

October (4) 2025

Dear parent,

What a fantastic time we had at our Harvest Hooley! A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the planning and preparation of this special event, and to those who ensured everything ran smoothly on the day. We are especially proud of our pupils and staff for the enthusiasm and effort they brought, helping to make the celebration such a memorable success.

As we wrap up a busy and productive half term, we hope everyone enjoys a well-earned rest. Thank you for your continued support.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MAX CODING – 6 Sessions: 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th November 2nd and 9th December
£44 payable online. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the taster session with Chris last week. I would encourage you to consider signing your child/ren up for this club.

<https://forms.gle/7RooaExnzycFebKs5>

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>

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
Poppy Pin	£2.00
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

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Date: **Monday 17 November**
Payment: TBC in November

Permission form to be completed in early November

Classes: P6-P7
Event: Young Enterprise Business Masterclass
Venue: Mossley Mill
Date: **Thursday 20 November**
Payment: Free

Permission form to be completed in early November

PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTION

The position of parent governor has become available on the school's Board of Governors. An election to fill this position will be held in November. All information and necessary forms will be issued in early November.

SILVER SMASH

Remember to send you silver change every Monday.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

CAN YOU HELP? The school has two banners to advertise our Open Afternoon. Can you assist in positioning them in the local area? Contact the school office or email info@parkgateps.ballyclare.ni.sch.uk

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

Story & Rhyme – 2025 Dates

Friday 24 October
Friday 7 November
Friday 14 November
Friday 5 December
Friday 12 December

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27-31.10.25 Mid-Term break
03.11.25 **Homework Club (every Monday and Wednesday until end of term)**
12.11.25 Library van visit
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
28.11.25 P1 2026 Open afternoon
28.11.25 Parkgate Community Lights Switch on and Tractor Run
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

Mrs V Ferguson
(PRINCIPAL)

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