



BALLYFINANE NATIONAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Summer 2025

Dear Ballyfinane School Community



Principal's Message

As we reach the close of another school year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for a wonderful 24/25 school year:

To our amazing pupils: You have shown growth, creativity, and kindness throughout the year. Whether you were learning something new, overcoming a challenge, or simply being a good friend to someone, your efforts have made this school a better place. I am so proud of all you've accomplished — inside the classroom and beyond it.

To our parents: Thank you for your continued support & encouragement. Your involvement in your children's education plays a vital role in their success. We are truly grateful for the trust you place in us each day.

As we head into the summer break, I encourage everyone to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. Whether you're reading a great book, traveling, or just enjoying the sunshine, I hope the summer brings you joy and relaxation.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year, refreshed and ready for the exciting journey ahead.

With warmest regards,
Catherine O'Shea



Stationary Lists

Stationary Lists were sent home with pupils. Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name. All books will be provided by the school & will be ready when pupils return to school



Calendar

The calendar for the 2025/2026 school year was also sent home with pupils. Please note that all pupils will return to school on 26th August and will finish at 11.45am on this day.



School Reports

The end of year reports for all pupils have been sent out on the Aladdin app. Please email the school if you have not received a report for your child.



Uniforms

All new half-zips that were ordered were sent home with pupils. Please ensure that all half-zips are labelled with your child's name.



Enrolment

Enrolment is now open for the coming 2025-2026 academic year. If you know of anyone looking to enroll in Ballyfinane N.S. please tell them to email the school for an enrolment pack.

ENROLL



Ballyfinane NS is a Sustainable School

We are delighted to have our new filtered water system in school! It was installed as part of a wider initiative to support children's health and wellbeing as well as maintaining a Sustainable School Community. The new system ensures high-quality; filtered water is readily available throughout the school day for all the boys and girls.

The new system eliminates the need for the children to purchase bottled water and eliminating the hassle of storing and disposing of empty bottles. This is cost saving in the long run & environmentally friendly making us all more sustainable.



School Garden

Our school garden is in full bloom this season with many fruits of our labour! Thank you to all children for the hard work, pride & enthusiasm that they have shown.



Term Three Activities...



School Tour



The children of Ballyfinane NS set off on their well deserved Turas Scoile to Killarney! Children enjoyed lots of activity, inflatables & swimming. It was a day filled with big energy, lots of smiles & more memories made of school days together.



Maine Valley School Sports

Congratulations to these wonderful children who represented Ballyfinane NS with Maine Valley School Sports! We are all very proud!



Coding

We love coding together. STEAM activities such as coding promote critical thinking, team work, problem solving & enhances creativity through shared ideas.



Term Three Activities...



Wellbeing

Many activities this term centred around our school self evaluation focus of wellbeing. The children enjoyed yoga sessions, drumming, some limbo fun, mindfulness & learning through shared activities. We look forward to much more in September!



Gaelbhratach

Cómhgháirdeas leis an Coiste Gaeilge! An sprioc bainte amach acu arís i mbliana. Maith sibh as an iarracht iontach. Beimid ag súil go mór leis an blian seo chugainn chun é a fháil arís leis an spioraid céanna!



Shared Learning

Here is a snapshot of some curricular activities where we share learning! The children enjoyed shared literacy, numeracy tasks & visual arts. We took part with Junior Achievement Ireland. Thanks to Breeda for facilitating the theme 'Our Planet' with the Senior Room.



Term Three Activities...



Sports Day



In partnership with our friends at Killtallagh N.S., we enjoyed Sports day in Milltown. Thank you to Amy for facilitating this wonderful initiative again this year. The day was full of activity, laughter & friendships. The ice-cream van paid us a visit & we finished off our day at the playground. Thank you to all parents who supported & made this possible through drop-off & collection.



Active Week



Active Week is always a highlight as it brings fun spirits & teamwork to the fore. Through team building activities older children lead the young with enthusiasm. This year we enjoyed yoga, playground games, obstacle courses & even some Karate!

