



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter Friday 29th May 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful week in Buick! The sun was shining, the mood was bright and the teaching and learning opportunities were wide and varied!

P3 Trip to Jet Centre

School trip season is in full swing and this week our P3 pupils ventured to the Jet Centre in Coleraine where they watched a movie in the cinema and played in the soft play. A great time was had by all!



Parking

Parking at the back of the school remains problematic for our bus drivers. Parents are reminded that the bus lanes should be kept free. Please share this information with childminders and grandparents who do not receive this weekly newsletter. Thank you.

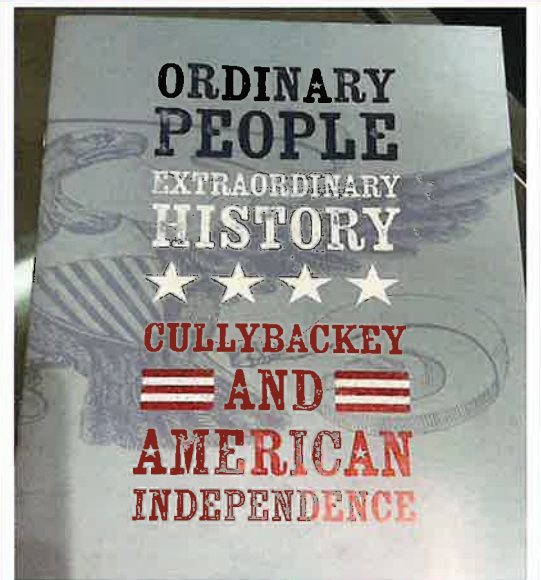
PSNI Visit Buick

On Wednesday, Community PSNI Officers visited Buick during Assembly to highlight the dangers of e-scooters. Our children were reminded of the legalities of such devices. Pupils should not be bringing these to school.

They also spoke to the children about anti-social behaviours and recent events in our village involving children. Please talk to your child about this visit to ensure they are aware of appropriate behavioural expectations in society.

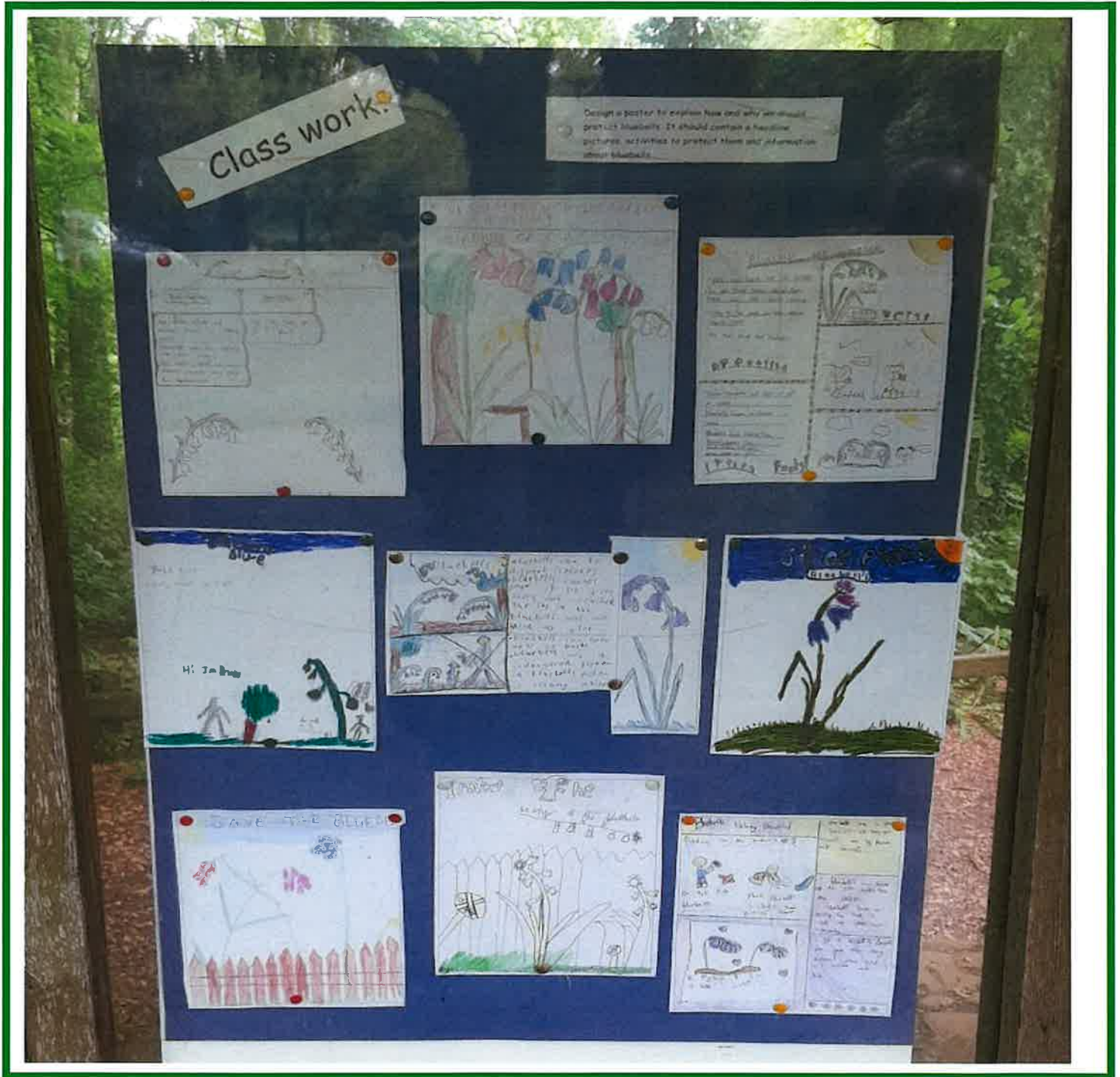
US Consul Visit

On Wednesday, Miss Peters attended the launch of a new book called *Ordinary People, Extraordinary History - Cullybackey and American Independence*, written by local author, William Roulston. Cullybackey Community Partnership will be holding a series of 3 talks about this and showcasing their new exhibition in Maine Business Centre in June. Please see their Facebook page for dates and times. The US Consul, Paul Roelle, then visited Buick to share his experiences with the children. Our pupils certainly asked some challenging questions! After school, Ms Gibson and two of our P6 pupils joined the USA 250 Celebrations at Arthur Cottage to plant a tree to mark the occasion.



P6QC are Working in Partnership with Portglenone Forst

If you visit Portglenone Forest this week you will have the opportunity to view P6's work. We were asked by Liz, the forest guide, to design posters to help the public understand how precious the bluebells species is and how we can all help to protect them. The children's eye-catching posters are on display at the main entrance and throughout the forest walks. P6 learnt lots of important information during their visit and were delighted to be able to share this with all those who visit Portglenone Forest.



Eco Club Trip

Our green-fingered children and staff visited Lislagan Farm recently to learn all about the animals and ground maintenance. They had a wonderful learning experience!



**Eco Club at
Lislagan Farm**



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Coaching For Christ Football Festival

We were delighted to welcome Rodney and his team of coaches to Buick on Thursday! The weather was fantastic and our children loved wearing their favourite football kits to school. Thank you to everybody who sent in a donation. We handed over a cheque for £550 by way of thanks for all the coaching they provide freely throughout the academic session.



P1 Trip to Rosepark Farm

Our Primary 1 children had an amazing day at Rosepark Farm on Thursday. Please visit our Facebook page where we have shared their wonderful experience! 😊





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School Council

Our School Council are arranging a Cakes and Shakes Day. We would ask parents to donate shop bought cakes and school council will sell them alongside milkshakes on Thursday 11th and Friday 12th June. Donations can be sent in to your child's class teacher from Monday 8th June. The proceeds will go towards new outdoor play equipment for our playgrounds.

Cake and Shake Sale

ENJOY DELICIOUS CAKES AND SHAKES WHILE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL COUNCIL FUNDS.

MILKSHAKES 50P
BUNS & CAKES 50P

Thursday 11th & Friday 12th June

Partnership with Parents - Uniform

The Department of Education has issued new guidance regarding school uniforms. At Buick, we sought your thoughts on our uniform via a parental questionnaire in October 2025. The results of this questionnaire indicated that the vast majority of parents wished to retain our traditional brown and yellow uniform.

In this cost-of-living crisis, we are mindful of the expense of new school uniforms. Like all societal purchases this too will unfortunately increase in price.

For this reason, we will now operate a preloved option of uniforms. Parents who wish to donate old, but still in good condition uniforms, can send them to the school from Monday 16th June. We will then wash and prepare them for resale at the end of August.

Our normal Uniform Shop with brand new clothes will open on Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th June for telephone orders. These orders can then be collected on Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd June at 2pm/3pm from our Assembly Hall.



Killymurriss Holiday Bible Club 2026

15th - 17th June 2026
7.00pm - 8.30pm

For children currently in P1 to P7

Scan the QR code to register

Registration closes 5pm
12th June 2026



Join us for Holiday Bible Club



FARM ACTIVITIES

CAN at Lislagan Farm

- Enterprise shed demos (woodwork) - all day
- Cookery demo (12.30 - 2.30pm)
- Animal observation area (chickens, geese, ducks, sheep) - all day
- Bushcraft skills area - all day
- Outdoor games / music 12.00 - 3.00pm
- Sheep shearing demonstration 1.30 - 3.30pm (weather permitting)
- Bee keeping talk/zone - all day
- Cottage showcase - all day
- Walking trail - all day
- Tractor / machinery display - all day
- Potting workshop in the polytunnel - all day
- Playpark - all day

Saturday 13 June: 10am - 4pm

For the safety of our animals and guests, **no dogs** are permitted on the farm, except for assistance dogs.

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Term 3

Monday 1 st June	P7 Leavers' Photograph with Ballymena Guardian – full school uniform, please! Buick pupils cheering on Battle of The Somme Walk leaving Royal British Legion in Cullybackey
Tuesday 2 nd June	Citizenship P2 Trip to Portrush
Wednesday 3 rd June	Primary 5 Swimming (8/10) 2pm-3pm or 3pm-4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 4 th June	Girls' Football Cup
Friday 5 th June	P5/4 & P5M - Trip to Castlerock
Tuesday 9 th June	P6s to Cambridge House Grammar School Taster Day
Wednesday 10 th June	Primary 5 Swimming (9/10) 2pm-3pm or 3pm-4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 11 th June	Love for Life - P7s to Fourtowns Primary P6s to Ballymena Academy Taster Day
Friday 12 th June	Nursery Trip to Sensory Kids, Antrim School Council Cakes and Shakes Day Year 8 Induction Days in post-primary schools (P7s do not attend Buick on this day) NURSERY UNIT CLOSED for Nursery and P1 Induction Day - details to follow
Monday 15 th June	P4 Class Trip to NI War Memorial Museum
Tuesday 16 th June	Nursery Graduation with Jo Jingles 1pm - Prize Day Award Ceremony
Wednesday 17 th June	Primary 5 Swimming (10/10) 2pm-3pm or 3pm-4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Friday 19 th June	P6s to Activ8 at Cullybackey College Annual Reports Distributed
Monday 22 nd June	P7s last day and Leavers' Disco in the Evening
Wednesday 24 th June	Bump Up Day - pupils to new classes / classrooms
Monday 29 th June	(10am break and lunch at 11am) Pupils finish at 12 noon for Summer Holidays
Tuesday 30 th June	Staff Development Day: TransformEd

*Dates may be added or changed - please review weekly.

I can't believe we are approaching June! The school academic session passes so quickly!

Please see the attached Calendar for 2026/27. From this, you will see that the Easter Holidays are a little shorter than normal. This is due to Easter being in March and Term 3 extending almost 13 weeks!

We therefore decided to break that long and hot term up by redistributing our holidays. Pupils will be off from Monday 31st May-Friday 4th June inclusive. This will also allow families to avail of a cheaper/off peak holiday and keep school attendance figures up in Term 3.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind regards,

R. Peters,

Principal

SCRIPTURE UNION BALLYMENA
FIRST AHOGHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE / 6:45-9:15PM

IT'S YOUR MOVE

CELEBRATION



AN EVENT FOR P7S TO PREPARE THEM FOR POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCAN THE QR CODE TO BOOK YOUR PLACE!
BOOKING DEADLINE: THURSDAY 18TH JUNE



SCRIPTURE UNION BALLYMENA
FIRST AHOGHILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FRIDAY 19TH JUNE / 6:45-9:15PM

IT'S YOUR MOVE

PARENTS GATHERING

AN EVENT FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS OF P7S AS YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN THE MOVE TO POST-PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONTACT eve@sunl.co.uk TO BOOK YOUR PLACE BY
THURSDAY 18TH JUNE





Uniform Price List

Yellow Polo shirt	Age 3-4, 5-6 and 7-8 : £12 Age 9-10, 11-12 and age 13 : £13 Small, Medium or Large Adult : £17
Brown Jumper	Age 3-4, 5-6 or 7-8 : £15 Age 9-10, 11-12 or age 13 : £16 Small, Medium or Large Adult : £19
Brown Trousers	Age 5-6 : £15 Age 7-8, 9-10, 10-11 : £16 (zip/fly opening)
Brown Skirts	Age 3-4, 4-5, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13 : £12.50 Age 15-16 : £15
Brown Cardigans	Age 5-6, 7-8 : £14.50 Age 9-10, 11-12 : £15.50
Yellow PE top	Ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13 : £6.50 Adult sizes : £8.50
Black PE shorts	Ages 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-13, : £6 Adult sizes : £8