



# St. Mary's Newsletter



June 2026

## 'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

### R-P5

- Breacan
- Lily

### P6- P7

- Oscar
- Nyree

## **School reopens:**

**Tuesday 1st September 2026**



## News and Information

Our 'x' and Facebook pages will keep you up to date on what's happening in school.

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### **Website:**

[www.stmarysprischat.hiniland.co.uk](http://www.stmarysprischat.hiniland.co.uk)

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## Thought for the Month

"June is a reminder that growth doesn't happen all at once. Just as summer unfolds day by day, meaningful progress comes from small, consistent steps."

## End of Year

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank you all for your support throughout 2025/26. It has been a very rewarding year which has seen us take on many new challenges such as forest school and shared education. This has allowed us to further enhance our reputation in the local and wider community as we continue to develop as a school. Thank you to all the staff who continue to provide opportunities for our pupils to thrive and to be the best versions of themselves.

It has also been a sad year with the death of our colleague and friend Mary Currie RIP— we continue to think about her and pray for her.

## Primary 7's

Best wishes to our three P7's— Nyree, Dáire and Oscar as they prepare for the next stage of their education journey in CPC— we wish you all the best and look forward to hearing about how you have settled in September. Ádh mór!

## New Build

2026/27 will see us move into our new building— projected handover is the middle of October- and this should help safeguard the future of education on the island for many years to come.

## Governing Body

Our final full governing body meeting was held on 17th June. Thank you to all of our governors for their support throughout the year. A list of our school policies is available on our website or a hard copy is available- on request- from the school office.

## PTA

Our PTA successfully launched this year and they have organised many fundraising events throughout the year. They held their AGM on 2nd June where it was agreed that they would fund part of the end of year trip for our pupils to Castlewood Tree Top Adventure.

They are holding a summer event on Saturday 25th July with lots of activities planned for children. Please come along and support our PTA.

## Next Year's Calendar

Next year's calendar is available on the school website. Please note the inclusion of three extra dates as part of the TransformEd agenda.

**School Motto:** Scoil Bheag, Croí mór— Small school, big heart!

## Prize Day and Sports day 2026

Well done to all our award winners at our annual sports day and prize day events. Photos of both occasions are on our Facebook page and also on our school website.

## End of Year Trips

Last week we had two trips– one to the Gaelscoil (as part of our shared education project) and the other to Castlewood Treetop Adventure Park in Antrim. Photos of both trips are available on Facebook and on our school website. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed both and the weather was kind to us on both days. A great way to end a very positive school year.

## PTA Events– Next Year

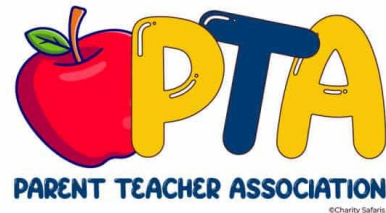
Next year the PTA are hoping to run a big event every term. The provisional dates for the events are as follows:

**Halloween:** Sat 24th Oct- joint event with the Youth Club

**Christmas:** Craft Fair– TBC

**Christmas draw/school show-** 10th December

**Summer Event-** Saturday July 24th.



## E-safety– Summer Tips

Be a Positive Digital Role Model.  
Demonstrate healthy technology habits yourself.  
Show children how to use the internet safely for learning, creativity, and communication.

## Quick Summer Safety Reminder for Children

A simple rule children can remember is:  
**STOP – THINK – CHECK – TELL**  
STOP before clicking or sharing.  
THINK about whether it is safe.  
CHECK with a trusted adult if unsure.  
TELL an adult if something worries you

## Scoil Spreagtha

This year we have successfully completed another year of the Scoil Spreagtha programme. Our pupils have benefitted from online sessions, a face-to-face workshop and have had weekly lessons in school. Their confidence in Irish has grown as the year has progressed.

Scoil spreagtha have a range of resources available on their Facebook page which will help you learn Irish at home and speak it with your family.

# September 2026

| Mon | Tue                                | Wed | Thu | Fri                 | Sat | Sun |
|-----|------------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
|     | 1 – School Re-opens– Wellbeing Day | 2-  | 3-  | 4-                  | 5-  | 6-  |
| 7-  | 8-                                 | 9-  | 10- | 11 – Roald Dahl Day | 12- | 13- |
| 14- | 15-                                | 16- | 17- | 18-                 | 19- | 20- |
| 21- | 22-                                | 23- | 24- | 25-TransformEd Day  | 26- | 27- |
| 28- | 29-                                | 30- |     |                     |     |     |

