



Scoil Pádraig Naofa

May 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the May edition of our monthly newsletter.

The past few days have brought some beautiful sunshine, a lovely reminder that summer is just around the corner. With the warmer weather arriving, we kindly encourage everyone to continue taking care in the sun. Applying sunscreen daily, staying well hydrated, and following Water Safety guidance are all especially important at this time of year.

As our school tours take place over the coming weeks, we would appreciate your support in ensuring that children come prepared with sunscreen applied and plenty of water or fluids for the day ahead. We hope all of the children thoroughly enjoy their tours — a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the friendships, memories, and experiences shared throughout the school year.

A sincere word of thanks to all of our staff who coordinated the annual testing programme over the past two weeks, and also to those who continue to support the wide variety of sporting, creative, and project activities taking place across the school. Your dedication and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a very enjoyable and restful June Bank Holiday Weekend. Safe travels to everyone, especially those heading abroad.

Kind regards,
Joe Kennelly,
Principal.



BE KIND
Be Brave
BE TRUE
Be Happy
BE YOU

Key Dates in June

- June 1st** School Closed Bank Holiday
- June 2nd** School Closed - In Service Training
- June 3rd to June 5th** Music Week & Feis
- June 9th** Junior Infants Open Morning
- June 10th** 1st & 2nd Class School Tour
3rd & 4th Class School Tour
- June 11th** 5th & 6th Class School Tour
- June 12th** School Closed - In Service Training
- June 16th** Infant classes School Tour
- June 22nd** 6th Class Graduation Mass
- June 16th** Sports Day
- June 19th** School Reports issued to families
- June 25th** School closes for Summer Holidays
@ 12 mid-day



BE
THE
REASON
SOMEONE
SMILES
TODAY



This camp is booking up fast, so be sure to secure your place asap!

St. Mary's N.S.

Summer Camp

2026



Week 1: Mon, June 29th – Fri, July 3rd

Week 2: Mon, July 6th – Fri, July 10th



10:00am - 2:00pm

Camp Structure

- The camp begins at 10:00am in the morning (*Registration at 9:45 on the Monday of each week*)
- The children will be divided into groups according to age.
- Adult supervision at all times.
- The camp concludes at 2:00pm at which time your child can be picked up at the school gate.

What you need:

- Packed lunch with lots of drinks
- Sportswear and comfortable footwear
- Sun cream on hot days

Summer Camp

Activities include:

- Basketball
- Badminton
- Athletics
- Camogie
- Table Tennis
- GAA football, Hurling and camogie
- Teddy Bear Picnic with treats
- Soccer with players from Galway United joining us
- Yoga with a professional yoga teacher
- Hip Hop dance classes with a dance instructor
- Talent Show
- Hockey
- Hurling
- Art and Craft
- Sports Day

Our facilities include:

- Full size Astro turf
- A running track
- A playing pitch
- Basketball court
- School hall and sports equipment
- Art and Craft room
- Safe and clean environment

Fees (per week)



1 Child.....	€80
2 Children.....	€150
3 Children.....	€220



Places are limited so early booking is Advisable

For more information contact

Ms Rita Healy087 2788927

Or the school office.....799037

Galway Hospice Sunflower Day 2026

We're planting the seed for a special fundraising day in aid of Galway Hospice!

Our Galway Hospice Sunflower Day will take place on **Friday, June 19th 2026**. All pupils are invited to brighten the day by dressing in sunny shades of yellow  All donations on the day, will help this wonderful cause to grow and shine throughout our community.

Did you know? Galway Hospice provides three Specialist Palliative Care Services – an Inpatient Unit in Renmore, a Community Palliative Care Service and Palliative Day Care Service. We thank Galway Hospice for their kindness and comfort shown to everyone



SPRING IN YOUR STEP SUMMER CAMP 2026

CREGMORE NS, CLAREGALWAY.

ACTIVITIES :

- Energy guzzling obstacle course
- Outdoor picnics
- Yoga with meditation
- Fundamental movement games
- All inclusive environment

9:30AM-2PM

MOVEMENT OUTDOORS

AGES 4-9 YEARS

10TH - 14TH AUGUST



087-4390683



<https://www.spring-in-your-step.com/bookings>



info@spring-in-your-step.com

Book online today!



SPRING IN YOUR STEP Summer Camp

is coming to Cregmore National School August 2026!

 10th-14th August ,  9:30am-2pm ,  Ages 4-9 years

Give your children an OPPORTUNITY to become their BEST SELVES BOTH PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY this summer!

 Energy guzzling obstacle courses  Yoga with meditation

 Fundamental movement games  Outdoor adventures

 Party picnics  Emotional regulation

Contact Lilymae on 087-4390683 Info@spring-in-your-step.com

BOOK IN TODAY <https://www.spring-in-your-step.com/bookings>





May Silver Circle Draw

1st Prize €100 - Cian Muldoon - Snr Infants

2nd Prize €50 - Ava Kenny - 5th Class

3rd Prize €25 - Allegra Collins - 5th Class



Next week is Music Week in school and we are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled week ahead. Our In School Music Feis takes place during Music Week, and we are delighted with the number of children participating. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to practise their tunes and showcase their talents. There will be certificates, medals and trophies up for grabs, so we encourage everyone to get those final practices in before next week 🎵.

A couple of weeks ago, many of our talented musicians took part in the Galway County Music Fleadh as part of the Lackagh Comhaltas. We are extremely proud of each musician who participated in both solo and group competitions and we wish the very best of luck to those who have qualified for the Connaught Fleadh in July. Well done to all involved 🎵.

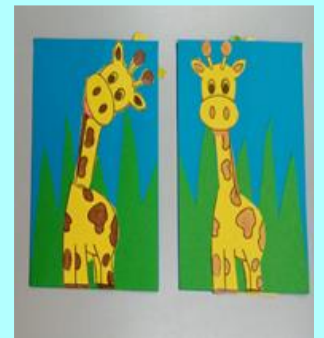
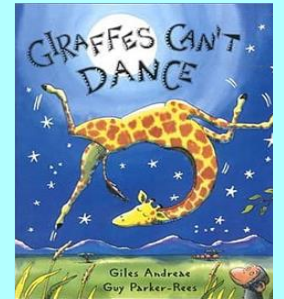
Our music lessons are also coming to an end for this school year, with the last lessons taking place next week. We would like to sincerely thank all our music teachers for their help, dedication and encouragement throughout the year. The children have made wonderful progress and it has been a joy to hear them playing their tunes and enjoying the music so much. Any child that has rented an instrument from the school may return it after their final lesson. If anyone wishes to purchase an instrument, please let me know and arrangements can be made before the end of the school year.

Music Update



Junior Infants: Ms. Crehan: The Junior Infant had a fabulous month as they enjoyed the amazing sunny weather & learned all about jungle animals, including the giraffe. We discovered lots of interesting facts about giraffes. Did you know that a group of giraffes is called 'a tower'?! As part of our exploration of these beautiful creatures, the children created their very own giraffe master-pieces.

We also thoroughly enjoyed listening to the wonderful story, 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. The children further explored the story through Drama, by recreating the scene in which the main character 'Gerald', went from feeling not so good to striking some amazing dance poses! This incredible tale of self-acceptance reminded us of how unique & special each and every one of us is.



Senior Infants: Ms. Coyne: May is blooming with growth, fresh starts and garden joy! To celebrate this special season, Senior Infants planted a beautiful garden for Mary, the mother of Jesus, with sunny sunflowers taking centre stage. 🌻 🌻 🌻

Did you know?

- ✚ Sunflowers "dance" with the sun, turning from east to west during the day.
- ✚ They are giants in the garden and can grow up to 10 feet tall!
- ✚ One sunflower can produce up to 2,000 seeds — a blooming great snack for people and birds alike.

We can't wait for Sunflower Day to blossom very soon!



1st Class: Ms. Herwood: It's a very busy time in First Class at the moment as the boys and girls complete their end-of-year testing, but they are taking it all in their stride and working extremely hard. We are very proud of the positive attitude and effort being shown by everyone. We have also been making the most of the beautiful hot weather and enjoying every opportunity to get outside for fresh air, movement and fun activities. The sunshine has certainly brought lots of smiles and energy to our classroom each day! The children have also been busy getting creative and recently completed their beautiful hot air balloon art for our classroom windows. The colourful displays have really brightened up the room and the boys and girls thoroughly enjoyed showing off their artistic talents.



2nd Class: Ms. Greene: The children have been making the most of the lovely warm weather this week and have really enjoyed spending time learning and playing outdoors. One of the highlights was a fun STEM challenge where the children worked in teams to build the longest paper chain possible using just one sheet of A4 paper! There was lots of creative thinking, careful measuring, and excellent teamwork on display. The children were so engaged and loved testing out different ideas to see whose chain could stretch the furthest. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm, problem-solving, and cooperation in action. The class have also been thoroughly enjoying learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They have loved discovering fascinating facts about pyramids, pharaohs, and everyday life in Ancient Egypt. We are looking forward to some fun as the rest of the term continues!

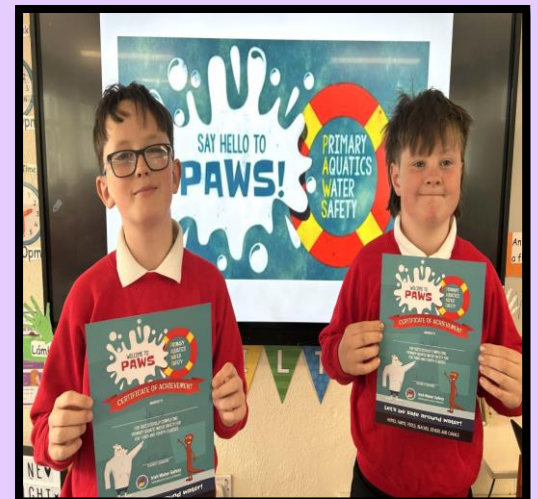


3rd Class: Mrs O'Dea & Mr Farrell: May has been a very busy and exciting month for everyone in 3rd Class! We enjoyed lots of wonderful activities and learning. Our swimming lessons were great fun, and we all made fantastic progress and built confidence in the water. We also took part in the PAWS Webinar, where we learned important lessons about water safety. In Art, we created some brilliant work and showed lots of creativity in completing our VW Surf Buses and Long Walk art. The children enjoyed projects on Japan, discovering interesting facts about the culture, traditions and daily life there. A highlight of the month was a special visit from Paralympian Katie O'Brien. We loved hearing about her experiences, achievements and determination, and she inspired us all to keep trying our best.

As May comes to an end, we are already looking forward to next month and especially our school tour, which everyone is very excited about! Finally, we would like to say a huge **thank you to Ms. Glynn** for all her kindness, help and support. We will all miss her so much and wish her the very best.



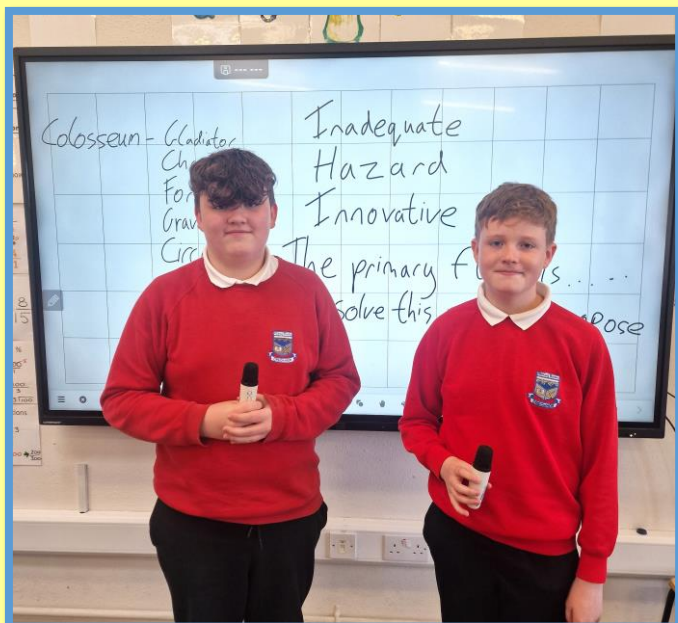
4th Class: Ms. O'Carroll: This month we welcomed Miss Madden to our class and we thank her sincerely for her kindness and dedication. As part of National Water Safety Awareness Week, we participated in a PAWS (Primary Aquatics Water Safety) webinar. This informative session taught us how to enjoy swimming and time safely near beaches, rivers and lakes. This month was all things measuring in Maths, as we focused on weight, length and money. Lots of sporting activities are taking place at the moment, which we are thoroughly enjoying and thank you to all who make them possible. Our class chess tournament has seen some very exciting matches and we are gearing up for some super semi-finals! We have been enjoying creative building breaks, designing and constructing using Lego. In Drama we created freeze frames from the 1798 Rebellion, focusing on the battle of Vinegar Hill. We also started work on our Term 3 projects, which we look forward to presenting in June. We look forward to a wonderful final month together, with lots of exciting events taking place!



5th Class: Ms Mc Cormack & Ms Nally: May has flown by in 5th Class with lots of busy and memorable moments along the way. We were delighted to learn about the history and traditions of the Fleadh Cheoil, which tied in perfectly with the wonderful achievement of many pupils who took part in the County Fleadh this month, and we were very proud of all who participated. Pupils also completed excellent projects on the history of air travel and explored how aviation developed over time. Work was well underway this month in preparation for our JEP Showcase Day. The children worked extremely hard organising and preparing for the event while demonstrating excellent entrepreneurial skills. We continued reading our class novels, 'Wonder' and 'Holes', which the children are thoroughly enjoying and are always eager to continue reading, as the suspense and excitement have them fully engaged in the stories. In Geography, we learned about farming, where our food comes from, the journey food takes from farm to fork, and the importance of supporting Irish farmers and seasonal produce. Well done to everyone on another fantastic month in 5th Class — summer is here!



6th Class: Mr. Bergin: May has been a very busy month in the 6th Class room. The children continued their planning for their JEP Showcase Day which took place on May 8th. The children raised a large amount of money for charity and gained some very valuable experience while doing so. In numeracy this month the children focussed on capacity, volume, weight, data and chance. They put these new learning into practice when they packed their suitcases for holidays in various different scenarios. In addition, they created data and graphs based on different heart rates before and after exercise. This month the children were also busy preparing for their standardised tests with revision of all maths curricular areas. In literacy they continued working on comprehension strategies and continued with their new novel. Recently the children watched a webinar on water safety which was very informative and the information very important, especially for this time of the year. Finally, with the end of the year on the horizon the boys and girls of 6th class have begun their graduation preparation including their personalised graduation hats. Great excitement ahead.





Michelle pictured at the awards ceremony where she was inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Basketball Ireland Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony

Congratulations Michelle!

The girls and boys in Cregmore are extremely fortunate to have Michelle Fahy, SNA in Cregmore N.S., sharing her incredible basketball skills and experience with them throughout the year.

Michelle was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame at the Basketball Ireland Annual Awards and Hall of Fame Ceremony, a fantastic achievement. During her distinguished career, Michelle won six Women's Super League titles and five Paudie O'Connor National Cups with Glanmire and UL Huskies. She also represented Ireland internationally and played NCAA Division 1 basketball with Iona College in New York. Congratulations to Michelle from all the staff and pupils in Cregmore N.S. on this well-deserved honour.

Cregmore N.S. Goes the Distance at County Athletics!

This month our athletes were busy representing our school at the Craughwell County Sports Day. Pupils from 2nd to 6th Class competed with great enthusiasm and determination. Although the weather was not on our side on the day, all of the children performed exceptionally well and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout the event. A special congratulations to Ava Dinkin (6th Class), who won the walking race, and to Iarla Burke (4th Class), who won the long-distance race. Well done to the many pupils who proudly reached the semi-finals and finals in their events, a fantastic achievement in such a competitive competition. A great day out was had by all.



Cregmore N.S. Girls Basketball Blitz 2026

On Tuesday, 12th May, our annual Girls' Basketball Blitz took place in the school hall at Cregmore N.S. We were delighted once again to organise and host this wonderful event. This year, over one hundred girls from local primary schools took part in a full day of basketball, teamwork and fun. The tournament is now in its 18th year and has gone from strength to strength since it was first established in 2008. As there are very few basketball competitions for primary school girls in the county, this Blitz provides a fantastic introduction to the sport. What began as a small local schools' competition has grown into one of the biggest events of its kind in the county and continues to receive valued support from Basketball Ireland. The aim of the Blitz is to encourage girls to participate in basketball while giving them an opportunity to showcase their skills and talents. A sincere thank you to Mike Murray and Basketball Ireland for supporting the event again this year. We were also delighted to welcome Keelan Griffin and Nicholas Ahearne from Maree Basketball Club, who assisted with refereeing throughout the day. This year, twenty-two highly competitive games were played, with over one hundred girls from nine primary schools across Galway taking part. The participating schools were Cregmore N.S., Lackagh N.S., Athenry N.S., Craughwell N.S., Maree N.S., New Inn N.S., Bawnmore N.S., Newtown N.S. and Brierhill N.S. The schools competed in a series of games throughout the day for both the Shield Competition and the Final Four Cup Competition. Newtown and Craughwell contested the Shield Final and, after a fantastic display of basketball, Craughwell emerged victorious. The final game of the day was an exciting Cup Final between Maree and Brierhill. Both teams showcased fantastic skill, determination and teamwork throughout the match. Maree however, pulled ahead and were crowned Cup champions. Nobody went home empty-handed! Following the presentation of medals and trophies, all participating girls received a goodie bag, ensuring everyone finished the day with smiles on their faces.



Cregmore N.S. 6th Class Basketball Team



**Final Four Cup Competition
Winners, Maree N.S.**



Shield Winners, Craughwell N.S.

School Sports Update

Huge congratulations to our camogie girls on their fantastic Shield Final win this month in Lackagh against Lisheenkyle! 🏆 It was a brilliant match and the girls did the school so proud. The girls also received a lovely set of personalised sliotars for the school. Well done girls!



The boys' teams were in action in the Cumann na mBunscol, the Fr. Lyons competitions this month. The boys fought really hard in all competitions and did both themselves and their school proud.



Well done to our
super soccer stars
who played in
Eamonn Deacy Park
recently. Maith sibh!



P.E.T 5th Class Showcase Day (Junior Entrepreneur Programme)



There were smiles, laughter and lots of excitement as the children proudly showed off their wonderful new business idea, "P.E.T.". The boys and girls worked very hard making their special Pet Extraordinary Treasure bags, which were packed with handmade bandanas, colourful collars, fun pet toys and a special pet care guide. The children put so much thought and love into every bag, making sure each pet and teddy bear would feel extra special! The Halla was full of happy faces as children collected their pet bags in various sizes for dogs, cats and even tiny teddy bears. Fifth Class showed fantastic teamwork, creativity and super communication skills throughout the day and we are extremely proud of them all. A huge thank you to all the parents, children and school community for their support. We think the pets in Cregmore were very spoiled this weekend... and we're almost sure a few dogs were smiling extra big after getting their new treats!



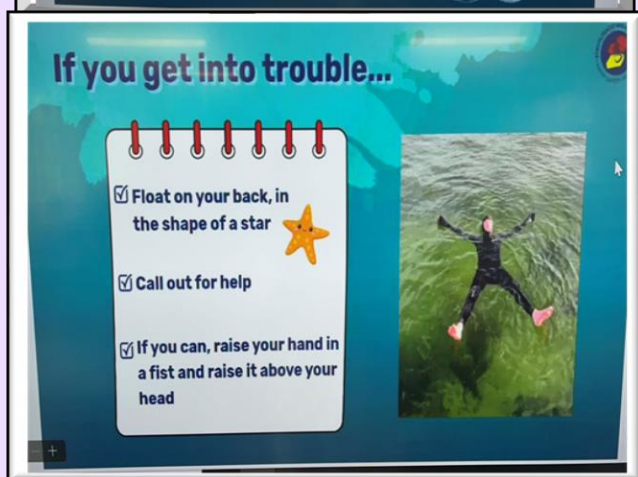
JEP – 6th Class Showcase Day

the Children of 6th Class had their Junior Entrepreneur Showcase Day this month. The children's business ventures this year was called '**Bussin Brownies**'. This consisted of the 6th Class children creating a business where a potential customer could create their own brownie order from 3 different types of brownies and a selection of sauces and toppings. The class had a great time throughout the entire project which was a resounding success.



As part of National Water Safety Awareness Week, each class in the school took part in a PAWS (Primary Aquatics Water Safety) session. This informative session highlighted the importance of staying safe in and around rivers, beaches, and lakes. Pupils learned several important water safety tips:

- Swim parallel to the shore
- Wear a brightly coloured swim hat for visibility
- Wear a life jacket
- Always swim with others
- If you get into difficulty-lie on your back in a star shape and wave one arm with a clenched fist to attract attention.
- Stay safe everyone and have fun!



Getting creative and learning a new skill at our Dress Making Club here in Cregmore N.S.

