



Wilson's Hospital School

Weekly Newsletter: Friday 25th September 2026

Notices / Important Information

Parents' Council Sponsored Walk

All students should have received a sponsorship form for our upcoming fundraiser event being held in **Belvedere House, Gardens & Park, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath, N91 EF80 on the 4th of October 2026**. Gathering from 2pm for kick off at 2:30pm. The event itself is being held to raise funds for our much needed upgrade to our IT systems. The Junior Certificate program has a large element of CBA project works and the newly reformed Leaving Certificate program also has a 40% project based element for all subjects.

Debitrack Cards

Any day pupil who forgets their Debitrack card or have insufficient funds on their card will be admitted to lunch but their name will be noted for a charge of €8 to be issued home after the lunch.

Open Night

Our Open Night is next Friday, September 25th, 6pm – 8pm. All students who help out on the night can get complimentary dinner at 5pm.

Upcoming events

September

- 29th: Languages Day
- 29th: Basketball – U16 & U19 Girls and U16 & U19 Boys (all home)

October

- 1st – 4th: TY trip to Lake Garda
- 1st: 1st Year GAA Blitz (away in Rochfortbridge)
- 6th: 1st & 2nd Year online training with an Gardaí
- 7th: Basketball – U16 & U19 Girls and U16 & U19 Boys (all home)
- 8th: 6th Year College Fair in TUS Athlone

Important dates

September

- 25th: Open Night, 6pm – 8pm
- 28th: School closed (day in lieu 1/3)

October

- 5th: 3rd Year PTSM
- 16th: Annual Prizegiving Ceremony
- 20th: 6th Year PTSM

Guidance News

New items this week in **green**

- Free online webinar – Studying abroad in Europe & UK, 28-09-2026 [Webinars | Synergy Careers](#)
 - University of Galway open days, 02-10-2026 & 03-10-2026.
 - School of Law Open Day, Trinity College Dublin. 03-10-2026 <https://www.tcd.ie/law/news--events/2026/events/law-school-open-day-2026/>
 - Cafre college Open Week, 06-10-2026 → 10-10-2026, www.cafre.ac.uk/events
 - Granard Fire & Rescue Open Day, 10-10-2026 10.30am → 4pm
 - "Into the Dark", night-time lecture in Maynooth University for Space Week 2026 [Into the Dark at Maynooth University: Space Week Talks Tickets, Thursday 8 October • 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)
 - Shannon College of Hotel Management open day, 20-10-2026
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What happened this week

Fiona McKerr Memorial Service

On Monday morning, we held a special service in memory of our much-loved colleague, Fiona McKerr. Fiona joined our school as an SNA in 2015 and sadly passed away from cancer in June of this year. The service was attended by our entire student and staff body, and we were also delighted to welcome back former colleagues, as well as Fiona's father, Pat, and her son, Cillian. Staff shared fond memories of working alongside Fiona, while the choir gave a beautiful rendition of Lean on Me. Fiona's father, Pat, also spoke movingly about Fiona and her great love for working in Wilson's. At the end of the service, a beautiful bench, made by Colin Draper, was unveiled and dedicated to Fiona. It will serve as a lasting tribute to a much-loved member of our school community. Fiona is greatly missed by everyone who had the privilege of knowing and working with her. A sincere thank you to everyone who helped to organise the service and to all those who participated in remembering and celebrating Fiona's life.

Robotics Club is back!

We've had a great start to the new year, with a complete first-year robotics team now established alongside an experienced second-year supergroup, many of whom competed successfully in last year's VEX Robotics competition. Our older members, Jack, George, Shirleen and Noa, have also moved into new areas of development, working on an autonomous drone project and a multi servo-controlled robotic arm. Some of these projects will be on display at our Open Day this Friday, giving visitors a chance to see what our students have been designing, building and developing. A busy year ahead for Robotics Club!  

Cross Country

Well done to everyone who participated in the Westmeath Schools Cross Country event that took place on Wednesday at Belvedere house. In particular congratulations go to three medal winners Camille (5th Year), Lilly (2nd Year) and Ned (2nd Year).

Gaelbhhratach

The *Gaelbhhratach* committee is back for the new school year (with a couple of extra members) and looking forward to another wonderful year! On Monday, they held a bake sale to raise money for their *Gaeltacht* trip to *Coláiste Uisce* next month. There's almost €400 in the kitty now; thank you so much for your support!

Hockey

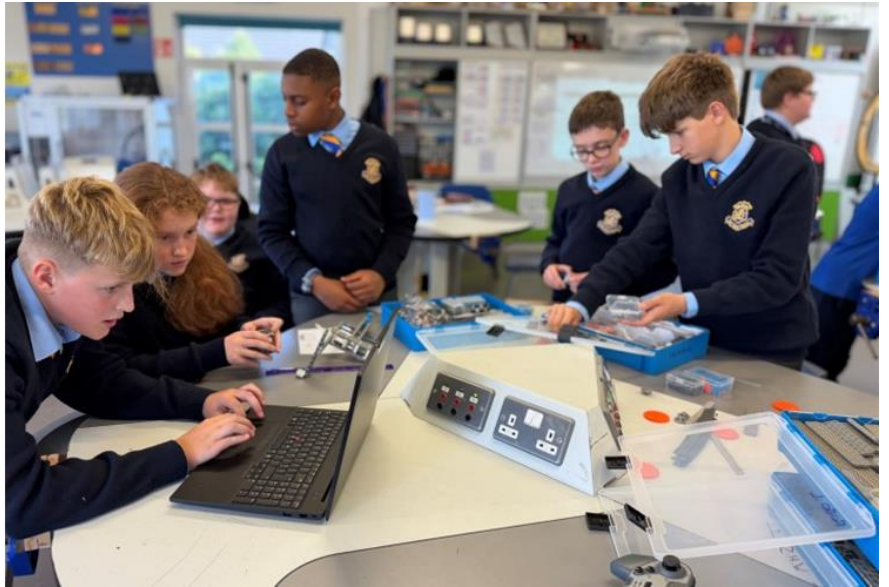
First game of the season for our Senior Girls took place on Wednesday as we welcomed St. Conleth's to Wilson's. Wilson's got off to a fantastic start with an early goal from our newly appointed captain, Amy. St. Conleth's responded quickly, bringing the game level within a few minutes. What followed was an exciting, end-to-end contest, with both teams battling hard and creating chances. St. Conleth's eventually finished 4-1 winners, but the scoreline certainly didn't reflect the quality and effort shown by the Wilson's girls. A strong start to the season with plenty of positives to take forward. Well done to all the players, coaches and everyone involved. We're looking forward to what the season brings!

Rugby

On Wednesday there were three rugby teams in action. Firstly the 1st year Boys, of whom 8 played their first game of rugby. They travelled to Blackrock College to play 10 a side games vs Newpark Comprehensive and CBC Monkstown. The boys had a very enjoyable afternoon, winning 2 games, losing one, and having lots of fun along the way. Henry was named players of the day, while there were notable performances from Wesley, Rupert & Marcus.! Well done boys. Our Junior Boys travelled to St Columba's for a blitz including teams from St David's Greystones, St Benildus and the hosts St Columba's. The boys gave a great account of themselves, losing each of their games narrowly. Ollie, Theo, Brice & Ethan had notable games. Finally, our Seniors hosted St Columba's College in a friendly as they continue to prepare for their 1st league game in 2 weeks time. They ran out 41.0 winners with scorers and photos from that game to follow.

TY Students Supporting Enable Ireland

On Friday 25th September, six of our TY students will be travelling to Mullingar to fundraise for Enable Ireland as part of their annual Life With No Limits campaign. We are delighted to see our students getting involved and giving their time to support such a worthwhile cause. We wish them the very best with their fundraising efforts and thank them for representing our school so positively in the community.





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**FAMILY
FUNDRAISING WALK**

AT BELVEDERE HOUSE, GARDENS & PARK
MULLINGAR, CO. WESTMEATH | N91 EF80

#WeAreWilsons





Two walking routes available

Suitable for buggies and wheelchairs



Sunday
4 October 2026



Gather from
2.00 p.m.
Walk begins at
2.30 p.m.



Enjoy the fresh air
Meet friends
Support our school
community