



April Newsletter 2026



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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 26th April. Receiving the sacrament on that day will be: Hannah Coady, Aoibhín Dunne, Josh Fortune, Tom Murphy, Paddy O’Neill and Sarah Rothwell. We hope you all have a wonderful day!

WELLIE RACE

Every year the school distributes **Wellie Race Sponsorship** cards to the pupils, stamped with the school name. When these cards are used to collect sponsorship for the race, the school receives a contribution. Recently, we were delighted to receive a cheque for **€700** from the committee and look forward to supporting this venture in the future.

SWIMMING

Swimming for Junior Infant, Senior Infant, 3rd & 4th class pupils will commence on **Thursday, May 7th**. Please remember to bring swimming gear to school as well as a plastic bag to put wet items in afterwards. School tracksuit to be worn to school on swimming days. You will receive further information nearer the time. All outstanding swimming payments are now due.

GAA

Martin Fogarty has resumed hurling with all classes after the Easter break. The following are the days each class will participate:

Jnr. Infants to 2nd class Mondays

3rd Class to 6th Class Tuesdays

Please wear school tracksuits and bring hurls and helmets accordingly.

NEW PARENTS NIGHT

Our information night for parents of new Junior Infants will take place in the school on May 21st at 7pm.

MURAL

As part of the Creative Schools initiative, Mr. Paul Bokslag will visit the school in the coming weeks and together with the help of the pupils, design a mural for the school. We would like to say “Thanks” to Miss Lacey for all her hard work with the Creative Schools Programme.

HERITAGE SCHOOL VISIT

On Tuesday, April 28th Heritage Expert, Catherine Twomey will visit the school. After some preparatory work in the classroom, Catherine will help the children to discover the level of biodiversity in their environment by bringing them on walks to identify and learn about plant and animal species in their surroundings. She can also assist with enhancing the space that is around many schools to create a habitat for plants, pollinators, and other forms of wildlife, and through various activities help the children to understand the importance of looking after our environment.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

The school calendar for the 2026/2027 school year has been finalised. Please find attached. Please note that there may be some unexpected closures during the school year and if so, you will be informed as soon as possible.

STAFF MEETING

There will be a Staff Meeting on Wednesday, May 13th. To facilitate this meeting, school will finish for ALL pupils at 1:40pm.

STUDENT TEACHER PLACEMENT

Past pupil, Niamh Meagher will undertake her Student Teacher Placement from Monday, 27th April until Friday 8th May in 1st and 2nd classroom.