

Summer Newsletter 2025

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Farewell - Tomorrow we say farewell to our current 6th Class as they embark on a new journey. We wish Aoife Dwyer, Denis Nesterchuk (missing from photo), Oliwia Kolodziej, Andrew Chadwick, Tara Kenny, Tony Duffy, Sofia Mescheriakova, Michael Scahill and Jack Ryan every success in secondary school. They will be really missed. They were a powerful group of personalities who have made us very proud. More than a few tears were shed at their 'Graduation Mass' last week. There was also more water spilled in an epic water fight afterwards. Thanks so much to Ms. Lillis for organising graduation, the memory book and the hoodies & to Fr. Joe for the blessing. Thanks to our Parents Association who hosted and provided lovely treats.

School Tours - Last Tuesday pupils from Infants to 2nd Class went Turroe Pet Farm in Galway. Lots of fun was had on the inflatables, in the playgrounds, petting animals and even searching for a dinosaur. The welcome return of our internet sensation Jack Ryan for the tours brought a smile to all our faces. Thanks Jack. On Friday last the children from 3rd to 6th Class went to UL Sports Arena for a day of water slides, swimming, games and inflatable challenges. Thanks to our Board of Management who subsidised the cost of these tours.



First Communion - Well done to 2nd Class pupils who made their First Communion in May. Thanks to Ms. Hilmi who prepared them for the Sacrament. The First Holy Communions were Dylan Walshe, Éanna Dwyer, Tadhg Morrissey, Connie Ryan, Emily Shanahan, Mollie Ryan, Isabelle Doyle, Clark McDonald, Caylum Treacy, Conor Guilfoyle, Oisín Lawlor and James Kenirons.

New Infants - We were delighted to welcome 13 new Infants & to our open evening in May. Thanks to our excellent tour guides from 6th Class for showing everyone around & Ms. Doughan for welcoming them and getting all the best toys and resources ready. Thanks to the PA who provided goody bags, books & pencils to new pupils.

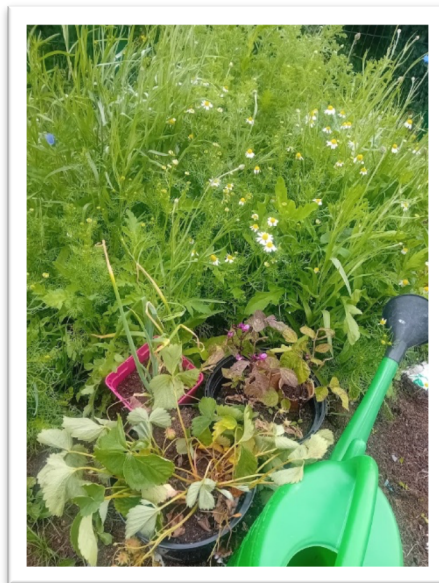
Yoga, Golf & Hurling - Monday mornings this term started each week positively with Yoga facilitated by Siobhán O'Leary. Aaron Cashin completed his 6 weeks of golf lessons in May. Darragh McCarthy completed 4 months of hurling coaching in early June & thanks Denis Dwyer for the after-school coaching since February. Well done to the U11 & U13 teams in your Cumann na mBunscoil matches this term. Our school summer hurling league finals were played off during Sports Day. Thanks Mr. Egan & Mr. Phelan for the lunch time coaching and refereeing of the league since Easter.

Fundraising – Thanks to everyone who supported our recent fund raising ventures.

Well done to our Students Council for organising the cake sale & thanks to all who baked and bought. Their first purchase from the cake sale profits were 2 nets - one for tennis and one for volleyball. Thanks to everyone who supported our book fair, with consultation with our pupils we have purchased 20 new novel sets for next year.



Many Thanks to Ms. O'Dowd and her budding gardeners who have been busy this term planting herbs, flowers, berries, peas, potatoes pumpkins, lettuce and radishes.



Well done to Ms. Hilmi and all our pupils on their recent awards from the **Irish Board of Speech and Drama.**

The free book scheme continues again this year. The school will be providing pupils with schoolbooks in September. You will still need to get your child stationary (schoolbag, pencils, pens, colours, folders, rubbers, toppers, glue sticks etc).

Community Games - Congratulations to Jack Moore (U12 Boys), Sofia Mesheriakovsa (U14 Girls) Tara Kenny (U14 Girls) Ella Guilfoyle (U10 Girls) and Daithí Green (U10 Boys - missing from photo) for their recent success in the Community Games Handwriting Competition.



Thanks to Denise Costelloe and the Parent's Association for setting up the Re-Turn bin outside our school. The bin has been emptied 3 times since Easter and has raised almost €50 per drop off so thanks to everyone for donating your used bottles.

Full Attendance 2024/2025 - Congratulations to Annie Deane (Juniors), Harry Greene (Juniors), Sofia Lewis (Seniors), Dylan Walsh (2nd Class), Ella Guilfoyle (3rd Class), Kieran Ryan (4th Class) & James Flynn (4th Class) who achieved full school attendance this year.



HAVE A LOVELY SUMMER BREAK!



From everyone at St. Joseph's National School, Moneygall.

24th of June 2025