm for all pupils and staff
09.05.26	Post Primary Admissions Notification of Outcome

Mrs V Ferguson
(Principal)

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