



School Newsletter

June 2026

Welcome to our summer newsletter

We have given it a facelift, but it still provides you with a snapshot of the many activities we have engaged in this term. We have also added some additional information which you may find useful. Our school Facebook page is very active and is the best way of keeping up to speed with what's happening in our school. Our school website has also been updated, and you can view this newsletter and lots of other useful information there. Please click on the link below which will take you to our website.

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Retirement

We wish to thank Moya Connell for her dedicated service to our school spanning 25 years. She has supported a huge number of pupils in her role and will be greatly missed. We wish her well in her retirement. We welcome Hannah McCarthy as our new SNA. She will commence in her role in late August.



Attendance

2024/2025: 90.1%

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2025/2026: 91.9%

June 24/25: 89.6%

June 25/26: 88.8%

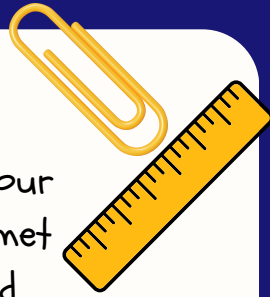
We are delighted to see our attendance levels increasing almost 2% this year but this is still huge capacity to improve further, particularly on our June figures.

Active Week and Sporting Endeavours

While we weren't successful in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions, we still kept active through our engagement in swimming, dance, yoga, Street Leagues in hurling, Gaelic league and senior soccer blitz. We had our traditional races in the final week as well as bouncy castles so there were lots of activities to keep us up and moving throughout the term!



Building Update



We are still awaiting approval to move to the tendering stage for our building project. The DEY approved our report and design while we met with Minister Burke in May in the hope that it may be progressed sooner.

ASD Classes

Our ASD classes continue to go from strength to strength and have made outstanding progress this year again. They too have enjoyed activities such as swimming, horse riding, physical therapy, yoga and more over the year. It is wonderful to see each pupil grow and develop. Many of our pupils integrate into our mainstream classes each day while everyone is together at playtime.

Sixth class depart

Our sixth class got a great send off as they finished their time in St. Michael's N.S. They have led the school very well this year and will be greatly missed. We thank our Parents' Association for assisting with their send off!



Museum visit

Our fifth and sixth class visited Cavan Museum in early June. While there, they got a guided tour of the replica World War One trench and got a picture of what life was like in Ireland leading up to the Rising in 1916. They also got to wear replica uniforms from this period in history. Everyone really enjoyed this experience, and we definitely will make a return visit very soon!

Aladdin

Our senior pupils performed the musical Aladdin in Mullingar Arts Centre in late January. It was a fantastic night with many new stars emerging!

Stemtacular Winners

Well done to our sixth class team of Colton, Nathan, Daniel and Kaija who won first place in the Stemtacular Science competition held in Ballinamore. This was a fantastic achievement for them and the school.

School Tours

All our classes went on their school tours in late May and had lots of fun as you can see!





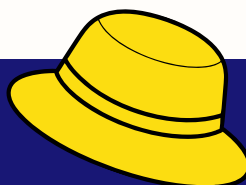
Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Another first for our school was our involvement in the JIP which aims to teach young pupils about business and enterprise. This culminated in a Dragon's Den type format where each group explained their concept to a group of local business people. Well done to Cormac and his group who were our winners with their innovative 'smart tag' idea aimed at reducing cattle theft.



Parents' Association

We are very lucky to have a dedicated Parent's Association who work together for the benefit of all our pupils. This year they have been involved in many activities and celebrations such as our Christmas Grotto, Witch Walk, Grandparents Day, Sacrament celebrations, Infant induction and our sixth class finishing. We thank you all for your work this year and know our school is a better place because of your efforts. Our P.A are always looking for new members and volunteers throughout the year. While you may not be able to help out with every activity, making yourself available for one or two of these events would really be appreciated. Contact Aisling if you think you would like to get involved in the next school year.



Happy Holidays!

We wish you all a nice summer break and thank you for all your support over the course of the year.

We will reopen on Thursday, August 27th to all pupils.



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