



St. Mary's Newsletter



December 2024

'Star of the Week' Winners this month:

P3-P4 (KS1 Class)

- Breacan
- Cabhan

P5- P7 (KS2 Class)

- Keavy
- Lily



Thought for the month:

"For last year's words belong to last year's language, and next year's words await another voice."

— T.S. Eliot

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school community events over the past month by attending our performance, supporting the PTA craft fair and Christmas raffle— December is such a busy but joyous month in a school. Please see our school websites for photos of all the special events that took part this past few weeks.

School Development Plan 2025-27

We are excited to share our School Development Plan for 2025-2027, focusing on enhancing academic excellence, promoting student well-being, and fostering strong community partnerships. Key priorities include improving teaching strategies, integrating new technologies, supporting mental health initiatives, and creating more opportunities for outdoor learning. Together, we aim to provide an enriching, inclusive, and forward-thinking environment for every child to thrive. A parental and child version of the plan is provided with this newsletter and available on our website.



As Christmas approaches, we want to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families. Thank you for your continued support, partnership, and trust throughout the year. May your Christmas be filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments together. We look forward to an exciting new year with your children and our school community!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Nollaig Shona agus Athbhliain faoi Mhaise Duit

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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A Christmas Wish

The snowflakes fall, so soft, so bright,
On this calm, peaceful Christmas night.
The twinkling lights on every tree,
Fill the air with joy and glee.

The stockings hung, the candles glow,
A gentle warmth begins to flow.
Families gather, hearts entwined,
Sharing love of every kind.

The spirit of this season's near,
With laughter, smiles, and festive cheer.
Let kindness reign, let peace be found,
In every heart, all year around.

So, here's a wish for you today,
A Merry Christmas, in every way!
May joy and hope your life adorn,
And bless you this bright Christmas morn.

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

Go ndéana a mhaith duit– you are welcome!

Go raibh maith agat– thank you.

Le do thoil– please.

Ar mhaith leat? - would you like?

Ba mhaith liom– I would like.

FIVE e-safety tips for all primary school children.

1. **Keep personal information private** (e.g., full name, address, school).
2. **Only talk to people you know** online.
3. **Tell a trusted adult** if something online makes you uncomfortable.
4. **Use strong passwords** and don't share them.
5. **Don't click on unknown links** or ads.

Attendance

Our attendance policy is available to download and read from our school website. Remember if your child's attendance falls below 85% during the school year, you could be referred to the Educational Welfare Service. (point 3-pg. 5).



Scoil Spreagtha'

We are delighted to announce that we are taking part in the brand new accredited scheme 'Scoil Spreagtha'.

'Scoil Spreagtha' is an accredited scheme to recognise and celebrate efforts made by English-medium schools to encourage the use of Irish in the school environment. It aims to inspire schools to showcase and expand their efforts to promote the use of Irish in their school.

PE and ICT days:

KS1– P3-P4

PE– Monday and Friday

ICT– Monday

KS2– P5-P7

PE– Tuesday and Friday

ICT– Wednesday

January 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	
6– Feast of the Epiphany	7– Pupils return to school– well-being day 2!	8-	9-	10-	11-	12-
13-	14-	15-	16-	17-	18-	19-
20-	21-	22-	23-	24–International Day of Education	25-	26-
27-	28–International LEGO Day	29-	30-	31-		