



St. Mary's Newsletter



November 2025

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

R-P5

- Lily
- Lukas
- Breacan
- June

P6- P7

- Nyree
- Keavy
- Nyree
- Oscar



Golden Tie:

Oct: Conan and June
Nov: Keavy and Lukas

Thought for the month:

'As November comes to a close, it brings a quiet sense of reflection and gratitude. The year is almost at its end, and this month often feels like a pause — a time to look back, appreciate how far we've come, and prepare for what's ahead.'

December Homework

For the month of December there will be no written homework and spellings will only be given out in the first week. This time will be used for pupils to learn their lines for the school play.

Key Dates for Christmas

This is a very busy time of the year with lots happening in our school. Please see below some of the key dates for your diary:

- Monday 1st December– Visit from 'Tuesday Club' for Art and Craft Activities
- Friday 5th December– PTA coffee afternoon in Branston Centre at 2pm
- Monday 8th December– Visit to the Pantomime with BIPS– letter going home on Monday
- Friday 12th December– Christmas Play in the church at 12noon followed by refreshments in the hall.
- Friday 19th December– Christmas Party– date may change depending on weather to Monday 22nd December
- Tuesday 23rd December– 11:45am finish

Vision

Please take time to reflect upon our vision and how everyone in our school community can play a part in developing and making that vision come through.

'Our vision for our school is to be a vibrant, innovative part of our island community where we all embrace the uniqueness of our environment whilst preparing our pupils to meet the challenges of the ever-changing wider world.'

Mr E McGuigan



News and Information

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Remote Learning

Thank you for your patience and understanding this month when we experienced periods of travel disruption. Like most people, we were taken by surprise with the disruption on 13th and 14th and had to apply for an exceptional closure on one of those days. Thankfully, we were able to switch to remote learning on the Friday and pupils responded really well to that. Moving forward, we intend to implement emergency remote packs so if that does happen again our switch to remote learning can be applied at extremely short notice.

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.

Cúpla Focal

Tá sé fuar- It is cold

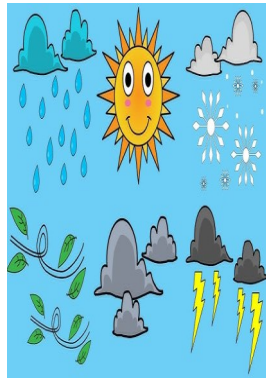
Tá sé te- It is hot

Tá sé fliuch- It is wet

Tá sé scamallach- It is cloudy

Tá sé tirim- It is dry

Tá sé gaofar- It is windy



Anti-Bullying Week 2025

This month, our school proudly took part in Anti-Bullying Week 2025, which ran from Monday, 10th to Friday, 14th November. This year's theme was 'The Power for Good' and it encouraged everyone in our community to stand together against bullying and to promote kindness, empathy, and inclusion.

To celebrate the week, we enjoyed a range of meaningful activities, including:

Whole-School Assembly – On Friday morning, we held a special assembly where pupils explored what bullying means, how to speak up safely, and the importance of showing respect in our words and actions.

Creative Workshop in Adobe Express –on Wednesday, we took part in a digital workshop using Adobe Express to design inspiring anti-bullying posters and messages. Pupils expressed their voices creatively and shared positive messages across the school.

Odd Socks Day – On Monday and Tuesday, everyone joined in by wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences and remind us that everyone is unique!

5 simple e-safety tips for parents:

- 1- Talk openly about online safety – Encourage your child to share what they do online and who they talk to.
- 2- Set clear rules and boundaries – Agree on screen time limits, what websites or apps are appropriate, and when devices can be used (e.g. not at bedtime).
- 3- Enable safety features on devices, browsers, and apps to block inappropriate content and limit who can contact your child.
- 4- Keep personal information private – Teach your child not to share personal details.
- 5- Be a good role model – Show positive digital habits yourself, such as taking breaks from screens, thinking before posting, and being kind online.

PE and ICT days:

KS1- P3-P4

PE- Monday and Friday

ICT- Monday

KS2- P5-P7

PE- Tuesday and Friday



December 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1-	2-	3-	4-	5- Forest School Fri. PTA Event	6-	7-
8- Panto Trip	9-	10-	11-	12- School Play	13-	14-
15-	16-	17-	18-	19- C'mas party- provisional	20-	21-
22- C'mas party- provisional	23- 11:45am finish.	24-	25-	26-	27-	28-
29-	30-	31-				