



# End of Year Newsletter June 2024



**Reports:** All pupils' reports were issued over the Aladdin System on Monday. If there are any queries, please let us know.

**Parents Association:** I want to take this opportunity to thank the PA for all their hard work over the year. Over €10,000 was paid off the outstanding Parish loan from money raised at the Monster Bingo and they have paid a further €6000, which means that obviously considerable inroads have been made on repayments this year and the balance is now €34K. Moreover, the committee has been fantastic in ensuring that we as a school continue to do the best we can for our pupils in all areas and it is deeply appreciated.

**School Books/Stationery:** The school books and copies for next year are being delivered over the coming days. These of course are provided for by using the grant given to us by the government. We have attached the stationery that you will need to ensure your child has going into class next year – they will have much of it although some may need to be updated/replaced. **Please label all items.** Please return any library/reading books to school before the term ends.

**School Uniform:** The school tracksuit (Tops, bottoms and shorts) is available from [www.schoolwearhouse.ie](http://www.schoolwearhouse.ie). The red polo shirt can be bought in any shop. The phasing in of the new tracksuit continues and anyone who has the old tracksuit can continue to wear it.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL ITEMS.**

**Attendance:** We have 10 pupils who have not missed a day of school this year and a number of others who have only missed 1. They will be presented with certificates at our end of year assembly next Thursday.

**After School Activities:**  
Speech and Drama with Ruth Lonergan on Tuesdays 2-3pm and 3-4pm (087 6533155)  
Creative Keyboards on Wednesdays 3-4pm  
([hannah@creativekeyboards.ie](mailto:hannah@creativekeyboards.ie))

**65th Anniversary:** Our retired parish priest Fr. Peter Farrelly celebrates the 65th Anniversary of his Ordination on Friday 21st June. We extend our congratulations to him on his special day.

**Staffing:** Ms Cunningham will be teaching 3rd class next year. Our SET team will comprise of Mr. Cremin, Mrs Fitzpatrick and Ms Halpenny

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation:** The Graduation for 6<sup>th</sup> class takes place on Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of June at 11.30am. There will be a short presentation in the hall, followed by the traditional volleyball game between parents and pupils with the pupils then departing at 12.45pm  
We wish all of them well as they leave us for their new schools.

**Dance Performance:** Well done to all the classes who completed their dance performance last week with their instructor Áine. They put in a lot of effort in preparing and you can now see the full performance on the Aladdin App. A huge thank you to Tadhg Conway who gave so freely of his expertise to put together the video for both the dance and the musical performances in the last month.

**School Activities:** This has been an incredibly busy time in the school year with so much going on. Here are some of the highlights:

- Sports day was hugely successful with thankfully a dry day.
- The lunchtime activities are culminating this week with Mr. Cremin.
- A huge congratulations to Cian McManmon who was our Chess Champion this year in the school tournament organised by Ms. Daly.
- Well done to the boys who won the Shield in the GAA Football Blitz held last week.
- Our Athletics Squad participated in the Meath Cumann na mBunscol finals with 800 other athletes in horrendous conditions last week. They all did the school proud with a special mention to Anna Mai Burke and Conor Wyse who won medals in their events and the Boys Medley Relay team who came 4<sup>th</sup> in the final.
- We had Robotic Lego STEM Instructors from Steam Academy Pro (World Robotics Olympiad Winners) in the school this week demonstrating STEM in real applications.
- We had a visit from Lucy Forde who baked bread with 3rd class for Heritage week.
- Our cycling concludes this week with 5<sup>th</sup> class.
- We also have our last session of tennis with Adam as well.
- The Student Council are organising a number of activities for the school community this week.
- 5<sup>th</sup> class had a talk with a forensics expert from Du Monfort University that was hugely interesting.
- 3rd class wrote to An Taoiseach Simon Harris about their efforts to promote a cleaner planet and received a personal reply from him.

**School Calendar:** Please find below the provisional calendar for next year. Note that school is closed for the summer on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of June at 12:00.  
We wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

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Stationary requirements for each class - parents purchase the following:	6th	5th	4th	3rd	2nd	1st	Seniors	Juniors
School Bag	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Pencil case	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
A4 refill pad	1							
Blue Bic Biros	2		2	2				
Red Bic Biros	2	2		2	2	2		
Ruler (12 inches)	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Eraser	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2
Parer	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Colouring Pencils (Crayola or Faber Castell)	1	1						
Twistables			1	1	1	1	1	
Highlighter pack	1	1	1					
Whiteboard Marker	1							
Calculator (non-scientific)	1	1						
Mathematical set	1	1						
Staedler or HB pencils		5	2	5	3	4	3	
Blue Papermate Ink Joy 100 1.0m		1						
Handhugger triangular pencils								3

**School Calendar: Sept 2024- June 2025 (this table sets out the school calendar based on current information (May 2024)).**

Month	Description	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> August 2024	School reopens 9.20am	Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm from 29 <sup>th</sup> August – Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2pm thereafter
October / November	Mid-term break	School closed Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov. Reo-
Tuesday Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>	Maths Curriculum	School closed for pupils
December / January	Christmas Holidays	School closes @ 12.30 noon Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec, reopens Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
February 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	St. Brigid's Day	School closed Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
February	Mid-term break	School closed Thursday & Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> February.
March 14 <sup>th</sup> / 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day	School closed Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> & Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
March / April	Easter Holidays	School closes Fri 11 <sup>th</sup> April at 12.30pm, reopens Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
May Bank holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May.
June Bank Holiday	Bank Holiday	School closed Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May and Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June.
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Holidays	School closes @12 noon