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## March 2026 Newsletter

### Dates for your Diary

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| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March   | World Book Day   |
| Friday March 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Lá Glas – wear green day (not a fundraiser)                    |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March    | School Closure   |
| Wednesday March 25 <sup>th</sup> | Confirmation at 4pm in Roskey Church                           |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March    | ½ Day Closure for Easter holidays                              |
| Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April    | School Reopens after the Easter Holidays                       |
| Wednesday April 22 <sup>nd</sup> | School Closure – Primary Curriculum Training for staff         |
| Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April    | School closing at 12:45 for Staff Meeting                      |
| Saturday May 16 <sup>th</sup>    | Communion at 11am in Roskey Church                             |
| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May      | School Closure   |
| Tuesday May 26 <sup>th</sup>     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class tour to Turoe Pet Farm |
| Wednesday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | 4 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> Class tour to Waterworld     |
| Friday June 12 <sup>th</sup>     | Infants & 1 <sup>st</sup> Class tour to Funny Bones            |
| Monday June 15 <sup>th</sup>     | 5 <sup>th</sup> Class tour to Bay sports                       |
| Monday June 22 <sup>nd</sup>     | 6 <sup>th</sup> Class end of year trip to Emerald Park         |
| Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | ½ Day Closure for summer holidays                              |

**Website:** Please check the website for news / photo updates of events.

**Enrolments** All enrolments must be received by **March 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**.

Enrolment forms can be downloaded from the school website or contact the school. Phone 071 9638774 or e mail [rooskeyns@gmail.com](mailto:rooskeyns@gmail.com).

### Uniform

A note must be sent to the class teacher on Aladdin if your child cannot wear the school uniform. Socks must be plain navy, plain black or plain white, NO LABELS.

### World Book Day / Read and Raise / Pyjama Day

We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day tomorrow and the end of our Read and Raise fundraiser. We will update you all on the final minutes and money raised through this initiative on Friday. Just 2 days left to donate!

Children can wear their pyjamas tomorrow. Children are asked to bring in their favourite book and speak about it. This will not be a dress-up day, the focus will be on taking part in lots of book related activities. Each class will have some hot chocolate and biscuits during reading time to celebrate the day.

We ask each child to please bring in a labelled **plastic cup**.

## GAA

Children from all classes are learning how to play Gaelic football every Wednesday with Kilglass Gaels new Coaching Development Officer, Gavin Murray.

## Chess

On February 25th, chess teams from 4th, 5th and 6th classes took part in the Féile Fichille Chess Tournament in Edgeworthstown. It was an enjoyable experience and the children were delighted to be invited into St Mary's Primary School for treats by principal, Alan Conroy.

## STEMtacular Science Fair

4th class attended the STEMtacular Science Fair in Ballinamore last Thursday to showcase their science projects. Each group worked really hard on their projects and received great feedback from the judges. A huge congratulations to Kayleigh Duffy, Maeve Gately, Tegan Feeney and Ella Dowd who won the Future Cast award for the 'Best Researched Project'. It was a fun and educational event.

## Olympic Handball

On Friday, our Olympic Handball teams from 4th and 5th classes competed in the Roscommon County Championships. We are very proud of all the children who took part. A huge congratulations to the 4th class girls' team who progressed to the All-Ireland Finals on 22nd of April at Gormanston College Sports Hall, Co. Meath. A special well done also, to the 4th class boys' team who won silver medals at the event.

## Engineers' Week

Children across the school took part in lots of fun engineering activities for Engineers' Week last week. They had lots of fun engaging in a variety of different STEM activities and learning about the important role of Engineers in our community.

## Confirmation Retreat

6th Class, along with pupils from Ballyfeeney NS and Slatta NS, visited Knock Shrine as part of their Confirmation preparation. They all had a very enjoyable day learning about the Holy Spirit and hearing the story of Knock. They also visited the Apparition Chapel, the Basilica and Knock Museum.

## Wellness Wednesday

Block 3 of Wellness Wednesday will Commence on Friday (Feel Good Friday!! We hope to run it on Thursdays as the GAA coach is now in on Wednesdays). Activities this block include: Chess, Baking Cookies, Reading Club, Boardgames, Art through Gaeilge and Dance.

## School Tours / Student Council

The Student Council were very busy researching and booking the school tours across the school. Please see dates above for your child's trip. Payment links and further details will follow closer to the time.

## Used Batteries

Thank you to all who have sent in batteries so far. Please send in all your used batteries to us especially after Christmas!

### Attendance

Schools are legally bound to forward to TUSLA Child and Family Agency details of pupils who are absent from school for **twenty or more days** in any one year. TUSLA require an explanation for all absences. It is therefore necessary for you to give the reason for all of your child's absences on Aladdin.

### Collections and Drop offs

Please come to the office to collect or drop your child if it is during the teaching day. This must also be inputted on Aladdin. If you need to add another parent to the Aladdin app please contact Helen in the office.

### Calendar for next year

The parent's section of the website has lots of information including the school calendar for next year should you need to reference it.

### Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are enjoying celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge across the school. Activities over the next two weeks include:

- **Scríobh Leabhar Competition** – All children will write an Irish book and the student council will choose a winner and runner up from each class.
- **Haka** – 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class are busy teaching everyone the Haka as gaeilge.
- **Amhrán na Bhfiann** - Every class is learning our national anthem.
- **Tráth na gCeist** will take place on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lá Glas** – wear green on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> -. There will be a whole school **Ceilí** and everyone will perform the HAKA and the National anthem. We hope the weather is on our side!
- Laura Duffy will visit on March 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> to teach the children some **Irish dancing**.

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Eimear & Staff.