



October Newsletter 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done all our pupils who have worked so hard over the past two months!! Well done to our Pre-school and Junior Infant Pupils who have settled in so well to the routines of school. Well done also to our Senior Infants and First classes who are working very hard and are embracing the new challenges of Senior Infants and First Class.

What a busy half term it has been! Every class has been very busy, we celebrated Maths week, planted Spring bulbs and enjoyed lots of Autumn and Halloween activities. Senior Infants enjoyed a trip to the Riverbank Theatre also. Don't forget to follow us on Twitter and Instagram to see updates from our school.

We also had our Open night when we welcomed many visitors through our doors. Staff really enjoyed getting to meet so many of our current school community, past pupils, grandparents, and future pupils too. It was a wonderful night, and we are very proud of our school which has so many fabulous resources.

Thanks to our parents for supporting the work of the school and in supporting your children with their learning. Thanks also for your co-operation with morning drop off, collection at home time etc. Parental support is always much appreciated and is vital for the smooth and safe running of the school. Thank you to all for supporting our annual Halloween Walk. The money raised will benefit all children in our school through the purchase of STEM equipment, refurbishing our school garden, IT equipment etc.

A reminder that enrolments for Junior Infants and our Early Intervention preschool and Junior class are open until the 5th of November.

I hope everyone has a fun filled, safe Halloween and I wish all a well- deserved midterm break.

Best wishes.

Anne-Marie O'Connor



Parents Association

The Parents Association are organising the annual Christmas card project. This offers the children the opportunity to create personalised Christmas Cards while also raising money for the school.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 5th Nov @ 7.30pm, all are welcome.



Instagram

For those parents who have given permission for their child's image to possibly feature on the school Instagram page, you can request to follow: [social@stconlethininfantschool](https://www.instagram.com/social@stconlethininfantschool).

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

Our Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on Thursday 27th of November. More details to follow, after the Halloween Break.

Maths Week 2025



Maths Week took place in school from Monday 13th October to Friday 17th October. The children engaged in lots of different Maths activities in their classes. There were lots of counting forwards and backwards to be heard around the school. The children had the opportunity to play lots of different board games including Ludo, snakes and ladders, draughts, connect 4 to name just a few.

Classes also had the opportunity to use maths in art, music and PE lessons. We also sent parents information from the NCCA with some useful tips on how they can help their child at home with Maths. It was very exciting to welcome the 6th class students from St. Conleth's and Marys to play board games with our First Classes. A special thank you to all the 6th class students and their teachers for coming to visit us.

On Friday we all performed our favourite number songs and poems for our Maths Week assembly, and we had the opportunity to wear something with shapes, number or pattern coming to school. We love Maths here in St. Conleth's Infant school.

A fun week for all!





Trips to the Riverbank

We are fortunate to have the Riverbank so closely situated to us.

The Senior Infants and room 29 went to see the show FEN in the Riverbank. They thoroughly enjoyed it. They were also very lucky to attend a talk by Karen and Dana from @[breedingwaders.ie](https://www.breedingwaders.ie). This talk was a follow up from their visit to educate the children on wading birds. The Breeding Waders EIP project aims to secure existing Breeding Wader populations and support population recovery through landscape management and policy development.

Parents can find out more information and resources on the www.breedingwaders.ie website.

They learned all about wading birds such as the curlew, the golden plover, the snipe, the oyster catcher, the redshank and Ireland's national bird the Lapwing! The children identified the different bird sounds and their eggs and why we need to protect these birds in our environment. They were an excellent audience and had some very interesting questions!

Our First Classes are really excited to attend the Whistleblast's Winter Wonderland on Friday 12th December. We are sure that this will be a fun filled show for us all to enjoy.

Many thanks to schools' completion for funding both shows.

Planting and Science Week

We have been busy working in our lego stations in the Science room in recent weeks. We love to work as engineers developing our problem-solving skills. We celebrated National Tree Day on the 1st of October and we explored the trees in our school habitat. We will be planting our Spring bulbs just before Halloween and we look forward to enjoying an abundance of colour in the Spring.

We will celebrate Science Week from the 9th of November until the 16th of November. The children will be working as scientists and will have the opportunity to explore a variety of experiments.



Spooky Stories in our school Library!

Throughout the month of October, the children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to Halloween-themed books read by their teacher. They've also loved exploring the library each week, choosing and looking through Halloween books, discovering creepy creatures, magical pumpkins, and friendly ghosts hiding in the pages

Junior Infants

The Junior Infants have had a fantastic first term in school! They have settled in so well and have shown great enthusiasm and curiosity as they begin their school journey. It has been lovely to see them making lots of new friends, learning to share, take turns, and work together so kindly. The children have adjusted brilliantly from the shorter day to the longer school day and are now well used to the daily routines.

This term, they have started phonics and are already beginning to recognise and use lots of new sounds. They have also enjoyed learning plenty of nursery rhymes and action songs, which help to build their confidence and language skills. In Irish, the children have been busy learning new words and songs, and it's wonderful to hear them use their cúpla focal during the day.

As part of their work on the theme of Autumn, the class learned all about the changes we see in nature at this time of year. They went on a lovely nature walk, collecting leaves, conkers, and acorns, and observing the beautiful Autumn colours around them.

The children also had great fun during Maths Week, taking part in lots of practical and hands-on activities. They enjoyed sorting, matching, counting, and exploring shapes through games and challenges, which helped them see how maths is all around us in everyday life.

To finish off the term, the children are really excited to take part in the Witches Walk. What a fantastic way to celebrate all their hard work this term — we are so proud of how well the Junior Infants have settled into school life!



Senior Infants

Well done to all the children in Senior Infants who have settled back into school so well. We are enjoying our lovely school facilities like the hall, library, wellness walkway, seomra draíochta, our new science room, the playground and sand. Not to mention all the great learning inside the classroom!

We were very lucky to have had a trip to the Riverbank; we saw a gorgeous show called FEN. We also had a follow up visit from the Breeding Waders which made our learning very meaningful.

We loved celebrating Maths Week with games, songs, poems, and our fabulous dress up day assembly. We paraded our creative maths clothes for the whole school to see.

We also really enjoyed planting some bulbs, we are very excited to watch the flowers grow.

The excitement is building for our Halloween Walk on Friday. We can't wait to show off our costumes. Wishing all the Senior Infants and their families a safe and happy Halloween.



Happy Halloween



First Class

First Class have had a fantastic, action-packed first term! As the foundation of our final year in St. Conleth's Infant School, we have really enjoyed paving the way for the younger students and leading by example.

We have just finished up a very busy 'Math's Week', during which we welcomed members of 6th Class from St. Conleth and Marys' to lead us in Maths -based board games, as well as a host of other fun activities. We really enjoyed our Maths Dress Up Day on Friday and are all very excited as we head into our Halloween Walk Dress Up Day this Friday!

This term has also seen students from 1st Class join our Green School's Committee, who are all set to usher in a number of new schoolwide food and waste policies. These are hopefully going to help us achieve our next Green School Flag, under the banner of 'Global Citizenship; Food and Waste'.

We also worked very hard on having our classrooms looking well-presented with super examples of our work on display for our Open Night. We were delighted to welcome so many visitors through the doors to show off our amazing new campus! As our first term concludes, our teachers are all very proud of the amazing start we have made and are all looking forward to the prestigious year that lies ahead.



Applications for Junior Infants 2026

We are currently accepting applications for our Junior Infants classes for 2026. Our admissions notice and admissions policy is on our school website. Application forms are available to download from the school website or on request from the school office. The deadline for applications is 5/11/2025.

The Shoe Box Appeal.

A reminder that Friday 7th of November is the final date for the Christmas shoebox collection.

Warm Clothes!

When we return to school on November 3rd, we can expect the weather to be colder so please ensure that the children have extra layers on coming to school. The children should wear a coat each day also.

Halloween Walk

The children may dress up on Friday for our fundraiser/Halloween Walk. Our witch walk will take place at 11.20 on Friday morning. **Please ensure that the children dress warmly and wear their coats.** Thank you to everyone who has supported this event. If you haven't already done so, please send in your card by Friday. The money will be used to purchase Library books, IT equipment and update resources in our Science Room, Seomra Draíochta / Playroom.

School closes on Friday 24th October @ 1.50 for Junior Infants and 2pm for Senior Infants and First Classes. School re- opens on Monday November 3rd

@ 9.10am for all classes.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

