

October (3) 2025

Dear parent,

With the arrival of the pumpkins this morning and a final rehearsal underway, pupils are buzzing with excitement for tomorrow's Harvest Hooley. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed to our Antrim Foodbank collection—donations are continuing to build and can still be brought to school tomorrow morning.

This week's newsletter is packed with important updates, and I truly appreciate the time you take to read through it.

HARVEST HOOLEY

Parents and relatives are invited to attend our Harvest Hooley in the school hall on **Friday 17 October at 1.00pm.** The event will begin with a cup of soup and sandwiches for our parents and visitors followed by our pupils leading our celebrations.

Weather permitting and with the support of the PTA we hope to have a pumpkin patch and bouncy castles in the playground.

ALL PUPILS will finish school at the conclusion of the event, approximately **2.50 pm.**

To support our wider local community we are asking each family and member of staff to provide **two items** of food to donate to local charity 'Antrim Foodbank'.

The food items needed are;

Beans	Tinned fruit
Tinned vegetables	Tinned fish
Rice / Pasta/Noodles	Tinned meat
Pasta Sauce	Biscuits
Juice	UHT milk
Rice Pudding	Custard

Donations can now be sent to school.

Thank you for your support.

To assist with preparations for the event, please complete the form below. Forms should be completed by Monday 13 October.

<https://forms.gle/oJUffjzF1DyEm9z37>

All pupils should come to school dressed as farmers for the harvest assembly.

ALL PUPILS REQUIRE A PACKED LUNCH TOMORROW

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

To date only **7 families** have responded to the google form. If you wish your child to attend this after school club, please complete the form by **Friday 17 October** to ensure viable numbers.

MAX CODING

6 Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November 2nd and 9th December
£44 payable online. Information leaflet to follow.

<https://forms.gle/7RooaExnzyctebKs5>

Payment Link: www.bookwhen.com/maxcoding

HOMEWORK CLUB – CHANGE OF DAYS

Due to the Max Coding Club taking place on Tuesdays, Homework Club will run on **Mondays and Wednesdays** from **November to December**. This change will be reflected in the booking forms for those months. From **January to June**, Homework Club will return to its usual schedule of **Mondays and Tuesdays**, as our other after-school clubs will be held on Wednesdays.

The November registration link is below, payment is due by **Friday 24 October**.

<https://forms.gle/cPeEgeZMFpZJURCx7>

DUE TO PARENT CONSULTATIONS THERE WILL BE NO HOMEWORK CLUB ON TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – POPPY APPEAL

Every year the school support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Poppies and the other items listed below will be available in school from **Monday 20 October**.

Donations should be sent in a sealed, named envelope stipulating which items you require.

Item	Suggested Donation
Snap Band	£2.00
Wristband	£2.00
Reflector	£1.00
Poppy	£1.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classes: P4-P7
Event: Ulster Orchestra School Concerts
Venue: Waterfront Hall
Date: **Monday 17 November**
Payment: TBC in November

Permission form to be completed in early November

Classes: P6-P7

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Event: Young Enterprise Business Masterclass
Venue: Mossley Mill
Date: **Thursday 20 November**
Payment: Free

Permission form to be completed in early November

FLU VACCINATION

The school nursing team will be in school on **Wednesday 22 October** to administer Flu vaccinations to pupils in P1-P7.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

P1-P7 Tuesday 21 October (**ALL pupils home at 1pm**)
P1-P7 Thursday 23 October (**ALL pupils home at 1pm**)

SILVER SMASH

Remember to send you silver change every Monday. The pupils have successfully reached their first target and enjoyed their reward last Friday.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Ballyclare Secondary School Autumn Fair – See attached Flyer

Emotional Health and Wellbeing in Education – See attached Flyer

1st Donegore Presbyterian Church Harvest Services – See attached flyer

Kids Coder Club We are running 2 parent talks –

Cyber-Safety, Digital Health and Coding Talk

Friday, Oct 24th, 6:00 PM & Saturday, Oct 25th, 11:30 AM

Parents can sign up at <https://kidscoderclub.ie/events/>

More Swim School – See attached Flyer

Library Van – The next library van visit is **Wednesday 12 November**

Rhyme Time with Mrs Moore – continues on Friday 24 October.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

17.10.25	Harvest Hooley
21.10.25	P1-P7 Parent Consultations – School closes at 1pm for all pupils
22.10.25	Flu Vaccinations
23.10.25	P1-P7 Parent Consultations – School closes at 1pm for all pupils
27-31.10.25	Mid-Term break
03.11.25	Homework Club (every Monday and Wednesday until end of term)
04.11.25	Max Coding After School Clubs commence for all pupils.
12.11.25	Library van visit

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17.11.25	Ulster Orchestra Concert – P4-P7 – Waterfront Hall
20.11.25	P6/P7 Young Enterprise Workshop – Mossley Mill
21.11.25	School Development Day 2
09.12.25	Last Max Coding Club
09.12.25	Christmas Concert (6.30pm)
11.12.25	Whole School Photographs (previous date incorrect)
19.12.25	End of Term – school closes at 12pm

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