



Buick Memorial Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th September 2026



Hello Parents/Carers,

At Buick, we strive to provide After School Clubs for all age groups. This term, our Primary 3 pupils had fun decorating buns, making suncatchers and engaging in outdoor play during their After School Club. Our Primary 2 children will be offered this wonderful opportunity next. Please see ParentMail for further details and to confirm your child's place.

P3 AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



This week our P4 children have been enthusiastically developing their skills and knowledge through the interactive learning game **STILE**. The game encourages teamwork, problem-solving, and active participation, making learning both engaging and enjoyable for everyone involved.



Parental Role

At Buick, we actively promote effective partnership working. If you have any comments, queries or concerns about school practices or Education Authority Policies, you should speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance. If matters are not satisfactorily resolved, you should contact Miss Stirling or Miss Peters to arrange a meeting.

We would also like to remind parents of their responsibilities with regard to completing homework on time and supporting their child's holistic development. Buick staff will be contacting parents who consistently fail to return homework, reading books/textbooks, or reply slips by the set deadlines on ParentMail.

Parking

We would kindly ask parents to park responsibly and not in the bus lanes at the back of the school, or on the zig-zag or yellow lines on Main Street. Children's safety is of paramount importance, and we need your full co-operation in this matter. We appreciate that Pottinger Steet and parking at the back of the school can also be difficult to navigate at times; however, it is essential that everybody parks responsibly.

Dining Centre and Lunches

Monday 28th September is Week 1 of our new Lunch Bunch Menu. School dinners remain at a cost of £3.10 per day. Any pupil with a food allergy **must** complete the relevant Special Diet form (on our website) before availing of food from our Dining Centre.

Please ensure your child has nutritious snacks to fuel their brains. Please do not send sugary sweets to school as this hinders children's ability to sit and concentrate. Thank you.

Partnerships with Parents

Please ensure your child is wearing full school uniform. This includes school shoes and school coloured hair accessories. Thank you.

**CS Moments
photographer will
be at Your school....**

**Wednesday 30th
September**

**Make sure You look
Your best!**


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Child Protection

If you have any concerns about your child's safety in school, you can speak to Mrs Shirlow, (Designated Teacher for Child Protection), or to Miss Stirling, (Deputy Designated Teacher). If you are still concerned, you may contact the Principal, Miss R Peters, who oversees the Safeguarding Team within Buick Memorial Primary School. Additionally, you may contact the Board of Governors. Our Child Protection Governor is Rev. Philip Moffett.

If you have any concerns about a child or community activity out of school hours, you can talk to a Social Worker at the Social Services Gateway Team on 0300 1234 333 or PSNI on 101. Like all primary schools, Buick links with PSNI Officers to engage in Operation Encompass. This is a legal requirement which ensures appropriate information is shared accordingly.

As professionals, we have a legal duty of care for children. As part of this, 'Notes of Concern' are completed inhouse if staff have any worries regarding a child's presentation. This presentation includes their attendance, personal hygiene, nutritional provision, growth and development, uncharacteristic behaviours and comments/worries they share about home life. If appropriate, these records may be shared with Social Services. If your individual circumstances or family composition has changed, please contact the school to inform us. These open lines of communication will ensure each child's needs are met.

On Tuesday afternoon Miss Peters, Mrs Shirlow and Miss Stirling attended a NSPCC Webinar. During this, they were informed that statistically 1 in every 20 children now encounters a form of abuse. This is a shocking figure and the reason why schools must continue to educate children.

We will therefore be having an age-appropriate conversation with all children (P1-P7) next Tuesday morning. If you do not wish your child to participate in this, please put your reasoning in writing to info@buickmemorial.org by 9am on Monday 28th September.

Parents/Carers are also encouraged to talk with their child. Please see the following link for further information on how to approach these conversations sensitively and appropriately.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/media/pilh5ucp/pants-parents-guide.pdf>

What are the PANTS rules?

Talking to children about their body



- P Privates are private
- A Always remember your body belongs to you
- N No means no
- T Talk about secrets that upset you
- S Speak up, someone can help

Term 1A

Monday 28 th September	P7 Parent/Teacher telephone interviews (SEAG) 3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training for P7 Girls and Boys (1/6)and now open to P6 Girls too! 3pm - 3:45pm - P4 & P5 Netball (2/6)
Tuesday 29 th September	NSPCC PANTS TALK with all pupils P7 Parent/Teacher telephone interviews (SEAG) 3pm-3:45pm -P6 & P7 Scripture Union with Rev. Moffett & Mrs McQuiston (3/4)
Wednesday 30 th September	P2 Visiting Dayfresh CS Moments Photographer in School for Individual and Family Pictures Ballymena Academy Coaching Netball and Rugby with P6s (1/6) 2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 1 st October	Coaching For Christ in Buick 4/12 P6 Swimming 2/10 3pm - 4pm - Eco Club 1/2 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys 3/12 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Friday 2 nd October	Learn With Lauren's Sensory Stories with Primary 1 pupils 1/3 2pm-3pm - P2 After School Club (1/3)
Monday 5 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training for P7 Girls & Boys and P6 Girls! (2/6) 3pm - 3:45pm - P4 & P5 Netball (3/6)
Tuesday 6 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - P6 & P7 Scripture Union with Rev. Moffett and Mrs McQuiston (4/4)
Wednesday 7 th October	Ballymena Academy Coaching Netball and Rugby with P6s (2/6) 2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 8 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick 5/12 P6 Swimming 3/10 3pm - 4pm - Eco Club 2/2 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys 4/12 3pm - 3:45pm - Choir
Friday 9 th October	2pm-3pm - P2 After School Club (2/3)
Monday 12 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training for P7 Girls & Boys and P6 Girls (3/6) 3pm - 3:45pm - P4 & P5 Netball (4/6)
Tuesday 13 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training (1/6)
Wednesday 14 th October	Ballymena Academy Coaching Netball and Rugby with P6s (3/6) 2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm - Buick Ju-Jitsu
Thursday 15 th October	Coaching For Christ in Buick 6/12 P6 Swimming 4/10 3pm - 4:15pm - Football Training for P5-P7 Boys 5/12 (cont'd on next page) 3pm - 3:45pm - NO Choir
Friday 16 th October	Learn With Lauren's Sensory Stories with Primary 1 pupils 2/3 2pm-3pm - P2 After School Club (3/3)
Monday 19 th October	School Nurses in Buick for Nasal Flu Spray 3pm - 3:45pm - Hockey Training for P7 Girls & Boys and P6 Girls (4/6) 3pm - 3:45pm - P4 & P5 Netball (5/6)
Tuesday 20 th October	3pm - 3:45pm - Netball Training (2/6) P6 to Cambridge House Grammar School to see 'Frozen'
Wednesday 21 st October NO After School Clubs	Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews 2pm - 3pm or 3pm - 4pm - Face-to-Face
Thursday 22 nd October NO After School Clubs	Coaching For Christ in Buick 7/12 P6 Swimming 5/10 Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews by telephone
Friday 23 rd October NO After School Clubs	Learn With Lauren's Sensory Stories with Primary 1 pupils 3/3 Pupils Finishing at 1pm for Parent Interviews by telephone

TransformED

A gentle reminder that all schools are closed tomorrow for TransformED Training. This week, Miss Peters attended a conference for Principals which highlighted the timescale for the way forward.

Parents are encouraged to embark on this journey alongside schools. More information will follow on DE social media platforms for parents over the coming weeks and months.



Thank you in advance of your support.

Kind regards,
R. Peters,
Principal

BALLYWATERMOY GOSPEL HALL Ballywatermoy Road, Glarryford

CHILDREN'S MEETINGS



**A SPECIAL WEEK
FOR ALL BOYS AND GIRLS**

**Monday 28th September –
Friday 2nd October 2026
7.15 pm – 8pm each night**

**Speaker: Crawford Fairfield
(Broughshane)**

**EVERY
FRIDAY NIGHT**

**October 2026 – February 2027
7.15 pm – 8.00 pm each night**

- BIBLE STORIES •
- CHORUSES •
- MEMORY VERSES • PRIZES •

ALL WELCOME



**"BELIEVE ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
and thou shalt be saved." ACTS 16:31**

For further information telephone
028 2568 5620 or 07740 173801

**The Lord Jesus said:
"Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not:
for of such is the kingdom of God.**

Mark 10:14



**For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish,
but have everlasting life.**

John 3:16

**All teachers are compliant with current child protection legislation.
Parents who would like to stay with their children will be made very welcome.**