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Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Class pupils who made their First Communion last Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May. The First Communion was a wonderful day of celebration for all the families involved. The Communion Class was excellent, leading the prayers and doing the readings. The boys and girls who sang in the choir were amazing. Many thanks to Ms. Donnelly who prepared the choir and our organist Ms. Eileen Ryan. Thank you also to Ms. Donnelly for preparing the pupils and to everyone who helped make the First Communion such a success. Thank you to Fr. Yohanna who helped prepare the children throughout the year. A very special word of thanks to the 1<sup>st</sup> Class parents who arranged and prepared refreshments in the hall for all the families involved after the ceremony.



Please find attached our updated Calendar of Events for Term 3. Please note the following:

- On **28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**, we have a whole school performance to showcase our new stage. Due to health and safety concerns and limited space available we ask parents to arrive and depart promptly at the designated times of your child's performance. The performances are as follows:
  - 10:15 - 10:35 - Room 4 & 5 - Junior & Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class
  - 10:40 - 11:00 - Room 2 - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class
  - 11:10 - 11:25 - Room 3 - 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Class
  - 11:30 - 11:45 - Room 1 - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class
  - **School will finish for all pupils at 12 noon on the 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026** to facilitate a staff meeting.
- **NO SCHOOL FOR PUPILS Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026** due to Day 2 of the Department of Education and Youth staff training on the new Primary Curriculum Framework.
- Congratulations to our **Hurling team** who have qualified for the final on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 4.30pm.
- Good Luck to the **Camogie team** on Monday for their final match in round 1. If they win the semi-final will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Time and venue to be confirmed.
- **Sports Day** - we hope to have our sports day on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June ( weather permitting).
- End of year Mass - on **24<sup>th</sup> June 2026** all pupils will attend 10am Mass in Kiltale Church.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation Mass - **25<sup>th</sup> June 2026** at 12pm in Kiltale Church.

**Missing Jersey**  
We seem to have misplaced one of our Sports Jerseys. Can everyone please check at home for our no. 10 jersey? Thank you in advance.

Thank you to John Donoghue, Elaine Reilly, Sandra McGrath for coaching the hurling and camogie teams this year. Thank you also to John Byrne for refereeing all our home matches.

Agreed Report from the Board of Management meeting held Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026, was:

- The [Agree to Agree Policy](#) and the [Child Friendly Bí Cineálta Policy](#) were ratified.
- The uniform for **ALL** pupils from 2026/27 school year will be PE tracksuit **ONLY**. The PE tracksuit will be our **ONLY** uniform for every pupil in the school from 2026/27 school year.
  - The new tracksuit is available to purchase from Ted Murtagh's, Trim consisting of:
    - PE Top with crest
    - Black tracksuit bottoms
    - Blue Polo Shirt
    - Runner
  - This new tracksuit will be **mandatory** for Junior and Senior Infants from 27<sup>th</sup> August 2026. The other classes can purchase it if they choose to do so. Pupils from 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Class can continue to wear their existing PE tracksuit if they wish to do so. Please note: that our formal uniform is no longer available to purchase.



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In June all classes are going on School Tours. Here are the basic details. Full details and costs will be sent closer to the day:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026** - 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class tour to Tanagh - Bus leaves at **8am** returning for 5.30pm.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** - 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class tour to Flynn Park - Bus leaves at **8am** returning for 2.40pm.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> June 2026** - 6<sup>th</sup> Class visit to the Daíl and TCD - Bus leaves at **8.30am** returning for 2.40pm.
- **18<sup>th</sup> June 2026** - Junior & Senior Infants & 1<sup>st</sup> Class tour to Mellows - Bus leaves at **9am** returning for 2.40pm.

As the 2025/26 school year is in the final term we are organising our **2026/27 school year**.

- Please find attached our **Calendar for 2026/27** stating our start and finish dates and planned days off. (Please note this Calendar is subject to change at various stages during the School year).
- **Circular 0025/2026** states that each school will operate on the basis of a general average of One Classroom teacher for every 23 pupils for the 2026/27 school year. School authorities are requested to ensure that the number of pupils in any class is kept as low as possible, taking all relevant contextual factors into account. (e.g. classroom accommodation, fluctuating enrolments, etc.).
- Within this context **Classes for the 2026/27** will be assigned as follows:-
  - Junior & Senior Infants;
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Class;
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Class;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Class;
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Class;

### **Procedures for contacting the school**

We are in the process of updating our Communication Policy.

Please follow these steps should you need to contact the school regarding your child or school related issue:

1. Contact class teacher initially;
2. Then the Principal;
3. Then the Chairperson of the Board of Management.

Always try to resolve any issue informally through dialogue, effective communication and collaboration. The Board of Management encourages and supports all staff members to achieve a healthy work-life balance. Having clear boundaries between work and personal time is important for our wellbeing. All staff members have a right to disconnect from work outside of their normal working hours. All staff will respond to emails during office hours only.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.  
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