



St. Mary's Newsletter



April 2025

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Lily
- Breacan

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Cabhan
- Oscar

'Golden Tie' Winner for the Month:

P5-P7 Class:
• Cabhan

P3-P4 Class:
• Lily



News and Infor- mation

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Thought for the month:

"April teaches us renewal—just as flowers bloom after the cold, we too can embrace fresh starts and new possibilities."

PE Next Term

Next term the main focus for PE will be hurling and camogie— if your child has their own helmet and hurl please ask them to take it to school on their designated PE days. We also be practising for our sportsday during PE lessons.

Assessment Week

Please note that our assessment week will take place during the week beginning 12th May— it is vitally important that all pupils are in school that week to ensure they do not miss any of the tasks set.

Oral History Book Launch

Thank you to all those who attended the launch of the book to commemorate 200 years of a school on our site. Once again a big thank you to all those who were involved in the project especially the members of the oral history group.

Maritime Week in May

This year in the week beginning 19th May we are going to have another themed week entitled ' Maritime Week' in which we look at the story of how people have explored, travelled, and traded across the seas for thousands of years with a particular focus on Rathlin. If you can help in anyway please let us know as it would be great to get our community involved in this too.

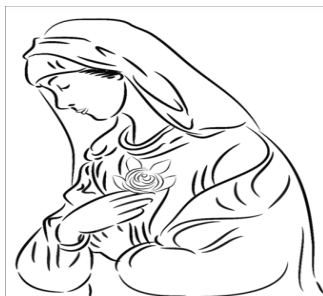
Forest Schools

Our journey towards becoming a full member of Northern Ireland Forest School Association (NIFSA) is well under way and we will welcome Caoimhe from NIFSA to the school in June to work with pupils and staff on the project. NIFSA are running a summer school in Ballycastle Integrated this year and it is open at all children. Please see the school office for more details.

Mr. E McGuigan

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



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

Teach– House
 Seomra folctha– Bathroom
 Seomra suí– Sitting Room
 Cistin– Kitchen
 Seomra leapa– Bedroom
 Suas staighre/síos staighre– Upstairs/downstairs
 Gabh go dtí an leithreas– Go to the bathroom
 Nigh do lámha– Wash your hands
 Scuab do chuid fiacla– brush your teeth



AI explained for kids!



What is AI?

AI stands for Artificial Intelligence. That's a big word, but it just means a computer or robot that can think and learn like a person! It's not alive, but it can solve problems, talk to you, and even play games—just like a really smart helper.

Where Do We Use AI?

You might already use AI every day! Like when:
 You ask Siri or Alexa a question.
 You get cool video suggestions on YouTube.
 You use funny face filters on Snapchat or TikTok.
 You play a game and the computer gets better and harder.

Holy Communion and Confirmation

We are fast approaching the time of the year when we celebrate Holy Communion and Confirmation on the island. First Holy Communion will take place on 11th May and Confirmation will take place on 18th May at 11am in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. We would love to see lots of our pupils there to join their friends in celebrating such an important milestone in their faith journey.

Why do we do assessments in May?

Assessments in primary schools in Northern Ireland (NI) serve several important purposes, aimed at supporting both pupils and the wider education system. Here are the key reasons:

1. Understanding Pupils' Progress

Teachers use assessments to gauge how well pupils are learning, identify strengths and areas for improvement, and adapt their teaching accordingly.

2. Informing Teaching and Learning

Assessments provide valuable feedback to teachers about the effectiveness of their lessons and curriculum delivery.

3. Supporting Transitions

When pupils move between year groups or from primary to post-primary school, assessment results help ensure continuity and appropriate support during the transition.

4. Meeting Statutory Requirements

Some assessments, like the End of Key Stage Assessments (e.g., at the end of Key Stage 1 and 2), are part of the statutory curriculum and ensure that schools are meeting government standards.

May 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1-	2- Future island-island Work-shop	3-	4-
5- May Day Bank Holiday	6-	7-	8-	9-	10-	11- First Holy Communion
12- Assessment Week	13- Assessment Week	14- Assessment Week	15- Assessment Week	16- Assessment Week	17-	18- Confirmation
19- Maritime Theme Week	20- Maritime Theme Week	21- Maritime Theme Week	22- Maritime Theme Week	23- 200th Anniversary Mass	24-	25-
26- HT Holiday	27- HT Holiday	28- HT Holiday	29- HT Holiday	30- HT Holiday	31-	