



# Scoil Ursula

## Principal's Update – May 2026

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a very busy and exciting week for our school community, and I would like to share a number of important updates and upcoming events with you.

Tomorrow Thursday, May 14th, we are honoured to welcome the Minister for Education, Hildegard Naughton, to our school. This is the first visit by a Minister for Education to the school in decades, and we very much look forward to welcoming her. During the visit, we will have the opportunity to showcase our school and discuss the current and future needs of the school building with the Minister.


We are also delighted to share the positive news that, following a successful application submitted in March 2026, the Department of Education has approved funding for a full upgrade of the school's electrical system and fire safety system throughout the entire school building. This is extremely welcome news for our school community. We will now await further guidance from the Department's Building Unit regarding how these works will be planned and rolled out over the coming months and year.


This Saturday is also a very special occasion for some of our Second Class pupils who will be making their Holy Communion. We wish all of the children and their families a wonderful day. A sincere thank you and well done to the children for all of their preparation, and to their teachers Sarah Keaney, Deirdre Dwyer & Louise Roche for the excellent work and support given throughout the year.



Kind regards,


June McCormack  
Principal


## School News & Some Highlights MAY 2026


 Congratulations to Patrick Carty, winner of our Scoil Ursula NS School Lottery Jackpot of €2000. Thank you to everyone supporting our fundraiser for the new Astro development. If you would like to support the school lottery, please visit: <https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/scoilursula>. Huge thanks to Mary McMoreland for co-ordinating.


 Congratulations to all pupils recognised at our Monthly Assembly for Student of the Month, Handwriting, Gaeilgeoir na Míosa, kindness and class awards.


 Our school garden has been full of activity, with pupils planting strawberries, tomatoes, peas and sunflowers, while also caring for our new apple trees. Huge thanks to Louise Mahon for organising.  The Junior Block have been working hard towards achieving our Green Schools Litter and Waste Flag through litter-picking and environmental activities.


 Sport and wellbeing activities continue across the school, including Gaelic football coaching, Sligo Rovers soccer sessions, Bike Week activities and our COWOWSOW initiative promoting cycling, walking and scooting to school. Huge thanks to Niamh Leahy for organising.


 Third to Sixth Class pupils have been participating in swimming sessions over recent weeks, with many now looking forward to the upcoming Swimming Gala later in May.

 Fifth and Sixth Class pupils have been very busy recently, taking part in a Talent Show in the Ursuline, Seashore Safari workshops, Confirmation celebrations and a variety of creative and educational activities. Thank you to the 6th class teachers for preparing the children for Confirmation recently- to Sorcha Dolan, Louise Mahon & Emer Clancy.

 Music generation sessions (Thanks to Julia), choir preparation and creative musical activities continue across the school, with pupils busy preparing for performances and special events. Great credit to our choir team led by Brenda Giblin, Sharon Donnellan, Denise Keating & Karan Breheny.

 As part of our Towards Inclusion Programme, pupils enjoyed shared activities and workshops with St. Cecilia's School in recent weeks. Huge thanks to Sorcha Maguire for co-ordinating.

 Buddy reading between our Infant classes and Sixth Class pupils continues to be a lovely feature of school life, while our recent Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, with approximately **500 new books** now being added to our school libraries through the rewards scheme. Huge thanks to Denise Keating & team for organising.

 We are delighted that our school has been successful in its application to the **Creative Schools Cluster Initiative 2026–2028**. This is fantastic news for our school community and will bring exciting opportunities for creativity and the arts across the school. A sincere thank you to Mary McMoreland for her work in preparing the successful application. We look forward to all the creativity and new experiences this initiative will bring.

We are incredibly proud of all of our pupils for the wonderful energy, positivity, cooperation and enthusiasm they bring to school each day. Their kindness, happiness and school spirit help to make Scoil Ursula such a vibrant and welcoming place for everyone in our school community. Finally, a huge thank you to all amazing staff members working tirelessly behind the scenes on the the many initiatives, activities and events taking place throughout the school.