

April (2) 2026

Dear parent,

As we move into a spell of brighter, warmer weather, there's a real sense of energy and excitement around school as pupils enjoy learning both in and out of the classroom. With several upcoming trips and activities on the horizon, we would kindly remind parents and carers to complete the relevant Google Forms that have been linked in the newsletter, as these are essential for final planning and arrangements.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nerve Centre – Digital Art and Fabrication

Date: Tuesday 28 April 2026

Classes: P1-P7

Time: 9am – 3pm

Cost: Free

Many thanks to Mrs McDermott for arranging this experience for our pupils.

Carrickfergus Castle

Date: Friday 1 May 2026

Classes: P1-P7

Time: **9.45am – 2.30pm**

Cost: **£8.00 per pupil – payment to be made by bank transfer, ref [Surname] Castle, using the details below by Friday 1 May.**

Pupils will enjoy a tour of the castle and a workshop followed by lunch and a visit to a local park. Pupils are required to wear school uniform. In order to prepare for any type of weather, please ensure that your child brings a school coat and has sun cream applied before school. Pupils should wear joggers or shorts and trainers.

Please provide your child with break and lunch and a water bottle. No glass bottles, no yoghurt or food items which require cutlery.

Please note, collection time for all pupils on this date will be 2.30pm.

Please complete the permission slip linked below by Friday 24 April.

<https://forms.gle/Uqz8WB8bdfBdPQA6>

Bee Safe Event - Antrim

Date: Thursday 7 May 2026

Classes: P6-P7

Time: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Cost: Free

Please complete the permission slip for P6/P7 pupils by Friday 24 April.

<https://forms.gle/wttVThM9TfhmS31j9>

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All Teeth Matter – Dental Health Talk

Date: Friday 8 May 2026

Classes: P3-P7

SUMMER HEALTH

I would ask all parents to adhere to the following precautions:

If high temperatures are forecast pupils should be protected with sunscreen on their face, arms and, if uncovered, leg areas before arrival at school. Additional sunscreen may be brought to school and applied by your child/children at lunchtime.

A named sun cap should also be kept in school. If a pupil does not have a cap they will not be permitted to play outside at lunchtime. A limited number of caps are available to purchase from school priced at £6.00.

Sun caps should be brought to school no later than **Friday 1 May**.

STORY & RHYME – 2026 DATES

Friday 24 April

Friday 8 May

Friday 15 May

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIBRARY VAN – The next visit of the library van will be Wednesday 6 May.

SEAG 2026 – Please see attached letter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

24.04.26	Rhyme Time
28.04.26	Nerve Centre Day
01.05.26	Whole School Carrickfergus Castle – whole school collection at 2.30pm
04.05.26	May Bank Holiday 1
07.05.26	P6/P7 Bee Safe Event
08.05.26	P3-P7 All Teeth Matter Rhyme Time
09.05.26	Post Primary Admissions Notification of Outcome
15.05.26	Rhyme Time
18.05.26	SEAG registration opens
22.05.26	Sports Day
25.06.26	May Bank Holiday 2
26.05.26	School Development Day 5 – No pupils to attend
27.05.26	Transform Ed Day 3 – No pupils to attend
18.09.26	SEAG registration closes

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