



Dear Parents,



We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families to Braidside on Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th and Friday 12th to watch the children in Nursery – Primary 4 perform their Christmas shows. The children and staff have worked really hard these past weeks. **Admittance is by ticket only** and these will be collected at the door on entry. **Doors will open at 9:40pm on each day**, with shows starting at 10am. We request that all audience members remain in their seats throughout the performance, as the aisles need to be kept clear in the event of any safe evacuation. For the purposes of car parking the **overflow carpark at the rear of the school will be in operation** and drivers should follow the deliveries sign, the caretaker will provide direction and assistance. We ask all drivers to exercise care when driving on school premises. Arrangements have been put in place and letters sent home for after the performances. Please ensure children are fully aware of collection details. We hope you thoroughly enjoy the shows!

BEING WELL DOING WELL PARENT SURVEY

This year we have begun work which is part of the **EA Being Well Doing Programme** in school. This programme will be ongoing from 2025-2030 and the first step is to carry out an audit of wellbeing across the school and with all stakeholders. To this end several different surveys have been issued to children, teachers, support staff and governors. Below you will find a link to the parent survey, which will be open until 15th December (3pm). It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. Responses will be shared with the EA and our school development officer. Thank you for your assistance.

[**Braidside Integrated PS Parent/Carer Survey Being Well Doing Well 25-26 – Fill out form**](#)

REMINDER : 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 @ 6:15pm 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 (7:15pm). 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



School Events

Christmas Dinner (Non-Uniform Day with Christmas jumpers optional): Friday 12th December

Christmas Disco: Wednesday 17th December (details to follow)

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

End of Term: Friday 19th Dec 2025 (school will finish at 12:15pm)

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



Following an inspection in October 2025, the report from the Education and Training Inspectorate (ETI) has been published and is available on the ETI website (www.etini.gov.uk).

At Braidside, staff have received very generous, thoughtful and kind gifts from the children and parents at Christmas time. Indeed, we have always been overwhelmed by the generosity shown. However, we are very aware of the continued financial difficulties facing many families and continue to ask that parents/ carers do not send in staff presents. If parents wish a donation/ contribution could be made instead to a local charity, in lieu of gifts. We remain very thankful and grateful for your support.

Finally, I would like to wish all the children, parents and guardians a very peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year. School will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026. I hope you all enjoy the holidays when they arrive!

Yours faithfully,

J McAuley
Principal