



St. Mary's Newsletter



May 2025

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lukas
- June

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Saorlaith
- Daire

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P5-P7 Class:

- Saorlaith

P3-P4 Class:

- June



Thought for the month:

"May is a gentle reminder that growth takes time. As flowers bloom and days grow longer, let us also allow ourselves the space to flourish—patiently, purposefully, and with grace."

Congratulations to Lukas and Cábhan who both celebrated significant milestones in their faith journey in the month of May— Lukas making his First Holy Communion and Cábhan celebrating his Confirmation. We are very proud of them and thank their families for a wonderful day. Well done boys!

200th Anniversary

Thank you to everyone who attended our 200th anniversary prayer service and gathering in the Manor House. Over the course of the year, the pupils have been involved in many different activities to mark the occasion and it is nice to know that our year of celebration is coming to an end.

Homework in June

In the month of June we will not be sending home normal written homework. Spellings and reading will only be sent home in the first two weeks (or until the scheme of work is complete). We will be sending home a selection of activities for your child to complete and many of these will be non-screen and outdoor based. Pupils will be asked to complete at least two of these each week but may choose to complete more and we ask that pictures are e-mailed to the class teacher or school office. A copy of the homework can be accessed on the school website also.

Key Dates in June:

4th June— P6 transition visit to CPC— details to follow

5th June— visit from the dairy council.

10th June— Sportsday (provisional)

11th June— Visit from Forest Schools NI

17th June— reserve sportsday

19th June— reports to parents

20th June— school trip— late finish

25th June— Prize Giving— 1pm

26th June— School BBQ

27th June— 11:45am finish for summer break



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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Website:

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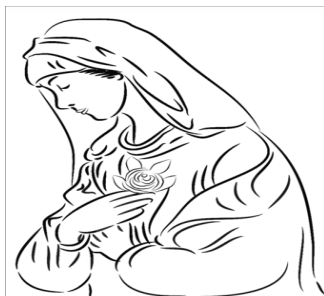
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May Prayer

"For all those who have no peace, let us invoke Mary, the woman who brought into the world the Prince of Peace."

Pope Francis RIP



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

Taobh amuigh– Outside

Tarracóir– Tractor

Leoraí– Lorry

Trírothach– Tricycle

Tochaltóir– Digger

Crandaí bogadaí– Seesaw

Luascán– Swing

Scútar– Scooter

Fráma dreapadóireachta– Climbing Frame

Liathróid– Football

Camán– Hurl

Clogad– Helmet

Sliotar– Hurling Ball



Scratch– coding

This term we will be doing some coding in class. Scratch is a **free, block-based** programming language developed by MIT. Kids build projects by dragging and connecting blocks of code (like puzzle pieces) to animate characters, create games, stories, or simulations.

Ways Parents Can Get Involved:

-Explore the Scratch Website (scratch.mit.edu) together.

-Ask About Their Projects: What does this block do? Can you show me how this works?

-Watch Tutorials Together: YouTube or Scratch's own guides are full of beginner lessons.

-Create Something Together: Make a birthday card, mini-game, or story.

School Development Plan

We are nearing the end of our first year of the new three year cycle of the development plan. A parental and child version is available on our website. The governing body reviews the full plan during full governing body meetings. Like last year, a review leaflet will be produced for all parents in early weeks of the new academic year.

Assessment Week

This month we completed a series of assessments across the school. The objective of these is to give staff an idea of how your child is performing against a national benchmark. As staff, we analyse these tests and look at areas where pupils have struggled so that we can adjust our planning if needed. When we meet you in October for our first parent meeting of the year, we will go through all the results with you. Remember tests like these are only a part of a bigger picture of progress. You will have a good idea of where your child is sitting based on conversations already had and also on the level of bookwork you saw at our recent 'Be Proud' event.



June 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2-	3– Trip to St. P and St. B to see Ulster Orchestra—P5-P7	4– P6 Transition Day in CPC	5– Visit from Dairy Council	6-	7-	8-
9-	10– Sportsday– provisional	11– Forest School Visiting	12-	13-	14-	15-
16-	17-	18-	19– Reports to Parents	20– School trip– late finish	21-	22-
23-	24-	25– Prize Giving– 1:30pm	26– School BBQ	27– Last day– 11:45am finish	28-	29-
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