



Halloween Newsletter 2025

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Halloween Break & Dress Up in School

Happy Halloween everyone and a BIG COMHGHAIRDEAS to our 14 Junior Infants on their first term in school. All children are welcome to dress up in their spooky costumes tomorrow. Donations of €2 to the Parents Association are welcome. Please remember our school is a nut free zone tomorrow and all days.

Parents Association

A huge thanks you to the Parent's Association who held their AGM on 2nd of October & organised the Centre Parcs Raffle, Table Quiz & Auction on Friday 12th of October. Over €10,000 was raised from these events so a big thank you to all the parents who supported this fundraiser. To date over €36,000 has been raised for the Astro Pitch!!!

Work Experience

Welcome to past pupils Liam Flynn and Kate Quinlan who are here for work experience this term. A big thank you also to Ms. Ciara Kenneally a final year Primary School Student from Mary I for her 3 weeks teaching practice in Mr. Byrne's room. Ms. Kenneally will continue with 3 more weeks teaching practise in the Infant Room after Halloween.

Insurance, Art, Photocopying, Swimming, Buses and Homework Survey

Thanks to the families who have generously paid the swimming, insurance, art, photocopying and Cumann na mBunscoil/Cross Country bus money. Thanks also to everyone who responded to our homework survey, we are getting a really good insight from your feedback into what is working well and improvements that can be made.

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Goal Jersey Day

Thanks to all the children who took part in Jersey Day. The school raised €172 for GOAL International Aid Agency.

Cross Country Athletics Event

Well done to the pupils from 3rd to 6th Class who took part in the Tipperary Primary Cross Country race recently. We had huge success again this year winning twelve individual top 10 finishers medals in the 4 races which was no mean feat as there were over 100 competitors in most races. 3rd and 4th Class competed in the 800m race. 5th and 6th Class competed in the 1km race. We won team Silver medal in the boys 3rd/4th Class race and Gold medal in the boys 5th/6th Class race.

Sacraments

Confirmation will be held on Saturday 18th of April 2026 in Moneygall Church. Bishop Fintan Monaghan will be officiating. First Holy Communion is on Saturday 16th of May 2026 in Dunkerrin Church.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Sorry to mention Christmas before Halloween but if you would like to donate a Christmas Shoebox the final date for donation is soon after the School Break - Monday 10th of November. See www.teamhope.ie for more information.

Sign Language Lessons

We were lucky enough to secure funding for another 10 week block of 'Say Yes to Languages' for 5th/6th Class. Thank you to Louise Coss who has been busy teaching sign language every Tuesday morning since September.

Anti-Crime Talks

Crime Prevention lessons were organised for 4 weeks in October by Youth Justice Service in Roscrea for 5th/6th Class pupils. The last lesson culminated last week in a visit from Garda Aine Ryan & Kay Gaynor as well as youth leader coordinator Mary Grace.

Swimming

Students from 1st to 3rd Class are attending Templemore Garda College Swimming Pool every Tuesday week for 6 lessons. Pupils from 4th to 6th Class will commence their round of 6 weeks lessons in the New Year.

Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings are being scheduled for the 3rd week in November. You will receive further details when we return from the Halloween Break.

Wise One's Breakfast and AfterSchool Club

Congratulations to Natasha for getting the breakfast and afterschool club started in our school. We wish her the very best with this new enterprise and appreciate the opportunity to have child minding facilitated on school grounds.



School Closure Day

The school will be closed on Friday 7th of November for Child Protection training for teaching staff.

Cumann na mBunscoil Gaelic Football

Over the last month our U11 & U13 girls & boys have had great matches & days out taking part in Gaelic football matches in Templeberry, Moneygall & Toomevara.

GAA Coaching

Moneygall GAA are organising after school GAA coaching with Denis Dwyer and in school coaching with Andy Hoolan this year.

Offaly Camogie Success

Mairead Teehan, Ciara Maher and Orla Phelan the captain of the Offaly camogie team brought the cups to the school on Friday 12th of September.

Maths Week 2025

During Maths Week the children enjoyed participating in cross class group activities incorporating some of the hands-on and problem-solving themes from the New Maths Curriculum.

Clothes Recycling

Our next collection date for recycled clothes is Wednesday 5th of November. All items of recycled clothing are collected. So please remember us if you are sorting out old/summer clothes over the Halloween Break - we would be delighted with any black sacks you can donate. All money raised from the recycled clothes collection is used for the purchase of a better variety of graded readers and class novels.

Have a look at some of our pupil's lovely artwork on the header and footer of this page and

HAVE A LOVELY HALLOWEEN BREAK!

From all the staff of St. Joseph's National School.

