



Ballylifford PS

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May and June 2024



TERM 3 DATES

Monday 8th April 2024 –
Friday 28th June 2024 at
11am

BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 6th May
Tuesday 7th May
Monday 27th May

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Tuesday 28th May &
Wednesday 29th May
2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Holy Communion –

**Saturday 11th May at
11am**

Feel Good Friday –

**Friday 26th April and
Friday 24th May**

**PTE and PTM assessments
– starting Monday 13th
May**

P.1/2 Assembly

Friday 31st May at 1:15pm

**Sport's Day – Friday 14th
June (TBC)**

**School Trips – Tuesday
25th June**

**End of Year Mass and P.7
Leavers Assembly –
Thursday 20th June**

May is the Month of Mary

In the month of May, we remember Mary our Mother. We pray the Hail Mary and ask Mary to care for and look after us. We will create a May Altar at the front of our school to mark Mary's special month. Each Friday in May we will come together as a whole school and pray the rosary to Our Lady.



P.1/2 Assembly for Month of May

Our P.1/2 pupils will perform a short Assembly to celebrate Mary our Mother and the month on May on **Friday 31st May at 1:15pm**. Parents of P.1/2 pupils are welcome to attend.

School Start time

Please remember that our start time is 9am. Children can arrive to school anytime between 8:30am and 9am. It is important that all children are present before 9am so that class can begin promptly. We appreciate your co-operation. Please continue to send children in full school uniform with **plain navy bottoms**. In the warmer weather, children can wear plain navy shorts/Ballylifford PE shorts with school jumper and polo-shirt – we will inform Parents/carers when children can begin to wear shorts.

Promoting Positive Behaviour

We will continue to encourage all children to follow our Golden Rules so that learning can be effective in all classes. Whole school Rewards and Sanctions are in place in line with our Positive Behaviour policy. Children have all been reminded of our Golden Rules and our Sanctions at the start of this term. Good behaviour results in children displaying an excellent attitude to their learning. Please encourage your child to follow our school rules and to always remember their good manners. We are very lucky to have such well-behaved children in Ballylifford PS.

‘Nurturing Potential, Achieving Together’

Easter Hamper Raffle

Congratulations to all winners in our Easter Raffle. We raised an outstanding amount of £600 for the Neo Natal Unit, Royal Victoria Hospital. Jessica and Baby Cooper were delighted to accept the cheque on behalf of the nurses in the Neo Natal Unit and she expressed her sincere thanks to the whole Ballylifford School Community for your kindness and generosity. A huge thank you to all those who donated prizes for our raffle – the children were delighted to win them.



Credit Union School Savers

Congratulations to our Credit Union School Savers for Term 2. They raised the fantastic amount of £1833.00. Keep up the great saving in Term 3 everyone!

PTE and PTM assessments May 2023

This year our PTE and PTM assessments for children in P.3 to P.7 will take place week beginning Monday 13th May. We hope to have all assessments completed by Friday 19th May. Results of PTE and PTM will be shared with parents in the end of year pupil reports. We encourage all children to be in school every day this week if possible, to ensure all assessments are completed.

First Holy Communion

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 11th June at 11am for all our P.4 children. First Holy Communion will be a parish event including all P.4 children from both Ballylifford and Derrychrin schools.



The choir (Children from P.3 to P.7) will be singing at First Holy Communion. (More details in separate letter prior to First Holy Communion).

After School Clubs for Term 3

The following clubs will begin after school in Term 3 from 3pm to 4pm.

- ✓ Boys and Girls Football – every Monday
- ✓ Girls Camogie – every Friday

Thank you to Killian Conlan, Gary Higgins, Caroline Wilson and Clíodhna Martin for taking our After School clubs in Term 3 – their help and support is greatly appreciated.

Hurling with St. Finbarr's

Brian from St. Finbarr's Hurling club will take P.5/6/7 for Hurling every Thursday in Term 3 from 1:15pm to 2:45pm. Children can borrow a helmet and stick if they do not have one.

Sporting events - Dates for your Diary

Meadowbank Hurling Tournament – Wednesday 15th May

Woods PS Boys Soccer Tournament – Thursday 16th May

All County Camogie Championship – Friday 17th May

South Derry Boy's Football Championship – Tuesday 21st May

South Derry Girl's Football Championship – Tuesday 4th June

Aaron Devlin Memorial Boys and Girls Football tournament – Friday 7th June



Feel Good Friday

We will celebrate our last 2 Feel Good Fridays on **Friday 26th April and Friday 24th May**. The children and staff have thoroughly enjoyed the buzz and excitement of 'Feel Good Friday' each month.

Travelling Book Fair

Thank you all children who purchased a book from our Book Fair in March. The Book Fair raised a total of £485 and the school received £194 commission to buy books for Accelerated reader and a set of novels to use in P.5/6/7.

'Take 5 School' Award

We are delighted to be awarded the 'Take 5 School' Award for our hard work and commitment to the health and well-being of our whole Ballylifford School Community over the last 2 years. Our School Council represent our Take 5 Champions and they have been speaking to the children about our 'Take 5 Pledge'.

'I pledge to look after my mental wellbeing by finding ways to follow **'CLANG'**:

Connect - with the people around me

Learn - new skills

Be **A**ctive - in a way I enjoy

Take **N**otice - of my surroundings

Give - what I can'



We will be attending a Celebration event in June to receive our 'Take 5 School' award. Thank you to Ms Hurl and our School Council for leading this initiative throughout our school.

Annual Pupil Reports

Annual Pupil reports will be issued to Parents/Carers Week beginning Monday 17th June.

P.7 Cycling Proficiency

We hope to provide our P.7 pupils with the Cycling Proficiency programme this term – more information will follow in due course.

P.1 Induction Morning and Parent Talk

A P.1 Induction Morning and Parent Talk will take place on Wednesday 5th June from 9:30am to 10:30am. This is for the new P.1 children starting school in September 2024.

Sport's Day

We aim to have our Sport's Day this year on Friday 14th June (this date will be confirmed in due course). More details will follow in June.



School Trips

End of year school trips will take place on Tuesday 25th June.

- P.1 – P.4 – Airtastic, Craigavon
- P.5/6/7 – Lisburn Leisure Complex (Swimming pool)

Eco/Sensory Garden

We made wonderful progress with our Eco/Sensory Garden in Term 2 and hope to add to it in Term 3. We look forward to the better weather in Term 3 when we can make use of the new Outdoor Classroom and Sensory garden as we take some of our learning outdoors. The Eco Council will soon be planting flowers, herbs and vegetables/plants in the garden and adding window boxes to the front of our school (see website for photos).

Ballylifford 100 Draw

Our last 3 Ballylifford 100 draws will take place on Friday 26th April, Friday 24th May and Wednesday 26th June. Good luck everyone!

End of year mass and P.7 Leavers Assembly

Our End of year mass for all pupils and family members will take place on **Thursday 20th June at 10am** in St. Patrick's Church, Ballinderry. This will be followed by P.7 Leavers Assembly in school for all P.7 pupils and their families.

