



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter Friday 5th June 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

The last Citizenship of the year was jam packed with success stories! We distributed our Excellent Conduct Certificates and celebrated the wonderful achievements of our P6s at Balmoral Show. They made a magnificent display of the felt processing they completed with Mrs Moffett. The judges' feedback was outstanding! Well done!



We are incredibly proud of our children and their achievements beyond our school and in the local community. Below we have winners at Coaching For Christ, Ballymena Rugby, Ballymoney Rugby, Ballymena Show, Scouts, Athletics, Greenisland Football and Ballymena United Football. Well done kids!



Alice won the Championship Class at Ballymena Show with her pony called Patchy!

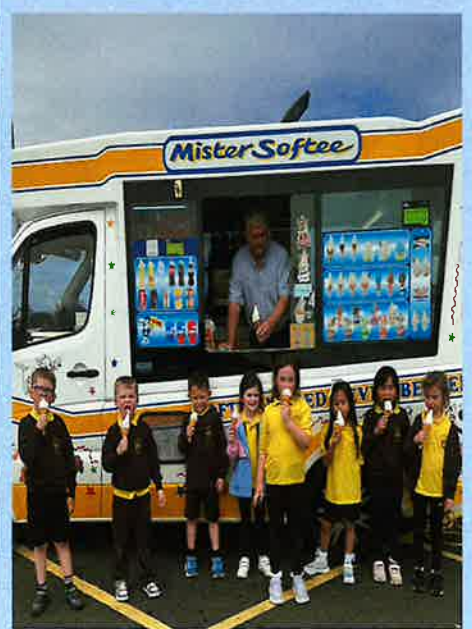
NI Veterans' Sponsored Walk

On Monday, we cheered on the NI Veterans as they set off on their sponsored Somme 110 walk. They are completing 60 miles across six counties in six days! Please see our Facebook page for further details and their sponsorship link.



P2 Trip to Portrush

On Tuesday, our Primary 2 children and staff escaped the downpours in Cullybackey as they ventured to sunny Portrush! A wonderful day was had by all.





Charity Skydive

Thank you to everybody who donated to our charity, Northern Ireland's Children's Hospice. Our fearless duo, Mr Maybin and Mr Henry, successfully completed their mission on Sunday at Skydive Ireland in Garvagh.



A Carryin' Stream

In 2019, Buick Memorial staff and pupils participated in a BBC production of a local film called 'A Carryin' Stream'. This initiative was led by a local film maker, Alison Millar.

Tim Burden and Alison Millar have organised a screening of the film in The Braid on Thursday 25th June. You can book tickets for this event on the link below.

<https://thebraid.ticketsolve.com/ticketbooth/shows/1173672933>

Some of our current P6 pupils will be reading poems on the night from the old Tullygrawley book, "A Child and his Pencil". Our former staff member, Mrs Jennifer Beattie, will also be in attendance to recite poetry. There will be artwork from the children of Tullygrawley on display. Perhaps some older members of our community would like to attend this event. Please share this information with them!



Braid Film Theatre Presents A Carryin' Stream

Share this show

Dates

Thursday 25th June 2026

Categories:

Film Screening

A Carryin' Stream" (2019 BBC documentary film)

"...no part of our island has produced, in proportion to the population, a greater number of persons gifted with poetic talent than the beautiful Valley of the Maine." from 'The Story of an Ulster Village' William Shaw, 1913

From 9- to 90-year-olds, the people of rural County Antrim help Bafta award-winning director Alison Millar explore the real meaning of creativity and culture.

Introduced by the Cullybackey born director Alison Millar with writer and teacher Annie Rose and local school children. Historical artefacts and drawings will also be on display courtesy of the Braid museum team.

School Council

Our School Council is 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. Edible 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.

Term 3

Tuesday 9 th June	P6s to Cambridge House Grammar School Taster Day
	P7 to Arthur Cottage
Wednesday 10 th June	Primary 5 Swimming (9/10)
	2pm-3pm or 3pm-4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 11 th June	School Council Cakes and Shakes Day (1/2)
	Love for Life - P7s to Fourtowns Primary
	P6s to Ballymena Academy Taster Day
	Nursery Trip to Sensory Kids, Antrim
Friday 12 th June	School Council Cakes and Shakes Day (2/2)
	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.	

With only 17 school days left, it is essential that parents keep up to date with all events/activities. Please ensure you keep up to date with ParentMail letters too!

I'd like to wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

R. Peters,
Principal

Free School Meals and Uniform Allowances 2026-27

Applications can now be made on EA Connect for the 2026/27 school year.

We hope the following will be helpful to you in communicating with parents and carers.

We are very grateful to you for your continued support throughout the academic year, particularly with sharing key information and updates with your school communities.

Social Media Toolkit

Each year, there are many families who would be eligible to apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance, but who neglect to do so.

In order to help us promote awareness of Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance applications for September 2026, we again include a social media toolkit which you may wish to use on your own communication channels.

The toolkit - [which can be accessed using this link](#) - includes graphics and text with key information for you to share with your parent community on the suggested dates throughout the next few months. This links in with the dates of EA Social media posts.

Pupil Lists

You may wish to consider obtaining a list of 2025/26 eligible pupils from AnyComms+ so that you can make contact with and encourage those eligible parents/carers to submit an application for the 2026/27 school year.

All parents/carers should be encouraged to apply by the last Friday in July to guarantee that support is in place for 1 September.

If you require further information about accessing Pupil Lists, please email the dedicated email address for schools at **mealsanduniformschools@eani.org.uk**

Universal Credit recipients

Parents or carers who receive Universal Credit and whose net household earnings do not exceed £15,900 per year (£1325 per month or less) are eligible to apply for Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance.

Applicants are required to upload evidence of their Universal Credit entitlement via all pages of their most recent Universal Credit Claimant Statement when they apply.



Proof of Benefit Letters

Parents/carers in receipt of any of the benefits listed below, will need to upload a Proof of Benefit Letter with their application.

Qualifying social security benefits:

- **Income Related Employment and Support Allowance**
- **Guarantee Element of State Pension Credit**

A Proof of Benefit Letter can be requested by [visiting this website](#). It can take at least five days to obtain the letter.

If parents/carers have difficulty in obtaining a Proof of Benefit Letter, or do not understand how to provide evidence of their Universal Credit, **their local Jobs + Benefit office Digital Hub** will have staff on hand to help them obtain the correct evidence to support their application. Parents/carers should telephone their local office to make an appointment.

We ask you to remind your parent community of the requirement to upload evidence - as applications cannot be processed until we receive all supporting documentation for the applicant.

Extra help for parents/carers on the EA website:

- **Information on applying**
- **FAQs**
- **Helpdesk contact details**
- **Videos and supporting documents**

Further Assistance - Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk

The FSMU Helpdesk is available from Monday to Friday 9am to 4pm by telephone on **028 9047 0233** or email mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk



Free School Meals and Uniform Allowance



PORTGLENONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



PYRAMID ROCK

FROM PIT TO PALACE

P1 - P7 (SEPT 26)

10TH - 14TH AUGUST

7:00PM - 8:30PM

PARENT / GUARDIAN

Your child **MUST** be registered
in order to attend!

EITHER do this on Facebook
@Portglenone Presbyterian Church
OR by scanning the QR code below.
There will be a chance to register
in person each night but you can avoid
the queues by registering online!



SCAN ME

Pyramid Rock is held in our Main Street Complex
(The Big Church at the head of the village)

Doors open at 6.45 p.m

Collection at 8.30 p.m

(Please drop off and collect children in person
to ensure safety in the car park)

CRAIGS PARISH CHURCH VINTAGE FÊTE

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE 2026

11AM - 4PM

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£5
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