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***Braidside Integrated Primary
and Nursery School***
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19/11/25

Dear Parents,

We are fast approaching December, the Christmas season and a variety of different school events are scheduled.

Just recently we have completed work related to Road Safety and Anti-Bullying week. There have been visits from Ballymena United, the Neighbourhood Police and ongoing sessions of Highland Dance. This week (Thursday) Braidside Student Council and Mrs Young are holding our first “Break the Rules Day” and excitement is building for that. At the start of November, we also held the annual Book Fair and following sales of £1890, we recieved commission of £1130 which was distributed among classes and the school library stock. We are very grateful for your support with all school events.



Braidside IPS presents.....

This year we are delighted to present the FS and KS1 shows, which will take place in our school hall on as follows:

Wednesday 10th December: P1 and P2 “Busy, Busy, Bethlehem”

Thursday 11th December: P3 and P4 “A Midwife Crisis”

Friday 12th December: Nursery Christmas Show

Tickets will be available from the School Office from Monday 24th

November at a cost of £3 per person. There are many children participating in the P1 -P4 shows and a limited capacity in the hall, for safety reasons. Subsequently tickets will initially be restricted to **2 per family**, if any remain after this, we will make parents aware of any additional availability.

Each year at Braidside we alternate between Key Stages to present an annual performance, due to the large number of children at the school. At present singing and practices are in full flow throughout the corridors and classrooms, no doubt parents and carers will be singing the tunes in no time too! Teachers and children are working extremely hard and we look forward to welcoming you to enjoy the show!

Overleaf you will find several key dates for events taking place in school over the coming weeks.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION

Boxes are located at the main entrance for donations for the Rotary Club Christmas Hampers. All donations are used to prepare hampers for the elderly and less fortunate in our community. We are very grateful for your support.



School Events :

Individual Pupil Photographs: 24th & 25th November

Parent Group Christmas Wreath Workshop: Wednesday 26th November @ 6:30pm

P7 Taster Day at St. Patrick's College: Thurs 4th December

P7 attend "Annie" at Dunclug College: Friday 5th December

Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 12th December

Christmas Assembly: Monday 15th Dec @ 9:30am

Radio Cracker Performance (Choir): Thurs 18th Dec

End of Term: Friday 19th Dec 2025 (school will finish with a half-day)

Back to School: Monday 5th January 2026 @ 9am

NURSERY AND P1 OPEN EVENING

Nursery and P1 Open Evening will take place on Thursday 8th January 2026 for prospective parents and children for the academic year 2026/27.

The session for Nursery parents will take place @ 6:30pm and parents should book into the session, by telephoning the school office (25647899). A second session may be confirmed if numbers indicate this is required.

The session for P1 parents and children will commence at 7pm on 8th January. Both sessions will commence with the Principal's Welcome in the School Hall.

We look forward to welcoming parents and families to the school.

For further information or queries, please contact the school office or email

(info@braidsideintegratedps.ballymena.ni.sch.uk)

EA Connect will open for applications to pre-school and primary school for the 2026/27 school year on Wed 7th January 2026 @ 12noon. Parents can now access information on what you will need to make an application from the Parents Admissions Hub on eani.org.uk.

Admissions Helpdesk: 028 90470177 (9am -5pm) or email

presechooladmissions@eani.org.uk or primaryadmissions@eani.org.uk.

Yours faithfully,

_____*J McAuley*_____

Principal

Please return to school:

FS and KS1 / Nursery Christmas Show Reply slip.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Please tick to indicate a performance:

- () Wed 10th Dec: P1 & 2 "Busy, Busy Bethlehem"
- () Thurs 11th Dec, P3 & 4 "A Midwife Crisis"
- () Fri 12th Dec, Nursery Christmas Show

Number of tickets required: (please circle) 1 2

Money enclosed: £ _____

Signature: _____