



MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

Dates for your Diary

First Holy Communion	Saturday 9 th May
School closed (teacher training)	Thursday 14 th May
Sports Day (weather permitting)	Monday 25 th May
School Closed (Bank Holiday)	Monday 1 st June
Fan the Flame Mass (Sixth Class)	Thursday 4 th June
Summer Holidays	Tuesday 23 rd June

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Saturday 9th May at 1:00 pm in Sacred Heart Church. This ceremony is for children from Scoil Naomh Pádraig and Scoil Chroi Naofa. We wish God's blessing on all of the children and their families on this very special occasion.

School Closure for Teacher Training

The school will close for teacher training on Thursday 14th May. Teachers will receive training on the new Primary Curriculum Framework.

School Diary

The school diary is the main means of communication between teachers and parents/guardians. It tells you what homework your child has every night. Teachers may also write notes about your child's achievements or concerns the teacher may have. You are requested to countersign notes. You are asked also to sign the diary every day.

If you wish to speak to a teacher, please make an appointment through the school office.

Attendance

School attendance is very important for so many reasons. It is the foundation for a child's academic success; it is vital for social development and promotes wellbeing. Please make sure that your child attends school every day. Of course, if your child is sick, he/she should remain at home. Please put a note in your son/daughter's diary on return to school so that the reason for the absence is noted correctly.

School Carpark

In the interests of safety, parents are asked not to drive into our school carpark. Children should always use the most convenient pedestrian entrance and exit to avoid walking through the carpark or across the vehicle entrance. (Some families do have permission to drive in. Please speak to Mrs. McLaughlin, principal if you have any concerns.)

Mobile Phones

In the interests of child protection and the safety of all pupils, children are not permitted to have mobile phones at school. Parents/guardians are kindly requested to make sure that devices are **not** brought into the school. Any mobile phones found will have to be collected from the principal by parent/guardian.

Summer Programme

We hope to run the DEIS summer camp and the Primary School Scheme again this year. However, the Department of Education has not published any information on this yet. Families will be informed when/if we get the go-ahead to organise the summer programme.

Summer Camp T-shirts

If you have a summer camp T-shirt that you no longer need/want or have grown out of, we would be very grateful if you would return it to the school. We would be happy to reuse the T-shirts again this year. Thank you.

Homework Club

The Homework Club has now finished for this year. Well done to all the children who completed so much work every Monday and Tuesday. This club has proved very popular as children get the opportunity to complete their homework with supervision and support, as required. Also, sandwiches are provided.

Thank you to teachers and SNAs who worked for this group of children all during the school year. The Homework Club could not go ahead without this support.

Eason's Spelling Bee

Eason's have taken a break from running the Spelling Bee so the competition will not take place this year. However, we will still run a Spelling Bee in our own school.

Art Competition

Congratulations to Hlieb Ovcharov, Fourth Class who won a prize in the recent Seachtain na Gaeilge competition organised by Donegal Library. This was a wonderful achievement in a county wide competition.

Celebrating Neurodiversity

We had a wonderful day on Friday 1st May as we celebrated neurodiversity. The children had great fun all day with many different activities including playground games, bubbles, music, and Parky the Magician. Then everyone was treated to an ice-cream to cool down. Thank you everyone for making this such a special day for the whole school.

Feis Domhnaigh

Feis Domhnaigh will be held on 14th, 15th and 16th June. We look forward to participating again this year. The teachers will teach the English and Irish poems and entry forms will be issued soon. The closing date for school entries is 20th May.

HSCL News

As HSCL my role is to support you, as parents/guardians, as your child makes their way through primary school, including starting primary school and transitioning to secondary. My aim is to make these changes feel less overwhelming and more exciting, ensuring every family feels supported and ready for what's ahead. I offer home visits, which can be a helpful way to support children transitioning to primary school, in a comfortable and familiar setting.

Parents Plus 'Healthy Families: At the Family Table' finished today. Thank you to Sheila Keyes, Samantha Taitt and Julie Lynch for facilitating it.

Sláintecare 'Healthy Food Made Easy' continues on Wednesdays for the next 5 weeks.

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Sport

JP Bradley Competition: We were delighted to take part in the JP Bradley hurling competition in Foden last week. The boys were worthy winners and they did us proud!

Reece Armstrong is doing hurling training with all classes from First to Sixth for three weeks.

We look forward to taking part in the Tom McBrearty Cup soon.

Soccer: The in-school senior soccer competition has reached the final stages with twelve matches played to date. The final will see the team captained by Connor Canny play Adam Khadija's team. The third-place play-off is between Riley Farren's team and Martin Monagle's team. Well done and good luck to all involved.

Summer Holidays

The school will close at 12 noon on Tuesday 23rd June for all children and will reopen on Thursday 27th August.

Anne McLaughlin, Principal.