



*A happy place
to have fun
learning!*

Phone (028 427 58350)

Website: www.victoriapsballyhalbert.co.uk

School Newsletter – June 2026 – week 10

... And now, the end is near...

As we near the end of the school year, we begin to prepare to say farewell to our P7 pupils. They will be greatly missed by everyone at VPS as they move on to the next stage of their education. This year's class has been an absolute pleasure to work with, and we will cherish the many happy memories we have shared with them for years to come.

We are also looking forward to spending some special time together, starting with a big breakfast on Wednesday, followed by a trip down memory lane as pupils recreate their favourite moments from their time at VPS. The celebrations will conclude with our Leavers' Assembly at 11am, to which all P7 parents are warmly invited.



We also bid farewell to some valued members of staff. Today, we said goodbye to Mrs Palmer, who has been a dedicated member of our school community for the past five years. During her time at VPS, she has provided wonderful support to both our pupils and staff and will be greatly missed.

Mrs Palmer is now embarking on a new career path outside of education. We would like to thank her for her commitment and the positive impact she has made on our school, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role.

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Stothers at the end of this term. Mr Stothers joined us on a one-year contract and has been a valued member of our team. In addition to teaching the P5 class and supporting them to make excellent progress, he has made a significant contribution behind the scenes, particularly in developing the school's technology and helping to set up iPads through a managed service.

He has also brought a wonderful sense of humour to the staffroom, keeping spirits high with his quizzes and good cheer. We thank him for all he has contributed to VPS and wish him every success in his next post at Kircubbin Integrated Primary School.

Staff for 2026/2027

After the upheaval of this year with classes moving, new temporary classrooms and new staff starting, next year there will be no surprises with the remaining staff staying in their current year groups and their current rooms.

S1: Miss Hillen

Supported by: Mrs Milligan, Miss Gilmore and Mrs Kerrigan (temp)

S2: Mrs. Patterson and Ms Alcock

Supported by: Miss Harris (temp), Mrs Boyd, Mrs Mackey, Miss Stewart.

L1: Mrs McClure

Supported by: Mrs Coffey

L2: Ms Gorman

Supported by: Mrs Dunleavy

P1/2: Mrs. Harris

Supported by: Mrs Cully and Mrs Gowdy

P3/4: Mrs Purdie

Supported by: Mrs Hughes, Miss Williamson and Mrs Kilpatrick

P5/6: Mr Leyshon

Supported by: Mrs Cherry, Mrs Clements, Mrs McClements, Ms McCullough and Mrs Mills

P7: Mrs Atcheson

Supported by: Mrs Murray and Ms Telford.

Upcoming

24th June – P7 last day. Leavers' Assembly at **11am**

25th June – Class transition day

26th June – school closes at **12noon** for all pupils.

