

May (3) 2025

Dear parent,

The excitement is building for sports day as the whole school visited the field for a practice today. It looks like this wonderful spell of weather is going to hold until Friday so we will proceed with sports day as planned. It is to be cooler than of late therefore all pupils should bring a NAMED school sweatshirt. Sun caps and suncream will also be required.

There is a lot of information within this week's newsletter. Please take time to read through the newsletter and make note of relevant dates, times and arrangements pertaining to your child/children.

SPORTS DAY

Date: Friday 23 May

Time: **10.00am – 12.00pm** approximately.
Pupils and parents should arrive at the venue between 9.45am and 10.00am. **No pupils** should come to the school building on this date.
Pupils will return home with parents at the end of the event.

Venue: **Parents should provide their own seating e.g. chairs, rugs etc.**
Our thanks are extended to the Cunningham family for giving their permission to use the sports field as well as very kindly preparing and maintaining the field in preparation for Sports Day.
Our thanks also go to the Warwick family for the provision of a trailer to transport the pupils' chairs and equipment.

Parking: Parents/relatives are not permitted to park in Nedz's car park. Please follow the signs to the field that Mr Cunningham has kindly provided for parking.

Toilet: There will be one toilet provided in the car park field for the convenience of parents and pupils. Thanks go to the Meighan family for arranging this facility.

Sun Safety: Please apply any sun cream to your child/children prior to arriving at the venue. All pupils should wear a sun cap.

Clothing: Pupils should wear trainers, black shorts, a white polo shirt and bring a school sweatshirt as the weather is to be cooler.

Water: Your child/children may bring a small water bottle to Sports Day.

The PTA have very kindly sponsored an ice cream van to help conclude our event. This will arrive at 11am and be parked in the car park field until 12pm

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approx. Each family has been asked to complete the google form linked below to indicate the number of ice creams they require. Please do not visit the ice cream van until the pupils have completed their races. Tickets will be sent home on Thursday and should be brought with you on Sports Day.

<https://forms.gle/KwghKi1Pqx3Qexh78>

Parental assistance in stacking pupil chairs and equipment would be much appreciated at the conclusion of the event.

Treats, certificates and medals sponsored by Spar Parkgate will be distributed in school on Wednesday 28 May. This year Spar have provided a voucher for a bag of Haribo to be used in store. **This is valid on sports day only. This will be sent home on Thursday along with the ice cream ticket. Please remember to bring it along with you on Friday.**

UNIFORM ORDER 2025/26

Order forms should be returned to school by **Friday 23 May**. Payment details are included on the order form sent home on Monday 12 May.

TERM 3 CLASS TRIPS

A number of payments remain outstanding for the trips below. Reminder letters will be sent home on **Wednesday 28 May**.

P1-P5	<i>Thursday 12 June</i>	Greenmount	£12 per pupil
P6-P7	<i>Friday 6 June</i>	Belfast Activity Centre	£40 per pupil

Payment Details

Account: Parkgate Primary School
Acc. No. 77461057
Sort Code 98-09-40
Reference Surname + Summer Trip

NEW P1 PARENT CURRICULUM MEETING

The curriculum meeting for P1 2025/26 parents will be held in school on Tuesday 27 May at 2.15pm.

NEW P1 INDUCTION AFTERNOON

We will be welcoming our new P1 pupils into the Parkgate family in August. To help with their transition into P1 there will be an induction afternoon on **Friday 6 June**. **All P2 pupils will finish school at 1.00pm on this date.**

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CURRICULUM MORNING – BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL

Class: P6
Date: Tuesday 24 June
Time: 9.00am – 12.30pm
Transport: Provided by Ballyclare High School

Please return the reply slip sent home with your child by Friday 30 May.

LIBRARY VAN

My apologies for the confusion regarding the library van. I have now been made aware that the service has returned to a bi weekly service. The library van will visit school on the following dates:

Wednesday 28 May
Wednesday 11 June (This will be the last visit for P7 pupils)
Wednesday 25 June

SCHOOL CLOSURE

School will be closed on **Monday 26 May** for Bank Holiday 2 and on **Tuesday 27 May** for School Development Day 5.

PTA FUNDRAISER – SILVER SMASH

We have made a great start to this new fundraiser. Money Monday continues until the end of the year.

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Ballyclare High School P6 Parents Information evening – see attached letter.
The Music Rooms Summer Jam – See attached flyers.

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22.05.25	P7 Cycling Proficiency
23.05.25	Sports Day
26.05.25	May Bank Holiday 2
27.05.25	School Development Day 5 – School Closed for all pupils.
27.05.25	P1 2025/26 Curriculum Meeting @ 2.15pm
28.05.25	Playsport 5 – Final session
28.05.25	Library Van
29.05.25	P7 Cycling Proficiency
30.05.25	Sports Day backup date

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03.06.25	P7 Cycling Proficiency
06.06.25	P6/P7 Belfast Activity Centre
06.06.25	New P1 Induction afternoon. All P2 pupils finish at 1.00pm
10.06.25	P7 Cycling Proficiency
11.06.25	Library Van
12.06.25	P1-P5 Greenmount
13.06.25	Annual Reports
17.06.25	P7 Cycling Proficiency
20.06.25	Leavers' Assembly – All pupils finish at 2pm
24.06.25	P6 Taster Day Ballyclare High School
25.06.25	Library Van
27.06.24	End of term 3 – school closes for all pupils and staff at 12pm