



# St. Mary's Newsletter



September 2025

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

### R-P5

- Cian
- Breacan
- June
- Lukas

### P6- P7

- Oscar
- Conan
- Keavy
- Conan

## 'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

**P6-P7 Class: Nyree**  
**R-P5 Class: Breacan**

## Thought for the month:

'September is the bridge between the warmth of summer and the calm of autumn — a time to reflect, reset, and realign with what truly matters.'

Welcome back to our monthly newsletters! We hope your summer was filled with memorable moments. As we return to school, we are excited to see familiar faces and welcome a new member— Cian in reception- to our school community. This year promises to be full of learning, growth, and opportunities. We look forward to supporting each child's journey, celebrating their successes, and navigating challenges together. Let's make this year one to remember — filled with curiosity, collaboration, and a strong sense of community.

## New Build

We are finally making some progress with the new build project— something that should secure the future of education on the island for many years to come. Our school will be transformed into a modern two classroom building which will allow us to continue to provide the best possible start for our young people on the island. The EA are currently assessing the applicants for the tender and we should see soil broke very soon.

## Shared Education— ASPIRE

This year we will start a new shared education program with Gaelscoil an Chaistil in Ballycastle. The PEACEPLUS ASPIRE (Advancing Shared Partnerships through Inclusive Relationships in Education) Project is a multi-year 'Shared Education' initiative which allows us to work alongside other schools to promote good community relations.

## School Uniform

We kindly remind all students and families of the importance of wearing the correct school uniform each day. The uniform helps build a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. Please ensure that students come to school in full uniform, including proper footwear, and that items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Mr E McGuigan



## News and Information

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

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## Wellbeing Day September 2025

We welcomed back our pupils with our first wellbeing day of 25-26. Pupils spent the majority of the day outside and despite the unusually cold and windy weather for September, we still managed to get many of our team building activities completed. This year we focused on forest schools activities including fire building, saw cutting and using nature for art. Pictures of the day can be found on our social media platforms and on the school website.



## 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.

## Cúpla Focal

**Aimsir (AM-shir)** – Weather, time, season.

**Baile (BAL-yeh)** – Place, home, home-stead, farmstead, village, town.

**Beatha (BA-ha)** – Life, livelihood, food, sustenance.

**Cara (KA-ra)** – Friend.

**Craic (Crack)** – Entertaining conversation, high-spirited fun.

**Ceol – (Keey oul)** - Music

**Dia Duit – (dee-ah dwitch)** - Hello

**Dáil (DAW-ill)** – A coming together, a consultative gathering

**Dóchas (DOE-hass)** – Hope.



## 'Walk to School Month' – October 2025

We're encouraging students and families to join us in celebrating *Walk to School Month*. Walking to school is a great way to stay active and help the environment. Whether you walk the whole way or team up with friends and neighbours, every step counts. Let's make this month a fun, healthy, and safe journey to school together!



## Set Boundaries Screen Time

Agree a time limit or number of games beforehand, to avoid repeated disagreements around how long children can spend online.

## PE and ICT days:

### **KS1- P3-P4**

PE- Monday and Friday

ICT- Monday

### **KS2- P5-P7**

PE- Tuesday and Friday



## October 2025

| Mon                                     | Tue                               | Wed                                                               | Thu        | Fri        | Sat        | Sun        |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                                         |                                   | 1-                                                                | 2-         | 3-         | 4-         | 5-         |
| 6-                                      | 7-                                | 8-                                                                | 9-         | 10-        | 11-        | 12-        |
| <b>13– Maths Week Ireland– ALL WEEK</b> | <b>14–</b>                        | <b>15– Parents Meetings– School Closes at 1pm. – FLU vaccines</b> | <b>16–</b> | <b>17–</b> | <b>18–</b> | <b>19–</b> |
| <b>20–</b>                              | 21– LEGO work-shop. Tuesday Club. | <b>22–</b>                                                        | <b>23–</b> | <b>24–</b> | <b>25–</b> | <b>26–</b> |
| <b>27–</b>                              | <b>28–</b>                        | <b>29–</b>                                                        | <b>30–</b> | <b>31–</b> |            |            |