

# END OF YEAR PARENTS' NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024



We would just like to take this opportunity to wish all our children and parents a lovely and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you very much for all your continued support and we hope to see everyone back at the end of August well rested.

With the school term coming to an end, we are already preparing for the new school year in September and have some useful information to be passed on.

- Uniforms can be purchased from Sewing Solutions
- Breakfast Club should commence on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September
- Most clubs will be starting week commencing Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## TIMES

### P1 - P7 ONLY – NO NURSERY

- Tuesday 27/08/24 to Friday 30/08/24 8.50 am – 12 noon = NO DINNERS
- Monday 2/09/24 8:50am – normal finish time for each year group and dinners will be served.

**NB: P1 - Group A only on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August**  
**P1 - Group B only on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**

Nursery – Monday 02/09/24 - See Nursery booklet for starting times

P1 – Whole Class Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September - See information already given regarding starting times.

### P2

Children will be dismissed at: 2pm Monday – Thursday  
1pm every Friday

### P3

Children will be dismissed at: 2pm Monday – Friday

### P4 - P7

Children will be dismissed at: 3pm Monday – Thursday  
2pm every Friday

## Breakfast Club

P1-P7: Breakfast club will recommence **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 8.10am.**

Nursery can join breakfast club once they are settled after the half term holidays.

## **TEACHING STAFFING FOR 2024/25**

	<b><u>Teacher</u></b>	<b><u>Assistants</u></b>
Nursery	- Miss Shiels	Miss Drake, Mrs Lecky
P1	- Mrs McGivern	Mrs L Murray
P2	- Miss Nicholl	Miss McAllister, Mrs King, Miss D Carmichael
P3	- Miss Morrow	Miss Rea
P4	- Miss Hamilton/Mrs White	Miss Whiteside, Miss Hanna, Mrs Reid
P5	- Mr Edgar	Miss Craig, Miss McCrea
P5/6	- Miss Mercer	Miss G Murray, Mrs McClune, Mrs Lewicka
P6/7	- Mrs Chambers	Miss E Carmichael
Nurture Teacher	- Mrs Davidson	
Principal	- Mrs Kelly	
Vice Principal	- Mrs Davidson	
School Secretary	- Miss Loat	

### Classroom Assistants

Mrs Murray  
Mrs King  
Mrs Lecky  
Miss Drake  
Miss Rea

### SEN/General Assistants

Miss E Carmichael  
Miss Hanna  
Miss McAllister  
Miss McCrea  
Miss Whiteside  
Miss D Carmichael  
Mrs Lewicka  
Miss G Murray  
Miss McClune  
Miss Craig  
Mrs Reid (SEN Teacher)

A big thank you to ALL our families for your support. Our intake number in September 2024 is 229 ensuring we remain a viable school.

With your support, we look forward to maintaining our progress and growing even stronger in the future.

### **Applying for Free School Meals and Uniform Grants**

Please see the link below to apply for free school meals and a uniform grant if you are applicable for this. Please note that the application process can be timely therefore we would encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

<https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-uniform-grants/apply-for-free-school-meals-uniform-grants>



### **Congratulatory News**

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Miss McWhirter who will be getting married this summer! We look forward to welcoming the new Mrs McGivern back to Ballysillan P.S!



### **SCHOOL MONIES**

Milk Money - P1 – P7 - £3.00 per month

School Funds - £3.50 per child or £6 per month per family (£35 or £60 per year)

**\*Due to continued budget cuts school will not be providing biscuits for snack. Please ensure your child brings a snack for break time every day.**

Breakfast Club - £1.20 per day (paid via the school App.)

The Education Authority has advised that school meal prices will remain the same, as detailed below:

	PRICE
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>£2.50</b>
<b>Primary</b>	<b>£2.60</b>

Reminder – no dinners can be ordered without parents paying in advance and all dinners must be paid 12 am, midnight, the previous day using this system.



## SCHOOL UNIFORM



### UNIFORM

Please dress the children as far as possible in this clothing:

- Short sleeved sky-blue polo shirt
- Navy trousers/skirt
- School navy sweatshirt/cardigan
- Navy socks (in winter navy tights are permitted)
- Black shoes that children can fasten and unfasten themselves
- Trainers/pull-on gym shoes and P.E gear (blue or black shorts/leggings/jogging bottoms and blue t-shirt) to be worn into school on P.E days. Ballysillan P.E kits can be bought from Sewing Solutions for £15. This contains a t-shirt, shorts and a bag with a school emblem

**\*Outdoor learning has become a big part of school life in Ballysillan. Please ensure your child is sent to school with the appropriate clothing for the seasons, especially a warm waterproof coat.**

### SUMMER UNIFORM (Optional)

- Sky blue check summer dress
- Navy cardigan
- White socks
- Black shoes/sandals that children can fasten and unfasten themselves
- Navy shorts

All clothes/shoes must be labelled e.g., permanent marker. No jewellery please.

**BALLYSILLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**HOLIDAY LIST 2024/25**

<b>AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST</b>
<b>FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL 2024-2025</b>	<b>TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup>. WED 28<sup>TH</sup>. THURS 29<sup>TH</sup> AND FRIDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST- 12 NOON FINISH</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> FULL DAY BACK TO SCHOOL MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER- STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>
<b>AUTUMN HALF TERM</b>	<b>MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER (STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY) - FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup>NOVEMBER (INCL)</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER - FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY (STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY) (INCL)</b>
<b>SPRING HALF TERM - FEB</b>	<b>MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> - BAKER DAY TUES 11<sup>TH</sup>(SDD) - FRI 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY (INCL) CHILDREN WILL BE OFF ALL WEEK</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - ST PATRICK'S DAY</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS- APRIL</b>	<b>MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL- BAKER DAY TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> - FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL (INCL) EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>MAY BANK HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY BANK HOLIDAY TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>

**JUNE**

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE**