

School Tour dates

Please take note of the school tour dates for each of our class groups.

More details to follow!

Junior Infants: Friday June 19th

Senior Infants: Thursday June 11th

First classes: Thursday June 4th

School Completion Activities:

23rd April: Jungle Dave for all Junior and Senior Infant Classes

19th May: The Planetarium for all First Classes.



HAPPY
Easter



Junior Infants

This term in Junior Infants has been full of fun, creativity and lots of learning. One of our favourite stories was *Owl Babies* by Martin Waddell. The children really enjoyed reading about Sarah, Percy and Bill and their adventure in the woods. We completed lots of lovely activities based on the story, including art work, discussions about feelings, and learning about owls and their homes. The children showed great imagination and enthusiasm while exploring the story together.

We also spent time learning about homes and farms. The class explored different types of homes that people and animals live in and talked about life on the farm. One of the highlights was making our own butter. The children loved shaking the cream and watching it turn into butter before getting to taste the results. It was a wonderful hands-on activity that everyone enjoyed.

Pancake Tuesday was another exciting day in the classroom. The children had great fun making and decorating their own pancakes with a variety of tasty toppings. It was a lovely way to celebrate together and practise some simple cooking skills.

We also had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The children came to school dressed as their favourite book characters and it was wonderful to see so many creative costumes. As part of the celebration, we visited our local bookshop, Farrell and Nephew, where the children were able to use their book tokens to choose a book of their own. It was a special outing and a great way to encourage a love of reading. Overall, it has been a busy and enjoyable term in Junior Infants, and we are very proud of all the hard work the children have done.



Senior Infants

Senior Infants have had a wonderfully busy and enjoyable second term.

We had World Book Week where we celebrated all things books, we had a book swap and we had great fun dressing up as our favourite characters. Some of us got to go over to Holy Family School for some book activities too.

The children were very busy during Seachtaine na Gaeilge engaging in many activities. We learned many phrases, songs and dances which we performed at both our Céilí and our Lá Glas.

We also learned a lot of new skills throughout our rugby lessons from Newbridge RFC. We have been blessed with some lovely weather recently and we have taken every opportunity to bring our learning outdoors.

As well as that, the children have been learning a lot about Easter and creating some beautiful artwork.

Wishing you and your families a Happy Easter.



First Class

The First Classes have been working so hard this term, and what a busy term it has been. We celebrated Creative February where all the classes created wonderful works of art, including a collaborative St. Brigid's cloak to celebrate St. Brigid's day, a very funny puppet show and a fun dress up day where the children created amazing costumes and pieces of art based on the theme of nature. Thanks to Ms Gleeson for organising so many fun activities.

We were so happy to celebrate Ms Sargent's wedding in February also with a jam-packed assembly full of music, song and poems.

The First Class children took part in a "Design a Poster" competition run by Mr Griffey as part of the Green School's programme. Congratulations to all the winners.

We celebrated World Book Week and enjoyed lots of fun activities. The children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters. The First Class children were also able to participate in paired reading with pupils from both St. Conleth's and Mary's and from the Holy Family Secondary School, how lucky they were!

Finally we also celebrated Seachtain na Gaeilge during which the children enjoyed exploring the Irish language through games, poems, songs and dances. The children performed new dances for the Ceilí and enjoyed dressing in their Irish colours for Lá Glas. We were treated to some lovely Irish traditional music performed by the very talented Ms. Dempsey and friends, what a treat that was!

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Creative February

Our school took part in “Creative February” this year in conjunction with the Arts Council. The theme was “Connect with Nature”. Ms Gleeson organised lots of fun activities for the children to get in touch with their creative side over the course of the month, culminating in a vibrant assembly where the children dazzled us in nature inspired outfits. The room was alive with imagination! If you’d like to continue the creativity at home, the @artscouncilireland has shared a collection of inspiring art, music and creative activities as part of Creative February:

<https://artscouncil.ie/developing-the-arts/flagship-programmes/creative-schools/creative-february/>

Carve out a little quiet time together — draw, listen to nature sounds, create a nature mandala — and simply enjoy being present with your child.

Enjoy! ✨

Many thanks to Ms Gleeson for organising a fabulous Creative February.



Moon and Sixpence Puppet Theatre Show

To celebrate Creative February through Drama, our school was delighted to welcome *The Moon and Sixpence Puppet Show* on Friday, the 27th of February. The performance was especially for our Junior Infants, Senior Infants and all the First Classes.

The show was a lively panto-style version of *Little Red Riding Hood*, complete with all the familiar fairytale characters... and one very unexpected guest — a talking dustbin with a strong message about picking up litter.

The performance was a live marionette show featuring beautifully crafted string puppets, catchy music and dramatic sound effects that had the audience completely hooked. There were plenty of laughs, lots of shouting out (the good kind!), and more than a few gasps when the wolf appeared.

The children had an absolute ball and were thoroughly entertained from start to finish. Judging by the laughter and applause the show was a huge hit with everyone in the room.

Many thanks to Ms Fenlon for organising this fabulous show.



Owl Babies Library Mural.

We are delighted with our beautiful new Owl baby mural in the library.

The children have been captivated by the beautiful work of artist Deniece Quinn.

The stunning addition to our library walls brings the Owl Babies story to life, helping the children to visualise and retell the story in a meaningful way.



World book week 2026

Our school had a wonderful week celebrating books, stories, and imagination in the lead-up to World Book Day on 5th March 2026. A wide range of fun and engaging activities took place across all classes.

The week began with a special visit from author Audrey Moore, who spent time with our First Classes. She read from her *Ping and Po Li* series and shared insights into writing, creating characters, and the importance of protecting endangered animals. Each child received a copy of her book.

On Tuesday, the entire school took part in a Book Swap, kindly organised by the Parents Association. Children exchanged books they had brought from home, giving everyone the chance to discover a new story to enjoy.

Wednesday focused on shared reading experiences. First Class pupils paired up with visiting senior students from St. Conleth's & Marys for Paired Reading, while our Junior Infants enjoyed storytelling sessions, including special class swaps where teachers read stories to neighbouring classes. Throughout the month, Mrs. O'Connor is also visiting Junior Infant classrooms to share stories.

Senior Infants celebrated on Thursday with author Tarsila Kruse, who hosted lively storytelling sessions based on her book *A Little Birdie Told Me*.

The week concluded with a whole-school assembly on Friday, where pupils and staff dressed up as their favourite book characters.

It was a fantastic celebration of reading across the school. Thank you to everyone who helped make the week so special!

Many thanks to Mrs Byrne for organising a fantastic week.

Visit to Farrell & Nephew Book Shop

All the junior Infant classes really enjoyed a trip to Farrell & Nephew Book Shop where they exchanged their book token for a book of their choice. Many thanks to Farrell & Nephew for having us.



Parents Association

Thanks to everyone who supported our recent Book Swap in the school to celebrate World Book Day. It was a wonderful success, and it was great to see so many books being shared and enjoyed by the children.

Occupational therapist Dana from Sensational Kids will give a talk for parents on the impact of screen time on Wednesday, 25th March at 7pm in the school. This promises to be a very informative and helpful talk for families.

Our **“Hooley in the Halla” Dance-a-thon** will take place the end of April. Pupils, with the support of Brenda Malone Gilroy from Stage Academy Newbridge, will dance throughout the day to help raise funds for our school. It promises to be a fun and energetic day for everyone involved!

Our next PA meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm. All parents are welcome to attend.



Chicks

We are looking forward to welcoming our incubator with chicks to the school after Easter. There will be great excitement amongst all classes watching the eggs hatch into very cute and fluffy chicks!



Seachtain na Gaeilge.

There was great craic agus ceol for Seachtain na Gaeilge with Ceilí dancing, comórtas ealaín and lá glas. Bhí an- spraoí againn.

On Friday March 13th we celebrated Lá Fhéile Pádraig by having a Lá glás in school. The children donned their éadaí glás and thoroughly enjoyed themselves as they danced to 'An Dreoilín' and sang Peigin Litir Mor.

The children enjoyed a beautiful traditional music performance from Ms Dempsey and her sister Eimear on the fiddle, accompanied by Joe on the flute and Larry on the Bodhrán. They played some jigs and reels for us all to enjoy. Larry also treated us to a lovely song he composed all about St Patrick.

Huge thanks to Ms Dempsey, Eimear, Joe and Larry for the fabulous morning of irish traditional music.

Míle buíochas to Mrs Mc Paul for organising a fantastic Seachtain Na Gaeilge.



School closes for Easter Holidays on Friday 27th March at 11.45 for Junior Infants.

11.50 for Senior Infants and First Classes.

School re-opens on Monday April 13th.

Happy Easter to all our school community.

