

Scoil Cholmcille



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A warm and sunny week to mark the end of the school year – Summer holidays are here! The month of June has seen a cocktail of sports days, ice-cream, BBQs, world cup tournaments and school tours. The final weeks of the school year are always a special time with lots of fun activities and lots of smiling children. Amongst all the happiness there is also a tinge of sadness as we say farewell to our 6th Class pupils. We also wish Godspeed to Ms. Martina Hanly on the occasion of her retirement from Scoil Cholmcille. All this and more below. Wishing all of our school community a sunny, happy summer full of fun and precious memories. We will see you all in the final week of August.

Best Wishes to 6th Class

On Wednesday, we celebrated one of the most special dates on our school calendar as our fantastic 6th Class had their graduation. It was a very special evening to mark the outstanding contribution that this group of young men and women have made to Scoil Cholmcille over the last 8 years. Our thanks to Fr. Kevin Heary who celebrated mass in the absence of Fr. Thomas. The class of 2026 are now headed for pastures new and while we are sad to see them go, we know that they are destined for great things and we are all very proud of them. We hope that we will see them again in various guises in the school over the coming years. A special thank you to Ms. Sheridan for organizing a truly memorable ceremony. We are not just saying goodbye to 32 wonderful pupils, we are also saying goodbye to 17 fantastic families – Slán agus beannacht libh go léir freisin.

School Sport

The Cumann na mBunscol Athletics championships are always one of the most anticipated events on our school calendar. This year was no different as we sent a team of over 30 athletes to Claremont Stadium. As always, our athletes represented the school impeccably with each and every one participating with distinction. We had an impressive medal

Dates for your diary

August 27th

School reopens following the Summer break.

Say Yes to Languages

Congratulations to our 5th & 6th Class pupils who completed their 10-week block of Spanish lessons as part of the 'Say Yes to Languages Programme'. This initiative is run by the Department of Education and aims to give primary school pupils a taste of modern foreign languages to inform their choices in secondary school. Thanks to our tutor Elena for all her guidance and we will be welcoming her back next year also. Gracias Elena!

Music Generation

We were extremely fortunate to have been chosen for Music Generation this year. This involved a 26-week music programme right throughout the school. Junior Infants – 1st Class received tuition in early years singing while classes 2nd– 6th learned how to play the ukulele. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to engage with a simple musical instrument and to access the music curriculum in a fun and engaging way. It all culminated in a fabulous whole-school performance earlier this month. A huge thank you to Ms. Caithriona Madden who was our teacher for the year. We look forward to welcoming her back in September for Year 2.

haul too, returning home with a total of 12 medals: 6 gold, 1 silver and 5 bronze. Most of all, we had a fun day out. A special thanks to Bean Uí Raghallaigh and Ms. Morland for all their work with the team.

The month of June also saw our tennis team in action under the expertise of our tennis coach Elaine. Our team travelled to Stackallen and Ashbourne Tennis Clubs to take on a number of local schools. As well as showing of their tennis skills, our boys and girls had fun and there was equal participation for all. Best of all, the weather played ball too. Thanks to Elaine for all her efforts with our pupils right through the year. We appreciate greatly all the time she gives.

Farewell to Ms. Hanly

The school summer holidays come with a bitter-sweet taste this year as we say farewell to Ms. Martina Hanly, who, sadly for us, is retiring from the teaching staff of Scoil Cholmcille. Ms Hanly first joined the school in September 2002. She has devoted 24 years to our school and her care, attention and dedication to the pupils was always to the fore. On Thursday we said farewell with a school assembly in her honour. Ms Hanly was showered with gifts, songs, poetry and a splash of colour to acknowledge her love for the arts. Representatives from the BoM and PA were also present to mark the occasion and the love and affection for Ms. Hanly from the entire school community was everywhere to be seen. Godspeed to Ms. Hanly and we wish her a retirement filled with love, luck and laughter.



Our 6th Class graduates 2026

In the Community

Junior Infants 2026

Back at the beginning of June, we welcomed our new Junior Infants for September 2026. It was wonderful, to see happy, excited faces on the boys and girls as they explored their new 'big' school for the first time. Our 6th Class mentors were on hand to show them the ropes and give them a big Scoil Cholmcille welcome. Last week some of the children had a second, access all areas tour of the school as they visited with Alison from Skryne Hill Preschool. We can't wait to welcome all of our incoming Junior Infants in September. We are also welcoming 11 new families to the Skryne school community.

School Tours

More precious memories made once again this Summer as all classes embarked on their annual school tours. The sense of excitement was palpable in the school on Friday last as classes from Junior Infants to 5th set off on their school tour. Junior & Senior Infants visited Navan Adventure where they were engrossed in bouncy castles, slime making and lots more play-based activities. The rain fell but it didn't dampen spirits in the slightest. Our 1st & 2nd Classes made the short trip to Causey Farm. Again, they arrived back drenched but happy! Our pupils from 3rd, 4th & 5th deliberately sought out water as they had a splashing time at Funtasia. Finally, our 6th Class adrenaline junkies had a glorious day of fun at Emerald Park on Tuesday.