



St. Mary's Newsletter



January 2026

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

R-P5

- Breacan
- Lukas
- June
- Lily



P6- P7

- Daire
- Nyree
- Keavy
- Oscar

Golden Tie

R-P5-

December: Lily
January: Breacan

P6-P7

December: Oscar
January: Daire



News and Information

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Thought for the month:

'Small acts of kindness can make even the coldest days warmer.'

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Thank you for helping us mark Catholic Schools Week 2026. Throughout the week, we gave thanks for our dedicated staff, supportive families, and most especially our pupils, who bring our mission to life each day. We were especially grateful to celebrate Grandparents Day with the Tuesday club, honouring our grandparents and the elderly whose guidance enrich our community.

Key Dates for February

Wed 4th- AGM at 2:30pm

Fri 6th- Forest School Friday

Tues 10th- Safer Internet Day

9th-12th- Children's Mental Health Week

Thurs 12th- 2pm finish for all

Fri 13th- Monday 16th- Half Term Break

Tues 17th- pupils return to school

Wed 25th- Literature Workshop



Uniform Reminder

We would like to remind you of the importance of students adhering to the school uniform policy. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote discipline, equality, and a positive learning environment within the school.

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day dressed in the complete and proper uniform as outlined on our website. This includes appropriate footwear and accessories. Students who are not in proper uniform will be reminded and asked to comply with the policy. Girls are welcome to wear smart navy trousers during the colder months.

Roblox

Please see the note on the school website regarding the game Roblox. As a parent of a child who plays this game, it gave me plenty to think about and hopefully will do likewise for you.

Mr. McGuigan

School Policies

We would like to remind families that our school policies are available for review on the school website. These policies provide important information regarding school expectations, procedures, and guidelines and should be looked at on a regular basis.

If you prefer a paper copy, they are available on request. Please contact the school office if you would like a printed version sent home.

School Improvement Suggestion

Parents can give feedback on any views you have on a particular issue here. Please cut this box out and hand your idea or suggestion to the school office.

Post Primary Transfer– Advice for Parents with a child in P6

As has been the practice over the last number of years the Department of Education has produced a document providing advice to parents of children in P6 on the post-primary transfer process. The purpose of this document is to ensure that parents receive timely information about the range of issues they need to take into account when making important decisions about the next stage in their child's education. The document is available to download from the Department's website and has been sent home as a hard copy with our P6 pupils.

St. Brigid's Day 2026

We'd like to wish all our families and school community 'Lá Fhéile Bríde sona daoibh.' St Brigid is one of the Patron Saints of Ireland, along with St Patrick and St Columcille.

January Wellbeing Day

We had our second Wellbeing Day on Wednesday 7th January as we welcomed back pupils for Term 2. During the day children had the opportunity to relax, connect and have fun through a range of engaging activities. During our Forest School session, the children built a den for their teddy bears, encouraging creativity and problem-solving while enjoying time outdoors.

Alongside this, the children also explored our VR set, offering an exciting and immersive experience of the seas around Rathlin.

Wool Workshop

Thank you to Patsy and Connie for such an engaging and informative workshop on wool. Also thank you to Evlyn for the wonderful jumpers. Pupils enjoyed learning about the history, process, and unique qualities of the wool, and your knowledge and enthusiasm made the session especially enjoyable. We will have a follow up visit this month.

E-safety

We share monthly e-safety updates to help keep our children safe online. Technology and online risks change rapidly, so regular, up-to-date guidance helps parents support safe, positive digital habits at home and reinforces the important messages children learn in school.

Remember:

- Consistent messages at home and school reinforce what children learn and keep them safer.
- Most online activity happens at home, so supporting parents is essential for safeguarding.

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 – St. Brigid's Day
2-	3-	4– Gov's AGM	5-	6– Forest School Friday	7-	8-
9-	10– Safer Internet Day	11-	12-2pm finish.	13– Half-Term Break.	14– Half-Term Break	15– Half-Term Break
16– Half-Term Break	17– Pancake Tuesday	18– Ash Wednesday	19-	20-	21-	22-
23-	24-	25– Lit Workshop	26-	27-	28-	