

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

Christmas Jumper Day	Friday, 20 th December
Last day of Term 1 (12 noon finish)	Friday, 20 th December
No healthy break or after school provision	
Ballyclare Secondary School Open Afternoon	Monday, 6 th January
Term 2 starts 8:45am	Tuesday, 7 th January
Ballyclare High School Open Evening	Thursday, 9 th January
Open Enrolment begins for P1 2025 (12 noon)	Friday, 10 th January
Assessment Week	Monday, 13 th January – Friday 17 th January
P7 swimming commences	Tuesday, 14 th January
P7 parents – application for Post Primary place opens (12 noon) (closes 20 th February)	Tuesday, 28 th January

Christmas Wishes

It only seems a short while ago we started back in August, and here we are at the end of Term 1. Life is always busy in Fairview, and this is encapsulated in November and December with all our concerts, Open Day, panto trips and the Festive Trail. And that is not to mention the sporting events and Choir performances. But what a month we have just had! Can I say thank you to you, the parents, for supporting all our events, but also praise the pupils and staff for embracing all that is put in front of them. I am sure you will agree, our Christmas festivities have been a remarkable success.

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to pass on our appreciation for the gifts, cards and words of encouragement which have been shared over the term and particularly now at Christmas.

In the midst of all the busyness at this time of year, we have taken time in classes and through assembly to remember the real reason for Christmas. The Board of Governors, staff and myself would like to wish you all a most peaceful Christmas and God's richest blessings for the new year. I hope all of you will get some much needed time with your loved ones over the holiday.

I wish all the staff and pupils a very Happy Christmas and a well-deserved rest; you all need it but I know we will all be looking forward to returning to school in January!

Happy Christmas everyone and Best Wishes for 2025!



End of Term Arrangements

School will close on Friday, 20th December for the Christmas break. There will be no canteen staff on duty that day so Breakfast Club will be supervision only. There will be no healthy break available on 20th December either.

Dismissal will be from 11.45am. Please ensure someone is at the gate to collect your child at the following times –

P1 & P2 - 11.45am

P3 & P4 - 11.50am

P5 - 11.55am

P6 & P7 - 12.00noon

Festive Trail

Last Thursday and Friday evenings saw our school host another fabulous Festive Trail. Both evenings were wonderful and with almost 1000 people across the two nights, it was certainly a most popular event! I would like to pass on my thanks to the small band of parents and staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for many months in order to make the evening such a success, led admirably by Martina Armstrong. Many of our PTA members, male and female, put in hours of work but there are just too many to thank you all individually! Likewise, all our staff members played their part in ensuring the evening went incredibly smoothly.

Whilst we don't yet have a final figure for what was raised over the two nights, I want to reassure you that all money raised by our wonderful PTA goes back into school to support each and every child in Fairview. So thank you to all who helped in the background, helped on the night or came along with their family...you all played your part.



We have had such wonderful feedback, both on our Facebook page (where you can see lots of pictures) and by direct contact to school. Your kind words are much appreciated and a great source of encouragement to those responsible for coordinating the event. See below a couple of emails I have received this week...

I email to congratulate you on the success of the Festive Trail. Once again, Fairview PS has led the way in Ballyclare and its surrounding area by providing a family centred Christmas event. I know that the event has taken months of planning and a few set backs due to the storm but it was magical! You and your team along with the PTA should be very proud.

Well what can I say? 'Wow!' I guess that just about sums up Fairview's Festive Trail. I wasn't sure what to expect but I certainly wasn't disappointed. You have all created a magical Christmas experience to be enjoyed by the whole family. It's obvious that a lot of thought, time and effort have gone into the trail but the result is one which will make memories for children that will stay with them for years to come.

We do have a few companies to say thank you to for their ongoing support:

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council
WJM Logistics Group
John Dickey Agri Tech Engineering
Woodsides Haulage
Brilliant Trails

*****Important – We need your help.....**Parents help and support school in a variety of different ways. One way you may be able to help us is with storage. We need somewhere dry to store our snowman and Santa's sleigh. We have no room at school and previous storage is no longer available. Please get in touch if you can help us.

School Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns, then the following is the school team:

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Mrs Craig
Safeguarding Governor -	Mrs Victoria Woodside

The school's Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents on the school's website or from the school office, on request.





The Principal, staff, and pupils warmly invite prospective pupils and parents to

BALLYCLARE HIGH SCHOOL
Open Night
THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY 2025

Principal's Welcome 6.30pm and 8.00pm
School will be open from 6.15pm - 9.00pm

Entrance through main reception or Sports Hall doors. Parking is available at the rear of the school.
31 Rashee Road, Ballyclare, BT39 9HJ






BALLYCLARE
SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN AFTERNOON

Monday
6th January 2025
2pm – 4pm

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