



## Summer Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. It has certainly been a busy year, filled with learning, fun, and laughter.

As always, we celebrated our special Infant School ethos through many wonderful events and activities throughout the year. You will read all about some of these memorable moments in this newsletter.

Thank you to our pupils for your wonderful engagement and enthusiasm this year. We have a very special group of children here at St. Conleth's Infant School, and I could not be prouder of them all.

Thank you also to you, our parents and guardians, for your continued cooperation and support. I would like to extend my gratitude to our Board of Management and our wonderful Parents' Association for all their hard work and support throughout the year.

A special thank you goes to our fantastic staff, who work so hard every day to provide the highest standard of care and education for the children in our school. We are very fortunate at St. Conleth's Infant School to have such a dedicated team.

To our graduating pupils from Rooms 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29, we wish you every success and happiness in your new schools. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to celebrating your Graduation Day with you on Thursday, 25th June, at 12.45 p.m.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful summer holiday, and we hope the sun shines for everyone. Thank you once again for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Anne-Marie O'Connor





## **Junior Infants**

This term has been full of exciting learning and fun experiences for Junior Infants. We have been busy exploring, creating, and making wonderful memories together.

One of the highlights of the term was watching our caterpillars grow and change into beautiful butterflies. The children loved observing each stage of the life cycle before we released the butterflies into the school garden. It was a very special experience for everyone.

We had great fun taking part in the Hooley in the Halla with Brenda. The children enjoyed lots of singing and dancing. We were also delighted to welcome Jungle Dave to our school. His visit gave us the opportunity to see and learn about some amazing animals up close, which was both exciting and educational.

The children have also been very active this term. We enjoyed hurling and camogie training with the coaches from Sarsfields, where we learned new skills and played lots of games. We also loved our gymnastics sessions with Darragh, which helped us develop our balance, coordination and confidence while having lots of fun.

Our school tour to Clonfert Pet Farm was a huge success. The children had a fantastic day meeting and feeding the animals, exploring the farm and making great memories with their friends. It was lovely to see their excitement throughout the day, and there was plenty of laughter from start to finish.

Active Week was another highlight of the term. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in all the different activities and challenges throughout the week. From sports and games to fun outdoor activities, there was something for everyone. It was wonderful to see the children getting involved, encouraging one another and, most importantly, having lots of fun.

It has been a fantastic term in Junior Infants and we are so proud of all that the children have achieved. They have worked hard, shown great enthusiasm for learning and grown in confidence throughout the year. We wish all our families a happy and relaxing summer.



## **Senior Infants**

The girls and boys in Senior Infants have had another very busy term and have been working very hard. The children really enjoyed learning about many zoo animals especially giraffes, lions and elephants. We learned about Michelangelo and various foods and participated in some lovely art activities too.

We had a great Senior Infant school tour to Lullymore. We learned all about the different animals and houses in the past. We played in the indoor and outdoor play areas. Although the day was wet, it didn't stop us having a great day!

We had a very busy and fun Active week too, involving a mile walk down by the Strand, Gymnastics with Darragh, Sports Day, Drop Everything and Dance day, and to top off the week our Parents Association organised some lovely ice-creams for all the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Senior Infant pupils well in 1<sup>st</sup> class in September, from all the Senior Infant teachers, support teachers and SNAs and all the school staff and community. They have been a pleasure to work with throughout the year and we wish them well. Well done Senior Infants of 2026!



## **First Class**

First Class have been as busy as ever during this monumental final term! We were treated to an amazing spectacle, star-gazing at the Planetarium. We had a few students deciding to apply to NASA afterwards!

We also had an extremely active term. We had football training, Gymnastics with Darragh, The Hooley in the Halla, an amazing Sports Day and are looking forward to the annual First Class Football League.

Next up, we had a fantastic time on our trip to Dublin Zoo. We were enthralled by the variety of animals and enclosures and, needless to say, our behaviour was exemplary.

It is hard to believe that we are fast-approaching our Graduation as our time in St. Conleth's Infant School draws to a close. It has been a rollercoaster three years, full of movement to our new building and we have taken every element in our collective stride.

The First Class teachers would like to congratulate each and every child and thank them for their fantastic efforts this year.

We are all looking forward to our trip to the cinema and wish every student all the best as they begin their foray into Second Class and beyond!

## **Parents Association**

On Tuesday 23rd of June our Parents Association organised a fantastic Fun Day for the children. The Children's entertainer from Really Grand Events created lots of fun and magic for us all to enjoy. There was lots of fun and laughter to be heard throughout the school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parents Association for organising the fun day. The Parents Association raised a lot of money for our school this year which is put to great use to purchase new toys, IT equipment, Science equipment and lots of learning resources for the children in our school.

## **Thank You from the PA.**

A sincere thank you to all parents, guardians, and families for your generous support of our fundraising activities throughout the year.

Your contributions and involvement through the year, particularly with our hugely successful Hooley in the Halla, have helped us raise over €6,000!! All of which goes to benefit your children's experience in school!

We greatly appreciate your support and wish everyone a happy and safe summer break.

## **Summer Stars National Reading Adventure 2026**

Summer Stars is the public library national summer reading programme for children that runs from the start of June until the end of August. All children throughout the country are invited to join the adventure and to enjoy the fun and pleasure of reading and writing over the summer. Summer Stars is non-competitive and every child who reads even one book/e-book is regarded as having completed the programme – and it's all completely free!

<https://www.librariesireland.ie/services/right-to-read/summer-stars>.



## The Planetarium



Our First-Class children blasted off into space on 19th May when our school hall transformed into a planetarium! They explored planets, stars and constellations on a magical cosmic adventure, sparking curiosity and inspiring some out-of-this-world space art. A fantastic experience enjoyed by all! Many thanks to schools' completion for funding the show.

## Jungle Dave

Huge thanks to schools' completion for organising our special visit from Jungle Dave. What a fantastic day for all and what an amazing experience to see all these reptiles and insects up close. The children learned so much while also having so much fun!



## Junior Infants 2026

At the end of May, we welcomed our Junior Infants for 2026/2027 to our school along with their parents. The children got to see their classroom, meet their teacher and become familiar with our school. We are looking forward to welcoming them all back after the summer break as they begin their primary school journey in St. Conleth's Infant School.



### **The School Choir**

Our school choir performed a fabulous end of year performance for their families in the school hall. Thank you to our wonderful choir leaders, Mrs Hudson, Ms Deasy, Mrs Griffey, Paula and Ms. Dempsey for all your expertise with the school choir this year. Thanks also to the Parents Association for presenting the children with medals and treats. Well done everyone we are so proud of you all.



### **Camogie/Hurling**

Huge thanks to Laura Breslin, Jamie Kenna and Mick Garry who gave our Junior and Senior Infant classes a fabulous introduction to Camogie/ hurling skills. The Sarsfields coaches were assisted by some Transition year students. We really appreciate the time given by all the coaches in ensuring such an exciting and fun day for all the children.



### **FTD brothers**

There was great excitement as our first classes went to the park to cheer on the amazing FTD brothers' foundation who were running 33 marathons in 33 days to raise awareness for dementia. The children made posters and showed fantastic support cheering them on and celebrating this inspiring challenge.



## Active Week 2026

Our school had a fantastic Active Week filled with fun, fitness, and plenty of opportunities to get moving!

We began on Monday with "Walk a Mile with a Smile", where all classes enjoyed a walk to the park and back. It was a lovely way to start the week, with pupils getting active while enjoying the fresh air and spending time with their classmates.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Darragh Lawless, who led exciting gymnastics sessions for the pupils. Everyone had great fun learning new skills, practising balance and coordination, and challenging themselves in a supportive environment.

Wednesday was our much-anticipated Sports Day, held on the Patricians' pitch. The day was filled with energy, teamwork, and friendly competition as pupils took part in a variety of races and activities. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and encouragement from everyone involved.

Thursday was Jersey Day, with pupils and staff proudly wearing their favourite team colours and jerseys. We also gathered for a special school assembly to celebrate the week's activities and achievements. To round off the day, everyone enjoyed a refreshing ice-pop in the sunshine.

We finished Active Week on Friday with Drop Everything and Dance, where the whole school took a break from their usual routines to enjoy music, movement, and lots of fun together.

A special mention goes to our First-Class pupils, who also participated in a football blitz during the week. They showed great teamwork, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm.

Active Week was a huge success and provided many opportunities for pupils to stay active, try new activities, and have fun with their friends. A big thank you to all the staff, pupils, and organisers who helped make the week such an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Huge thanks to Mrs Hudson for organising a fabulous week of activities.



### New Sound System

A huge thank you to Conor Wilkins (Elliot's Dad) for his incredibly kind and generous donation of a wonderful new sound system to our school.

This fantastic addition will be a brilliant asset for our school community — from graduations and Christmas concerts to assemblies throughout the school year, and of course our much-loved Halloween Walk.

Thank you for helping us turn up the volume on school memories! 🎵

### First Class Graduation

Congratulations to our wonderful first-class students who will graduate from us on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of June. We are all so proud of you and wish you well in your new schools.



**School holidays commence on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 11.45am for Junior Infants & 11.50am for Senior Infants.**

**School reopens on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.**

**Wishing you all a safe, happy fun filled Summer!**

