

NEWSLETTER

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Diary Dates

School closed – Staff Development Day	Friday, 26 th September
Primary 6 JC NI War Memorial Museum Trip	Thursday, 2 nd October
Primary 6 EJE NI War Memorial Museum Trip	Monday, 6 th October
Primary 1 in to 2pm	Monday, 6 th October
Harvest Assembly	Monday, 6 th October
Primary 6 LH NI War Memorial Museum Trip	Tuesday, 7 th October
Flu vaccination (day 1)	Wednesday, 8 th October
Hockey Blitz 2	Wednesday, 8 th October
Individual and Family photos	Wednesday, 15 th and Thursday 16 th October
Primary 6 Forest School Day 1	Friday, 17 th October
Fairview Pumpkin Patch	Saturday, 18 th October
Parent Teacher Interviews	w/b 20 th October
Crown Jesus puppets visit	Thursday, 23 rd October
PTA Half Term Disco	Thursday, 23 rd October

****Please remember school is closed for pupils tomorrow (Friday). We will be back in as normal on Monday 29th September.**

Pupil of the Month

We have adapted our pupil of the month targets to reflect our new Core Values in school. Our target for September is:

We are: Inclusive

Inclusive is our first Core Value and is based around everyone being a valued and welcomed member of our whole school community. Staff have been looking out for pupils who have welcomed new members to their class, who have been a good friend in the playground when someone needed a buddy or who have looked out for the quieter members of their class when doing group work. We are looking to celebrate the pupils who make sure no one is ever left out this month.

Early Days in Primary 1

All our little Primary 1s have settled into life at Fairview brilliantly. There have been lots of fun activities including Autumn walks, playing in our extensive school grounds and staying for lunch with their friends. The children have enjoyed getting to know everyone in their classroom and have embraced our daily routines and exciting learning opportunities. We couldn't be more proud of them!

We have one more week with a 1pm finish, then from Monday 6th October Primary 1 will be in for a full day until 2pm.

Attendance

It seems obvious to say that regular attendance is directly linked to better academic performance. Missing school — even just 10% of the year — can result in a child losing up to **120 guided learning hours**. Attending school consistently helps children:

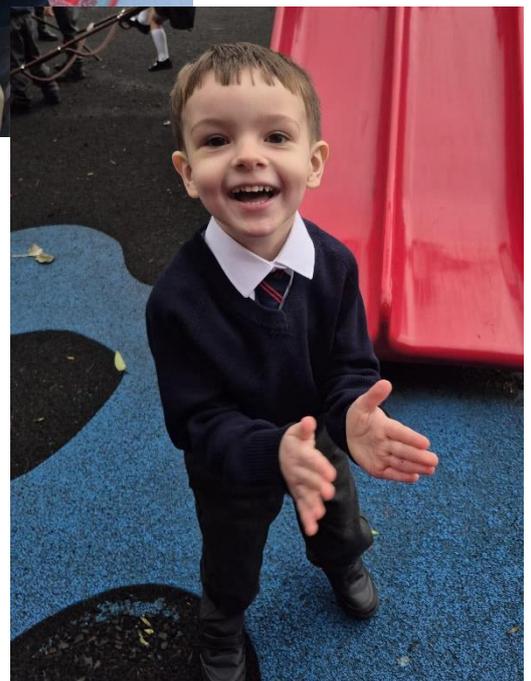
- Build friendships and social skills.
- Develop teamwork, resilience, and confidence.
- Feel less anxious and more settled in their learning environment.

Children who attend regularly are more likely to feel happy and secure at school, which contributes to their overall well-being.

We celebrate good attendance in school and try to make our school a place where pupils want to be each day. This month, we celebrated those pupils who achieved full attendance last year. We had an incredible 47 pupils with full attendance, up from 30 the previous year.







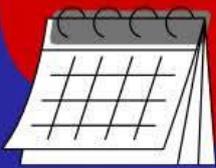
PTA AGM

The first PTA meeting of the year was held in school this week. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces returning but also welcoming many new parents who have not come along before. All our post holders from last year were proposed and seconded for another term:

Joint Chair	Ruth Livingston and Emma Meikle
Secretary	Gina Beattie
Treasurers	Emma Armstrong and Gillian Hamill

A huge thank you to the ladies for continuing their good work and to all those other parents who have agreed to lead on the various events we have already planned for the year ahead. Our PTA is a great group and it is a wonderful way to become part of school life – your child loves to see you involved and they get advance viewings of all the events! We really need your support, ideas, enthusiasm and skills! Don't be shy, give PTA a try!

SAVE THE DATE



2025-26 UPCOMING EVENTS

23RD SEPTEMBER	PTA SOCIAL MEET / AGM
18TH OCTOBER	PUMPKIN PATCH
23RD OCTOBER	HALF TERM DISCO
25TH NOVEMBER	CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING
5TH DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS FAIR



FAIRVIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL
PTA PRESENTS

FAIRVIEW PUMPKIN PATCH
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER

From 11am - last admission 12.30pm

Join us for a special themed trail, crafts,
games, marshmallow toasting and scarecrow
disco all included in your ticket price.

TICKETS PRICES:
CHILDREN £10
CHILDREN (NO PUMPKIN) £7
ADULTS £3
UNDER 2 GO FREE (NO PUMPKIN)

TICKETS COMING SOON!



Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews will commence in a couple of weeks, with the majority being week beginning 20th October. Notes with your allocated time are currently being prepared and will come home next week. We would ask you to do your very best to be available for the meeting or call, but if the time doesn't suit, then please contact the teacher to have it rescheduled at a mutually convenient time.

Pupils will leave school early on Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October to facilitate the interviews.

- P1 - 3 pupils will start to leave from 12.15pm
- P4 & 5 pupils will leave at 12.25pm
- P6 & 7 pupils will leave at 12.30pm

Please make sure that all pupils are collected promptly on these days. After school provision will be available to book online on the three early closure days.

Half Term Disco

One of the most popular events on the school calendar, the Half Term Disco, is fast approaching! Please note, it is on a Thursday evening (23rd October) again this year – your child will get a note home with further details later in October. Check out the times for each session on the poster which will appear on our Facebook page next week. We are also offering a Sensory Disco for pupils in school who find the crowd and noise in the hall too much. This will run in advance of the whole school discos, from 5.15pm -5.35pm.

Pupils are very welcome to come in fancy dress and we always look forward to seeing a range of costumes on the evening! Thanks to all those members of the PTA and our staff members who will be facilitating the disco. We couldn't run the evening without you!

Hockey Blitz

A huge congratulations to our incredible Primary 7 girls on their fantastic performance at their first hockey blitz of 2025, held at Belfast High School this week. With amazing teamwork, they powered through the day, winning 4 matches, drawing 2, and only losing 1! What a brilliant start to the season! We're so proud of each and every one of you! Keep up the fantastic work, girls! Our second blitz is in a couple of weeks' time, so keep up the hard work at training girls!





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Fairview Ambassadors

This past week, classes in P5-P7 held their elections for roles on Fairview Ambassadors. This is an exciting time and credit should go to all the pupils who were prepared to put their name forward and stand for election. I know the standard was exceptionally high, and many incredibly talented pupils did not even make it on to the ballot paper after initial class elections.

Following final votes in each class, the following representatives will take their place on Fairview Ambassadors for this school year:

P5P	Sophia Mills	Scott Nelson	
P5McC	Luke Davidson	Summer McCreight	Amelia Brennan
P5D	Sarah Baird	Marshall Hassard	
P6E	Matthias McQueen	Molly Dickey	
P6C	Cameron Corcoran	Ollie Cowan	
P6H	Anna Hassard	Coen Sharkey	
P7N	Teddy Scullion	Rosanna McNeilly	
P7K	Josie Whitehead	Tenae Green	
P7H	Isla Shields	James Robinson	

Well done to those elected, I have no doubt you will represent your class and Fairview Primary School with distinction. A vote will take place next week for Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Secretary of Fairview Ambassadors. All nineteen pupils will have a huge role to play in bringing forward initiatives over the year and providing a warm and welcoming environment for all visitors to the school, not to mention setting an example for their peers!

Eco Committee

We are delighted to introduce our new Eco Committee for 2025/2026. This super group of eco enthusiastic pupils is full of energy and ideas, ready to make a real difference.

Their mission this year is to take on exciting new projects that will help nurture and improve our school grounds. From planting and recycling to creating spaces that support wildlife, the team is eager to roll up their sleeves and get started.

The team will be led this year by Hayley Montgomery with Rose Livingston as her deputy. Mrs Davis is our new teacher in charge of Eco Schools, with one of our assistants Mrs Anderson and our Chair of Governors, Mr Lewis, lending their considerable expertise. A huge thank you to Miss Cooke for guiding the team through the last few years, we are delighted you will still be involved this year.

We can't wait to see all the wonderful work they will achieve together...but we have already got a glimpse of what is to come. Our new raised beds in the front playground have been given a revamp and look amazing. Take a look on your next visit up to school.

School Safeguarding

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

Designated Teacher -	Mrs Norris
Deputy Designated Teacher -	Miss Earls
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.



