

# ST. MATTHEW'S N.S. NEWSLETTER

May 2026



## May News



School will be closed on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 1st June for the June bank holiday.

School will be closed on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June for a Curriculum Planning day for all staff.

Junior Infant Open Day will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June at 2:10pm.

Football training continues every Wednesday with our new GPO David Reilly. He will be working with 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th classes.

6th class Graduation takes place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June in Bridgeways. Further information to follow via Aladdin.

Junior Sports Day takes place on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Senior Sports Day takes place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

School Tours are all taking place in June. Please see dates and venues below.

Early Intervention & Junior Autism Classes - 4<sup>th</sup> June - Megabowl, Longford

Junior/Senior Infants - 16th June - Mollie Moo's Pet Farm, Mullingar

1st/2nd class- 16th June - Turoe Park Farm, Galway

3rd/4th class- 10th June - Let's Go Activity Day, Athlone

5<sup>th</sup> Class - 9<sup>th</sup> June - Zip it, Lough Key, Roscommon

6th class - 15th June- Emerald Park, Meath



## SCHOOL TOUR



# Recent Activities

## Cumann na mBunscol Championship

Well done to our mixed team who made it to the Division 2A final against Killoe on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The boys and girls put in a tremendous performance in Pearse Park in sweltering conditions. Unfortunately the game did not go our way but well done to all the boys and girls who put in so much hard work all year. A big thank you to Mr. Joyce, Michael and Mr. O'Nuallain for all their hard work with the team all year.



## County Relays

On Friday May 1st, 57 of our wonderful young athletes took part in the Primary School Relays organised by Longford Athletic Club at St. Mel's College Longford. We had many great performances on the evening with four teams just narrowly missing out on bronze medals. Huge congratulations to our 2nd Class Girls Team and 6th Class boys team who made the podium both with Silver medals on the evening 🏆🏆

A big thank you to the parents who brought the children to the event and to Ms. Cosgrave, Ms. Hanly and Ms. Carroll for all their coaching and attending the event with the children.



## Communion



Our Communion Class celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May. We are incredibly proud of all the children for the hard work, preparation and enthusiasm they have shown throughout the year. They also worked with Bridgeways Horticulture Group and planted flowers with them. The plants were then placed on the church windows to decorate the church for Communion. This is a very special milestone in their faith journey. A sincere thank you to the Ms. Farrell and Ms. Sheerin, the parents and parish community for all their support in helping the children prepare for this important occasion. A big thank you to our choir and Ms. Rawle, Ms. O'Brien and Ms. Casey for preparing the children.



## Blue Star

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, we welcomed Minister Peter Burke to our school to celebrate the European Blue Star Programme. 4th Class under the guidance of Ms. Carroll and Mr. Ward presented their projects to the Minister and were presented with their certificates. Ms. Murrays class also got presented with certificates for their participation in the 'Say Yes' Programme. We also thank Lissette Carcamo for delivering this programme to both 3rd and 4th Classes.



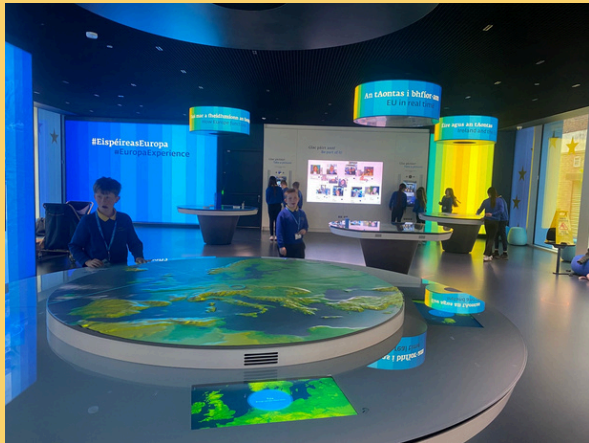
# Leinster House Tour

On Thursday 7th May, our Student Council travelled to Dublin with Ms. Rawle, Ms. Farrell and Mr. Farrell for a very enjoyable and educational trip to the Europa Experience and Leinster House.

We first visited the Europa Experience, where our students learned more about the European Union and how decisions made within the EU can affect our everyday lives.

Afterwards, the boys and girls made their way to Leinster House, where they were given a guided tour of the historic building and had the opportunity to see where important debates and decisions take place in Irish politics. A highlight of the day was meeting TD Michael Carrigy, who spoke to us about his role in government, representing local communities and the importance of young people becoming involved in politics and leadership. The children were also given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues important to young people. The trip gave our students a greater appreciation for democracy, leadership and the importance of having our voices heard.

We would like to thank Ms. Rawle, Ms. Farrell and Mr. Farrell for organising such a memorable and enjoyable day for our Student Council.



# Letter to My Future Self

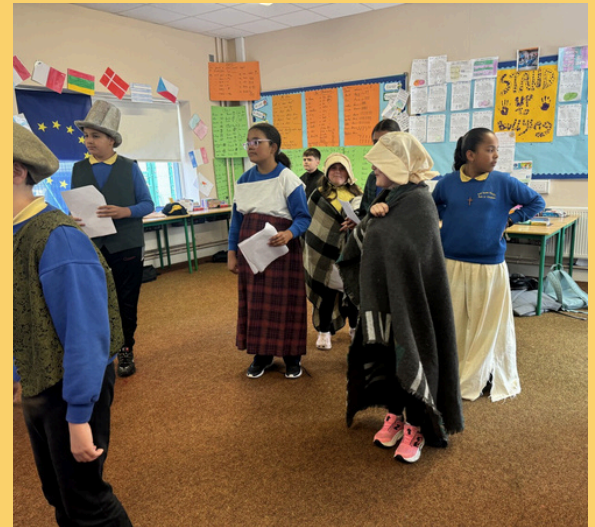
Last year, the boys and girls wrote letters to their future selves and this year, we got them returned by An Post. In their letters, they reflected on 3rd class and wrote about what they were looking forward to in 4th class. The children really enjoyed reading their letters and reflecting on what has changed over the past year.



## Famine Workshop in 4th Class

Last week, our two 4th classes got to experience a Famine Workshop in association with The National Famine Museum. Having learned all about the famine in history, the boys and girls got to experience what life would have been like for a family during this time. They learned all about The Famine Way and the Tighe family, in particular Daniel, as they retraced his steps during the time of the famine.

Well done boys and girls!



## Farrell Clan Rally

5<sup>th</sup> class took part in a project as part of the Farrell Clan Rally taking place in July. 5<sup>th</sup> class focused their project on Inchcleraun on Lough Ree. Maeve and Eddie were presented with an award for the whole class by Longford County Council at a presentation in Edgeworthstown. The project will be available to view on the council website shortly.

