



St. Mary's Newsletter



May 2026

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

R-P5

- June
- Breacan
- Lukas
- June

P6- P7

- Conan
- Oscar
- Keavy
- Nyree

Golden Tie

R-P5-

- Oscar

P6-P7

- Lily



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Thought for the Month

"Growth doesn't have to be dramatic to be meaningful—small, consistent steps still change everything."

Confirmation

Congratulations to our P7 pupil, Nyree, who was confirmed on Sunday 17th May in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. Nyree chose a confirmation name very relevant to our island community— Stella Maris Latin for "Star of the Sea". We wish Nyree, and her family, all the best as she continues on her journey of faith.

School Reports

The school reports will be sent home on Thursday 18th June. If you have any queries please contact the class teachers.

June Homework

In June, pupils will be given no written homework but instead will be encouraged to complete a series of practical activities many of which will be outside based. Reading will continue for the first two weeks.

Shared Education

We launched our first Shared Education project with Gaelscoil An Chaistil this month. Throughout the day, pupils took part in a range of exciting activities including LEGO challenges, Forest School activities and archery. These activities encouraged creativity, communication, problem-solving and cooperation while helping pupils build new friendships across schools. Go riabh maith agat to the staff and pupils of GnaC for travelling over. We look forward to visiting GnaC later this month.

Key dates for June 2026*

- **Mon 1st**- June Tuesday Club
- **Tue 2nd**- PTA AGM at 3pm
- **Wed 3rd June**— Scoil Spreagtha Workshop
- **Fri 5th June**— Forest School Friday
- **Tues 9th June**— Transition Workshop for P6/7
- **Wed 10th June**— World Ocean's Day 2026
- **Sat 13th June**— CPC intake exams for P7
- **Tue 16th June**— Sports day 2026
- **Wed 17th June**— Full Governing Body 2pm— pupils finish at 1:30pm
- **Thurs 18th June**— Reports go to Parents
- **Thurs 18th June**— Visit from Trinity College Science Department for Shared Island project
- **Fri 19th June**— Visit to GnaC Ballycastle.
- **Wed 24th June**— Prize giving— 1pm
- **Fri 26th June**— End of Year School Trip
- **Mon 29th June**— End of Year BBQ
- **Tues 30th June**— Last Day— 11:45am finish

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

Shared Island Project

We are continuing to work with UUC and Trinity College Dublin as part of a shared island project. This year we have had a Lego workshop in October and this month we will have visit from the science team at Trinity. We will also be doing a zoom call with our parent school– Scol Eoin II from Inis Mór in Co. Galway.

Drop Off Reminder

On the rare occasions that no member of staff is present before 9am, can you please ensure you do not leave your child in the playground unsupervised until the teachers come over at 9am. Many thanks for your cooperation.

PTE and PTM Tests

In May children in P4-P7 sat PTE and PTM tests and the results are available on request from the class teacher. PTE and PTM are standardised school assessments used mainly in to give parents a snapshot of how their child is doing compared to others of the same age.

Results are usually given as a standardised score (with 100 as the average).
Around 100 = average for their age
Above 100 = above average
Below 100 = below average

In short, these tests help parents understand how their child is progressing in English and Maths compared to national norms, rather than just classroom performance. It is important to note that progress is not linear and pupils performance in these can fluctuate year on year.

E-safety– May Updates

What to do if you're concerned?

If your child sees something upsetting

- Is contacted by someone they don't know
- Experiences online bullying

Reassure them and report it:

- To the school
- Through the app/platform
- Via appropriate safeguarding services (e.g. CEOP)

PE and ICT days:

KS1- P3-P4

PE- Monday and Friday
ICT- Monday

KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday
ICT- Wednesday



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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1-	2- PTA AGM	3- Scoil Spreaghtha Workshop	4-	5- Forest School Friday	6-	7-
8- CnaB Week	9- Transition project for P6/7	10- world Ocean's Day	11-	12-	13-	14-
15-	16- Sports day 2026	17- Full Governing Body Meeting	18- Trinity College Dublin Visit	19- GnaC Trip	20-	21-
22-	23-	24- Prize day 2026	25-	26- School Trip	27-	28-
29- EOY BBQ	30- 11:45am Finish					