

# ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GLENARIFF

Principal: Mr Mark Dinsmore

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2025



**Holidays this Term: Halloween Holidays:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October. School will finish @ 1pm after lunch for all pupils on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**Christmas holidays:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2025 - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2026 (inclusive). School will close at 11am on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. School restarts in Term 2 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

**'Beauty & the Beast'** We are delighted to announce that our school, in conjunction with Mr Hullabaloo, will be presenting 'Beauty & the Beast' performed by all of our children. There will be two shows: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm, and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm. Due to health and safety and limited space in our hall, **tickets will be limited to four per family.** These can be used for either the Monday show at 6pm or the Tuesday show at 6pm. A message will be sent out to parents next week via the school app and parents will be able to reply to this message, letting the school know their preferred day and how many tickets they require. A reserve list will be kept, and any tickets not requested will be reallocated. **Entry to both shows is by donation as this is a fundraiser for school funds.** All donations will go to purchase equipment to support our children's learning.

**Halloween Fancy Dress Day - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** As the children will be exhausted from all the hard work rehearsing for our 'Beauty & the Beast' show over the next few weeks, we have decided to have a fun day of Halloween activities on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. The children are asked to come to school dressed up in their Halloween costumes. They do not wear their school uniform or bring their school bags. There will be a disco organised by our PTFA for the children from 10.30am -12.00pm. **\*No Clown Costumes\***



**Recycling - Cash for Old Clothes** The collection date will be mid-November. The money raised will go towards school funds. Please tell your neighbours, who may not have children at the school, about the collection. You can put in clothes, shoes, handbags, curtains etc. **but no pillows or duvets.** Please place your **black bin bags** into the store to the right of the school kitchen during school hours (Mon - Thurs 9am-3pm and Friday 9am - 2pm) the store door will be open. Cash for Old Clothes is a great fundraiser for the school as well as giving you a chance to clear out. Many thanks for your support.

**School Photographs.** The school photographer will be in school next Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October. If you have younger brothers or sisters not at school yet and would like a family photo taken, please come along between 9am - 9.15am. We will do all family photos first.

**Sacraments** Primary 3 First Confession, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026. (Details later)  
Primary 4 First Holy Communion, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 @ 11am. (Details later)  
There are no dates arranged yet for Primary 7 Service of Light or Confirmation.



**Flu Vaccine** The school nursing team will be in the school next Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October to administer the Flu Vaccine. The flu vaccine will only be given to those children where permission has been granted by the parent/guardian.

**Maths Week** Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Messaging App** Please check that your app is working and that you are receiving the messages from the school. If you are not receiving messages, please contact the school web design team by email at **team@schoolwebdesign.net** to fix any issues you may be having.



**Dropping off & collecting children, Parents, Carers, grandparents etc. are REMINDED NOT TO USE THE STAFF CARPARK when dropping off and collecting children from school at normal arrival and home times.** Permission will only be given by the principal under special circumstances.

**P.T.F.A.** The P.T.F.A. would warmly welcome new members to support with fundraising and the organisation of events for our children. If you would be interested in joining our PTFA, please contact Joanne in the school office and she will pass on your details.

**Good Luck tomorrow to the Glenariffe Oisín's senior hurling team in their semi-final championship match against Ahoghill in Ballymena from all the school staff & pupils.**

