



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

Presentation Thurles



As we reach the end of the final term of another successful school year, we take time to reflect on the many achievements, experiences and memorable moments shared across our school community in recent months. It has been a busy and rewarding term, filled with academic success, sporting achievements, creative performances, fundraising initiatives and wonderful examples of teamwork and school spirit.

Throughout the term, our students have continued to represent the school with enthusiasm, dedication and pride, embracing every opportunity both inside and outside the classroom. We are incredibly proud of all that has been accomplished and grateful to our staff, students, parents and wider school community for their continued support throughout the year.

Celebrating Achievement at Pres Thurles

6th Year Student Represents Pres on the Global Stage



This term, huge congratulations to Irene Calvo Zabala on her incredible achievement in representing our school at a Model United Nations Conference in New York City.

During the conference, Irene collaborated with students from around the world and attended a session at the United Nations General Assembly, where she heard from inspiring global voices including Amina J. Mohammed, Guy Ryder, Bernardino León, Catherine Colonna and Shiva Amini. As part of the UDHR Committee, Irene debated the topic "Is democracy a human right?", gaining valuable first-hand experience of global decision-making while further developing her negotiation, debating and public speaking skills.

This remarkable opportunity was a fantastic experience and a wonderful achievement for Irene. We are incredibly proud of how she represented both herself and our school on such an international stage.

Outstanding Success in Pangea Maths Competition

Congratulations to Meabh Treacy (5th Year) and Mae Kennedy (2nd Year) on their outstanding achievement in qualifying for the National Final of the Pangea Maths Competition from over 5,000 entries nationwide.

The girls proudly represented our school at the final held in Dublin City University, a fantastic accomplishment and a testament to their hard work, mathematical ability and dedication throughout the year.

We are extremely proud of both students on this wonderful achievement and congratulate them on representing the school so well.





Celebrating Achievement at Pres Thurles

Young Environmentalist Award Success for Pres Students



Huge congratulations to Emma Flannery, Ellie Kinane and Eadoín Roche, along with their teacher and mentor Ms Charlene O'Brien, on winning the Junior Eco-Entrepreneurship Award at the Young Environmentalist Awards in the RDS.

This incredible achievement is a fantastic recognition of the girls' innovation, creativity and commitment to sustainability throughout the year. Their success highlights the important role young people can play in using science, enterprise and new ideas to make a positive impact on the environment.

We are extremely proud of the girls for representing our school and community so brilliantly on such a prestigious stage.

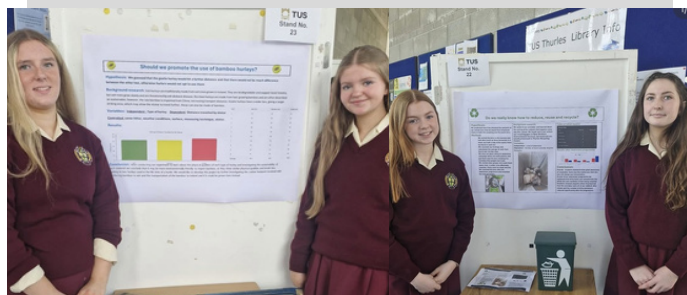
Young Pres Scientists Showcase Innovation at SciFest 2026

Our students took part in SciFest 2026, hosted by TUS, where they showcased their scientific curiosity, creativity and innovation on a larger stage.

Six 2nd Year students — Moira Ryan, Caroline Quinlan, Sorcha Johnston, Hannah Byrne, Muireann O'Shaughnessy and Erin Lawlor — among the youngest participants on the day, presented three impressive projects: "Should we promote the use of bamboo hurleys?", "Soil vs Hydroponics" and "Do we really know how to reduce, reuse and recycle?"

With an exceptionally high standard of entries, the event proved to be both a valuable and exciting experience. It provided a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with a wider scientific community and showcase the results of their hard work and research.

The experience will undoubtedly stand to the girls as they continue their journey through secondary school science, with some already setting their sights on competing at the Young Scientist 2027.



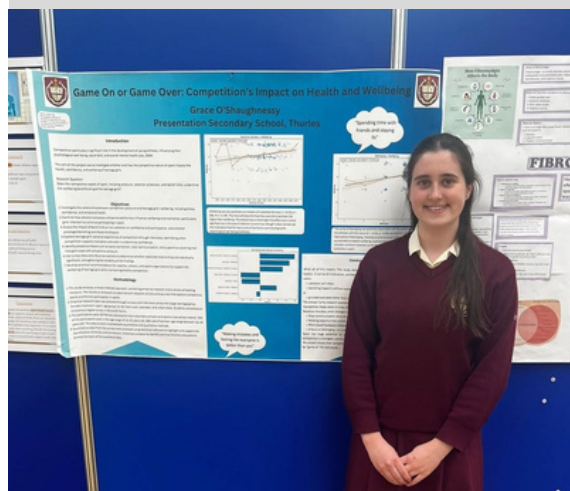
Grace O'Shaughnessy Represents Pres at PE Expo Ireland

Congratulations to TY student Grace O'Shaughnessy, who proudly represented our school at PE Expo Ireland in the National Indoor Sports Centre.

Grace presented her project exploring how high-level sports participation impacts the health, confidence and wellbeing of teenage girls. Her research attracted significant interest from judges and attendees throughout the event, highlighting the quality and relevance of her work.

During the day, Grace and her classmates also enjoyed a variety of talks, performances and sporting displays, making it a valuable and inspiring experience for all involved.

Well done to Grace on representing the school so proudly at such a fantastic event. We look forward to seeing even more students involved in the future.





Celebrating Achievement at Pres Thurles

National Success at CareersPortal Career Skills Competition



This term, congratulations to our students Niamh O'Regan and Orlaith Timmons, who were among the prizewinners at the National CareersPortal Career Skills Competition 2026 Awards Ceremony, held in the Department of Education, Dublin. Niamh O'Regan secured second place in the Vlog category for her career investigation into becoming a chef, based on work experience completed at Sue Ryder Residential House for the Elderly.

Orlaith Timmons achieved third place in the Transition Year category for her project exploring a career in audiology, supported by work experience in an audiology clinic.

This is a fantastic achievement for both students and a wonderful recognition of their hard work, creativity and engagement with career exploration opportunities throughout the year.

Well done to Niamh and Orlaith on this outstanding success.



Ava O'Flynn Named Healthy Home Chef Finalist



Huge congratulations to Ava O'Flynn, who was selected as a finalist in the Senior Category of the 2026 Healthy Home Chef Competition held in St Angela's College, Sligo.

This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful recognition of Ava's hard work, creativity and culinary talent throughout the year. Reaching the final of such a prestigious competition is a significant accomplishment, and we are incredibly proud of her success.

A special word of thanks also to Ms Bergin for her guidance, encouragement and support throughout the competition.

Well done, Ava, on this outstanding achievement!



End-of-Year School Trips



As the school year drew to a close, students across a number of year groups enjoyed a variety of exciting and memorable school trips, providing a wonderful opportunity to relax, have fun and spend time together outside the classroom. Our 5th Year students enjoyed an action-packed day at Hudson Bay in Athlone, taking part in a range of water-based activities and team challenges. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to unwind together and celebrate the end of a busy year.



Meanwhile, our 1st and 2nd Year students travelled to Castlecomer Discovery Park and Fota Island, where they enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities, adventure and exploration in the beautiful sunshine.

Finally, students from Dún Chaoin enjoyed a wonderful visit to Bunratty Folk Park, taking in the sights and history of one of Ireland's best-loved heritage attractions while enjoying the beautiful summer weather.

A sincere thank you to all staff members who organised and accompanied these trips, helping to make them such enjoyable and memorable experiences for our students.



Third Year Students Mark Final Day Before Junior Cycle Exams

Presentation Secondary School recently marked a special milestone for our Third Year students as they celebrated their final day before beginning their Junior Cycle examinations.

Students gathered for a beautiful and reflective prayer service in the Chapel of St Patrick's College, providing an opportunity to pause, reflect and celebrate their journey through Junior Cycle together. The ceremony marked the end of an important chapter in their school lives as they now prepare to begin their exams.

The occasion was filled with a strong sense of friendship, gratitude and encouragement, as students looked back on the memories and experiences shared throughout their time in Pres Thurles so far.

We wish all of our Third Year students the very best of luck in their upcoming examinations and every success in the next stage of their journey.





Annual Sponsored School Walk 2026



Earlier this term, our school enjoyed a fantastic day at the annual Sponsored Walk/Run, with sunshine and great energy adding to the occasion.

Students set off from the school grounds, following a scenic route to Thurles Racecourse and back, creating a wonderful sense of community and positivity along the way.

A huge well done to all students who took part with such enthusiasm, and sincere thanks to our PE Department for organising such a successful and enjoyable event. We are also very grateful to everyone who supported the fundraiser and donated so generously.

Congratulations to Emma Egan, Adele Corcoran and Abbie Kennedy, who were the winners of the student race. A special mention also to our staff relay teams, particularly Mr O'Shaughnessy's team, who secured a fantastic win.

A brilliant day of activity, teamwork and school spirit — well done to all involved!





Pres Students Supporting Their Community

Outstanding Fundraising Success for the Irish Cancer Society

Presentation Secondary School was delighted to welcome Nicola McMahon, Community Fundraiser in Munster for the Irish Cancer Society, to the school recently to accept a cheque from our dedicated 5th Year students and their teacher Ms Finn following this year's fundraising efforts.

An incredible total of €8,045.51 was raised in support of the Irish Cancer Society — a fantastic achievement and a wonderful reflection of the generosity, compassion and community spirit within our school.

Throughout the term, students worked tirelessly to organise and support fundraising initiatives, helping to raise both vital funds and awareness for this very worthy cause.

A huge well done to all of our students and teachers involved for their hard work, enthusiasm and commitment in making this year's fundraiser such a tremendous success.



TY Student Raises Funds for Dillon Quirke Foundation

This term, we were delighted to welcome Shannon Quirke to our school to collect a donation for the Dillon Quirke Foundation.

A huge well done to TY student Ciara Shanahan, who organised a fantastic bake sale in aid of this very worthy cause. Thanks to the generosity and support of our school community, the fundraiser proved to be a wonderful success. Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed and supported the event. It was a lovely example of the kindness, compassion and strong community spirit that is such an important part of school life in Pres Thurles.





School Talks

Insightful Visit from An Garda Síochána



This term, we were delighted to welcome Garda James and Garda Chris to speak with our 2nd Year CSPE students about the role of An Garda Síochána. The visit provided a valuable and engaging insight into the work of the Gardaí, with students learning about the responsibilities, challenges and rewards of the profession. The girls had the opportunity to ask a wide range of thoughtful and insightful questions, gaining a deeper understanding of community policing and public service.

Students also enjoyed a more hands-on element, including the chance to see and hold Garda equipment, which added greatly to the experience. The talk also highlighted potential career pathways, offering students an interesting glimpse into future opportunities within An Garda Síochána.

Sincere thanks to Garda James and Garda Chris for their time and for delivering such an informative and engaging session.

Inspiring Talk for Leaving Certificate Students

This term, we were delighted to welcome guest speaker Paul Flanagan, a renowned mental performance coach, to speak with our Leaving Certificate students.

Paul provided invaluable advice and practical strategies to help students manage their mental wellbeing during the exam period. His insights into performing under pressure and the importance of maintaining a positive mindset were both inspiring and empowering for all who attended.

The session gave students a fantastic opportunity to gain useful tools, confidence and reassurance as they prepared for their upcoming examinations and the challenges ahead.

Sincere thanks to Paul for taking the time to support and motivate our students at such an important stage in their academic journey.



Inspirational Visit from Rose of Tralee Winner Katelyn Cummins

This term, we were delighted to welcome Rose of Tralee and Dancing with the Stars participant Katelyn Cummins to our school for a truly inspiring visit.

Katelyn spoke to students about her personal journey, including her apprenticeship as an electrician, encouraging students to believe in themselves, pursue their passions and embrace every opportunity that comes their way.

Her positive message about confidence, individuality and following your ambitions resonated strongly with students and made for a memorable and motivating experience for all who attended.

Sincere thanks to Katelyn for taking the time to visit our school and for sharing such encouraging and empowering words with our students.





TY Highlights

TY Students Enjoy Memorable Gaeltacht Trip to An Daingean



Earlier this term, our Transition Year students enjoyed a fantastic and memorable trip to An Daingean, where they had the opportunity to experience the rich culture, history and beauty of Corca Dhuibhne and the Dingle Peninsula.

Over the course of the trip, students took part in a wide variety of educational and enjoyable activities. Highlights included visits to An Díseart Cultural Centre, Ionad an Bhlascaoid, Gallarus Oratory and the grave of renowned writer Peig Sayers, where students learned more about the history, language and traditions of the area.

The group also enjoyed a boat trip around the Dingle Peninsula, walks along the beautiful Ventry Beach, and a guided tour around Cenn Sléibhe, taking in the stunning scenery along the way. Students finished their evenings with fun activities including Zumba and céilí dancing, creating wonderful memories together.

The trip provided students with a valuable opportunity to immerse themselves in Irish culture and language while also enjoying time together outside the classroom.

A sincere thank you to all staff involved in organising and accompanying the trip. Bhí turas den scoth againn lán de spraoi, foghlaim agus cuimhní iontacha!



TY Students Celebrate Graduation Ceremony

Presentation Secondary School recently celebrated the graduation of our wonderful Transition Year students, marking the end of a memorable and rewarding year filled with new experiences, opportunities and personal growth. The ceremony provided an opportunity to reflect on the many highlights of the year, as students celebrated the friendships, achievements and memories made throughout their TY journey. From trips and work experience to school events, fundraising initiatives and extracurricular activities, Transition Year offered students countless opportunities to grow in confidence and develop new skills. Congratulations to all of our TY students on completing such a successful year. We thank them for their enthusiasm, positivity and contribution to school life throughout the year and hope they carry many happy memories with them into Senior Cycle.

A special word of thanks to TY Year Head Ms Neville for her dedication, support and hard work in guiding and encouraging students throughout the year.



Sporting Highlights

Success at Tipperary Track and Field Championships



Our students enjoyed fantastic success at the Tipperary Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships held in Templemore.

Our Minor relay team struck gold in the 4 x 100m relay, finishing in an impressive time of 1:00.30. The team consisted of Orlaith Ryan, Aoife Belle Foden, Muireann Hickey and Caroline Walsh. Our Intermediate relay team also performed brilliantly, securing silver in the 4 x 100m relay, with Isabelle Murphy, Abbie Delaney, Emily Delaney and Olivia Bergin representing the school.

There were also excellent individual performances on the day.

Katie Butler won joint gold in the Junior 800m, while Emma Delaney claimed silver in the Senior 400m. Kate Bonnar secured silver in the 100m, and Kate Delaney earned bronze in the 1500m. Well done to all the athletes on their fantastic achievements and for representing the school with such pride and determination throughout the season.



Pres Senior B Hockey Team Crowned Munster Champions

Our Senior B Hockey team achieved fantastic success as they were crowned Munster Champions following a thrilling match against Ashton School in Cork.

In a highly competitive encounter that went right down to shuttles, the girls held their nerve to secure a superb 3–1 victory in the shootout — a wonderful achievement and a testament to their determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the season. A huge well done to goalkeeper Molly Carr, whose outstanding saves throughout the match and in the decisive shuttles proved crucial to the team's success.

A special mention also to Róisín Burn (6th Year), who played her final game for the school. We thank Róisín for her dedication, commitment and contribution to hockey in Pres over the past six years.

Sincere thanks to coaches Ms Flanagan and Ms Ryan for their continued guidance and support, and to Ashton School for a highly competitive and sporting game.



All-Ireland Glory for Pres Students

Huge congratulations to our students Aoife O'Grady, Mairead Duggan, Orla Duggan and Sinéad Henderson, who were part of the Kilkenny Minor A Camogie team that claimed All-Ireland Championship glory in Nowlan Park.

Kilkenny delivered a superb performance to secure back-to-back Electric Ireland Minor A titles, defeating Galway on a scoreline of 3–17 to 1–09 — a fantastic achievement at the highest level of underage camogie.

This success is a testament to the girls' dedication, skill and commitment to their sport. We are incredibly proud to see our students contributing to such a significant victory on the national stage and representing their clubs, county and school with such pride.

Congratulations again to all four girls on this outstanding achievement — a truly special moment for them, their families and our school community.





Sporting Highlights



Pres Equestrian Team Success at Interschools Showjumping Final

Over the Easter break, our equestrian team enjoyed fantastic success at the Equestrian Interschools Showjumping Final, competing against a strong field of schools from across the country.

Our Novice team of Lucy Healy, Olivia Bergin and Kate Browne secured a very impressive 5th place, while Tara Moquet delivered a superb performance in the 1.10m class, progressing to a fast-paced jump-off to also claim 5th place.

A special mention to Kate Browne, who not only placed 5th in the 80cm class, but also won Best Turned Out Pony — a wonderful achievement.

A fantastic day of riding and a wonderful way to round off a successful term for our equestrian team. Sincere thanks to all team members for their commitment, hard work and dedication throughout the year. We also extend our gratitude to the parents for their continued support and to the wonderful ponies and horses who played such an important part in the team's success.

First Year Students Enjoy Volleyball Blitz

This term, our First Year students enjoyed a fantastic day at the Volleyball Blitz in the school sports hall, with great enthusiasm and participation from all involved.

There was a brilliant atmosphere throughout the event, as students got involved, worked together and had great fun trying out new skills while enjoying some friendly competition.

A huge thank you to Ms Neville and Ms O'Connor for organising and facilitating such an enjoyable and successful event.

A wonderful day of teamwork, activity and fun for our First Years.



Gold Success for 2nd Year Students at Tipperary Cup Blitz

Our 2nd Year students enjoyed fantastic success as they won gold at the Tipperary Cup Blitz hosted by St Anne's, Tipperary Town.

The girls displayed excellent teamwork, determination and skill throughout the competition, representing the school brilliantly on their way to a well-deserved victory.

A special thank you to Rosie from the Tipperary Local Sports Partnership for all her support, and well done to all the teams who took part in what was a very enjoyable and competitive event.

Congratulations again to our students on this fantastic achievement and on finishing the season on such a high note.





Sporting Highlights

Sports Ability Day Celebrates Inclusion and Teamwork



Our school hosted a fantastic Sports Ability Day 2026 in partnership with the Tipperary Sports Partnership, celebrating inclusion, teamwork and participation through sport.

A huge well done to our Transition Year students, who did an incredible job organising and hosting the event. Their enthusiasm, kindness and hard work helped create a fun and welcoming atmosphere for everyone involved.

We were delighted to welcome visiting schools for such a positive and enjoyable day, with students taking part in a wide range of activities designed to encourage participation, teamwork and confidence through sport.

The event was a wonderful celebration of inclusivity and community spirit, and a credit to all involved. Sincere thanks to the Tipperary Sports Partnership, the participating schools, and our fantastic TY students for making the day such a success.

Outstanding Success at Tipperary Community Games Talent Finals

Our students enjoyed fantastic success at the Tipperary Final of the Community Games Talent Competition, showcasing incredible musical talent, dedication and confidence on stage.

A special well done to Leah O'Brien, who won a silver medal in the U16 Solo Music Competition representing Upperchurch-Drombane — a wonderful achievement.

Congratulations also to Moira, Edel, Róisín, Siobhán and Eimear, who were crowned winners of the U16 Group Singing Competition. The girls will now go on to represent Tipperary in the All-Ireland Final this September, a fantastic honour and a testament to their hard work and talent.

Well done also to Erin Lawlor, who enjoyed great success, winning a silver medal in the U16 Group Singing Competition with Drom-Inch, as well as a bronze medal in the U16 Solo Singing Competition. We are incredibly proud of all the students involved and look forward to following their continued success in the future.



Pres Student Impresses at Munster Splash Gala

This term, congratulations to Erin Delahunty (2nd Year), who delivered an outstanding performance at the Munster Splash Gala (Long Course) held in the 50-metre pool at the University of Limerick.

Competing against a very high standard of swimmers from across Munster, as well as teams from Galway, Kilkenny, Carlow and Longford, Erin secured an impressive 3rd place in her age group in the 50m freestyle event.

This excellent result earned Erin a consideration time for the Irish National Swimming Competition, which will take place at the National Aquatic Centre this July.

A proud member of Kingfisher Swim Club, Erin continues to go from strength to strength. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and look forward to following her continued success in the future.





Graduating Class of 2026

Presentation Secondary School held its Sixth Year Graduation Mass, marking a very special milestone in the lives of our Leaving Certificate students.

Parents, families and staff gathered in the school for a beautiful and reflective ceremony celebrating our wonderful Sixth Years as they prepared to complete their Leaving Certificate examinations and embark on the next exciting chapter of their journeys. The theme of this year's Mass, "New Chapters," perfectly reflected this important stage in the students' lives as they looked ahead to the future with hope, ambition and excitement. The occasion was filled with pride, gratitude and emotion as students reflected on their years in Pres Thurles and the friendships, memories and experiences shared along the way.

A special word of thanks to Fr Tom Fogarty for celebrating such a meaningful and memorable Mass. The ceremony concluded with a moving rendition of the students' chosen graduation song, "Dreams" by The Cranberries, performed by the Sixth Year students.

Sincere thanks also to Sixth Year Year Leader Ms O'Brien, the Religion Department, the Music Department, and all those who contributed to making the ceremony such a special occasion for our students and their families.

We wish our Sixth Years every success and happiness in their upcoming exams and in all that lies ahead. They will always remain a valued part of the Pres community.



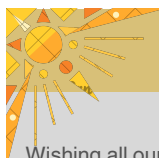
Eve Ryan Dundon Receives CEIST Award

Congratulations to 6th Year student Eve Ryan Dundon, who was presented with our annual CEIST Award at our special School Awards Ceremony.

This award recognises students who embody the core CEIST values of respect, compassion, inclusion and service within the school community. Eve is a most deserving recipient and has made a wonderful contribution to school life throughout her time in Pres Thurles.

Eve is pictured with Principal Ms Trish O'Callaghan at the presentation ceremony.

Well done to Eve on this fantastic achievement.



Happy Summer Holidays

Wishing all our students and their families a very happy, restful and enjoyable summer break.

As another successful school year comes to a close, we would like to thank all of our students for their hard work, commitment, enthusiasm and positivity throughout the year.

We hope the summer holidays provide an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy quality time with family and friends after such a busy and rewarding year.

Thank you also to our staff, parents and wider school community for your continued support and encouragement throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the new school year refreshed and ready for another exciting chapter at Pres Thurles.

Have a safe and wonderful summer!