



October Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well done to all our pupils who have worked so hard over the past two months!! Well done to our pre-school children 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. We are so proud of you all!

What a busy half term it has been! Every class has been very busy, we celebrated Maths week and enjoyed lots of Autumn and Halloween activities. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to see updates from our school.

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 equipment for the Seomra Draíochta, IT equipment, library books etc.

A reminder that enrolments for Junior Infants and our Early Intervention preschool and Junior class for children with autism are open until the 13th 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

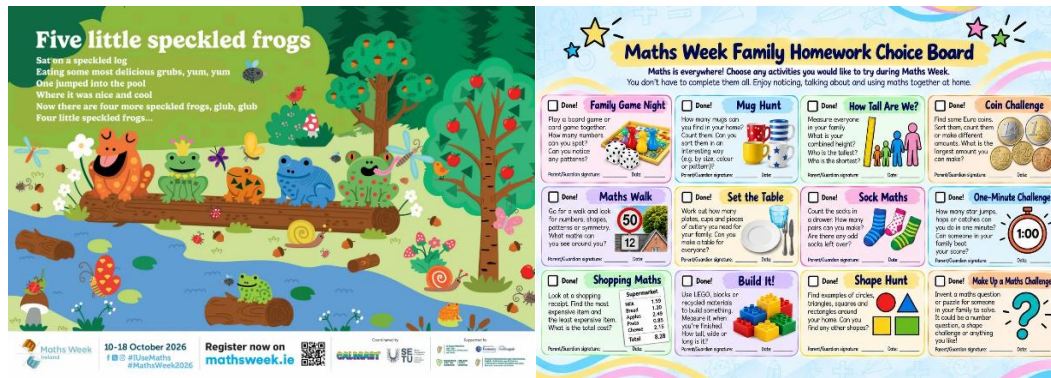
The Parents Association are organising the annual Christmas card project. This offers the children the opportunity to create personalised Christmas Cards while also raising money for the school.



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).

Maths Week 2026



Maths Week took place in school from Monday 12th October to Friday 16th 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 5th/ 6th class students from St. Conleth's and Marys to play board games with our First Classes. A special thank you to all the 5th/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!

Thank you to Life Credit Union

Life Credit Union were delighted to support St Conleths Infants School recently with sensory equipment. Your local credit union is committed to help foster inclusion in our community and hope the equipment will greatly benefit the children.

Life CU are always welcoming new members and if you would like to join us and help the credit union increase its membership and enable us to continue to support the community, you can join online or bring your children down to the local branch. For more information, visit our website at www.lifecu.ie





Shows from the Riverbank

Our First Classes and Senior Infants are really excited to attend the in-school dance performance, Flip by Monica Munoz on Wednesday 4th November.

We are sure that this will be a fun filled performance for us all to enjoy.

Many thanks to schools' completion for funding the show.

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 after Halloween and we look forward to enjoying an abundance of colour in the Spring.

We will celebrate Science Week from the 8th of November until the 13th 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.

Applications for Junior Infants 2027

We are currently accepting applications for our Junior Infants classes for 2027. 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 13/11/2026.



Junior Infants

The boys and girls in Junior Infants have settled in so well to their new school and classroom and they have made lots of new friends. The children have been busy learning their nursery rhymes, numbers, and they have recently began learning their letter sounds too. They created lots of Autumn and Halloween art which they proudly displayed in their classrooms.

In Irish, we have been learning new vocabulary through songs, games, and everyday classroom activities. It is lovely to hear the children beginning to use their cúpla focal throughout the day! Our Autumn theme has given us lots of opportunities to explore and learn about the world around us. The children have been discovering the changes that take place during Autumn, looking at the colours of the leaves and learning about the natural materials we find outdoors.

All the Junior Infants have been working so hard while also having lots of fun!

The children love visiting all the wonderful facilities in our school, from the Seomra Draíochta to the Ionad Spraoi! We recently celebrated Maths Week and enjoyed all the different maths activities, especially Maths dress-up day. Our school was filled with patterns, colours, shapes, and numbers. The Junior Infant classes are very excited to dress up on Friday for our Halloween Walk. We hope all the children have a great mid-term break, and we look forward to more fun and learning over the coming months. Happy Halloween!



Senior Infants

Senior Infants had a busy return to school and we have all settled in really well to our new classrooms. It has been a busy time with the daily hustle and bustle of school-life and we have explored a number of topics including; Myself, Autumn, Hibernation and Halloween.

We have been busy revising our letter sounds and developing our blending skills. We have been busy bees practising our letter formation and we have worked on our rhyming skills with our word families. In Maths, we have revised our numbers 1 – 10 and we have explored the ten frame with concrete materials.

We have enjoyed weekly assemblies, gymnastics, visits to the Ionad Spraoí and the Seomra Draíochta. We have enjoyed our P.E. lessons in the Halla and also exploring our array of stories in our school Library. We have celebrated National Tree day and Maths Week with a special dress-up day. We are very excited about our Witches Walk on Friday and we would like to wish you all a very happy and spooky Halloween!!



Happy Halloween

First Class 🍁

First Class have settled back into school very nicely and have had a busy and exciting first term filled with lots of fun, learning and new experiences!

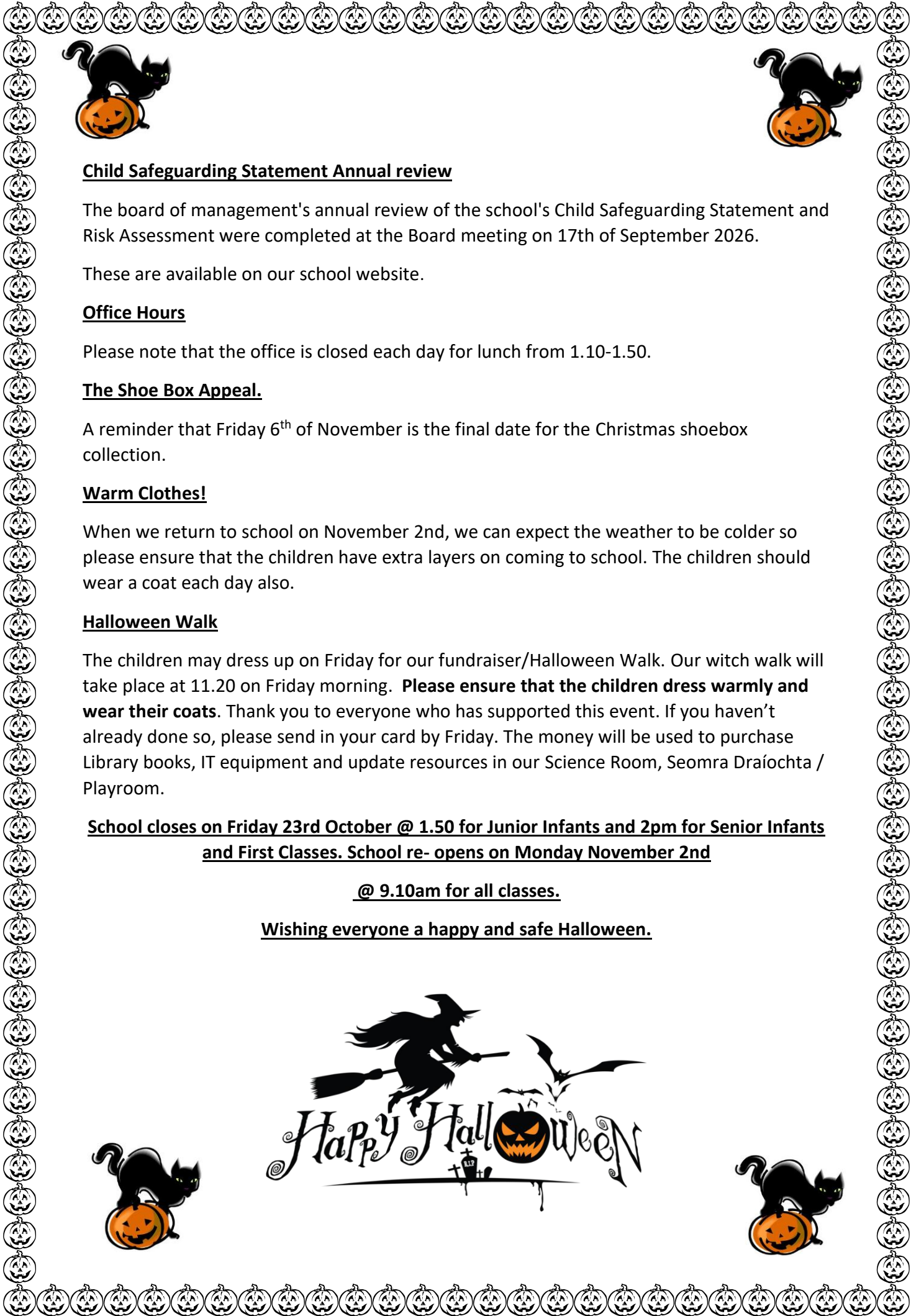
We celebrated **National Tree Day** with a lovely nature walk! The children enjoyed exploring outdoors, looking at the trees and plants, and discovering more about the world around them.

We also had great fun celebrating **Maths Week**! The children took part in lots of fun-filled maths activities and games. We were delighted to welcome fifth and sixth class pupils from Conleth's and Mary's, who joined us to play maths games with the First Class children. We got to dress up for the occasion, which made the celebrations extra special!

Gymnastics has also been a big hit this term! Kieran returned to the school to lead our gymnastics classes, and the children have been thoroughly enjoying taking part in the different activities. They have had lots of opportunities to practise their balancing, coordination and movement skills while building their confidence and having fun along the way.

The children are really looking forward to getting into the spooky spirit on Friday for our Halloween **Witches' Walk**. We can't wait to see all the fantastic costumes.

Have a lovely Midterm!



Child Safeguarding Statement Annual review

The board of management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment were completed at the Board meeting on 17th of September 2026.

These are available on our school website.

Office Hours

Please note that the office is closed each day for lunch from 1.10-1.50.

The Shoe Box Appeal.

A reminder that Friday 6th of November is the final date for the Christmas shoebox collection.

Warm Clothes!

When we return to school on November 2nd, 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 23rd October @ 1.50 for Junior Infants and 2pm for Senior Infants and First Classes. School re- opens on Monday November 2nd

@ 9.10am for all classes.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe Halloween.

