



School Newsletter #22 2026

February 17th 2026

School Information



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Midterm Break

The school will close for midterm break on Thursday the 19th and Friday the 20th of February.



Please note that the school will be closed on Wednesday the 25th of February , as our staff will be participating in training on the new primary curriculum.

Lent

Ash Wednesday is a special day when we begin Lent, a time to grow closer to God by being kind, saying sorry for our mistakes, and helping others. Lent is like a journey where we prepare our hearts for Easter, just like Jesus did. As we begin our journey through the season of Lent, we take



this time to reflect, be kind, and think of others. Lent is a special time of preparation, reminding us of the importance of patience, gratitude, and giving. At school, we encourage our students to show kindness in their words and actions, whether through small sacrifices or acts of generosity. Thank you for supporting them in understanding the true meaning of this season.

Book Fair

Scoil Íosa's Book Fair was a wonderful success last week and thank you all so much for your support. It was a joy to see so many children interested in reading and purchasing books. Many thanks to the Parent's Association for their support. This year's commission of €2,863.50 will be spent on purchasing



new texts for all class libraries across the school. Scoil Íosa's library committee were a wonderful support during the Book Fair and are looking forward to buying lots of new books in the coming weeks!

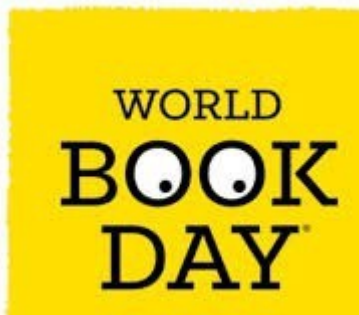


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World Book Day



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The children are invited to dress up for World Book Day on Friday the 6th of March as a favourite character from a book. The children can bring in their favourite book to accompany their costume.

Looking forward to a wonderful day!

Feile Scoil Dramaíochta

Ms. O'Driscoll's 6th Class has been working hard over the past few weeks to bring Aladdin to the stage – performed entirely as Gaeilge. This magical tale of adventure, friendship and wishes comes to life through the energy, creativity and hard work of the students, who have embraced the

Irish language in every scene. The class will perform in Invern on the 24 th of February, as part of Féile Scoil Drámaíochta, against 28 other schools from all over Co. Galway. They are looking forward to showcasing their talents and celebrating drama through Irish. Best of luck to all involved!

Drama

Debating



Scoil Iosa won the first round of the schools debating competition against St. Joseph's Kinvara with the motion *"Pocket Money Teaches Children Money Management."*

It was a very well-debated and closely contested competition securing victory by just two points.

We are very proud of our pupils Zoe Ruane, Kate O'Sullivan, Barry McNamara, Lauren Foley and Iarlaith O'Brien. They now go forward to the next round in March, where they will compete against Bawnmore. Best of luck in the next round!

GAA

Training will resume for school teams of Gaelic Football (boys and girls) and hurling and camogie for 4th - 6th class students.

Please see the below days and times for all codes;

Training (12:55- 1-20) Cages/Main pitch

Football (boys) Mondays (from 23 rd February)

Football (girls) Tuesdays (from 24 th February)

Hurling Wednesdays (from 25 th February)

Camogie Thursdays (from 26 th February)



Please note:

Gum shields are compulsory for all of 4th -6th classes when training/matches for Gaelic football.

Student Council

Big thank you to our amazing outgoing Student Council Thank you for your commitment and leadership throughout the year. You've represented the students of Scoil Iosa with integrity and



enthusiasm. We are grateful for the time and energy you've given to Scoil Íosa and for strengthening our school community. Your contribution will not be forgotten.

(missing from photo Kate O' Sullivan 6th)

County Photos

Please see attached important flyer from County Photos. Your order deadline is **17th February, 2026**.

If you are looking to order via the online portal shop.countyphotos.ie please order before 17th February 2026 to avail of free delivery to the school.

If you place an order after the deadline date you will incur a delivery charge.



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Mr. Mulvaney's Class Update

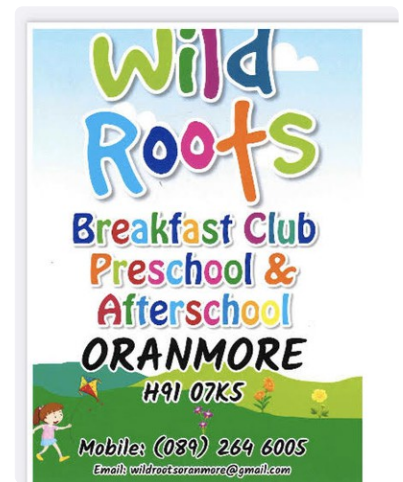
Mr. Mulvaney's 6th Class has completed some beautiful pieces of artwork over the past few weeks. They created wonderful interpretations of Van Gogh's *The Sunflowers* and painted lovely versions of *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*

The class also enjoyed a visit from Fr. Diarmuid, who spoke with them as they continue to prepare for their upcoming Confirmation.



Wild Roots

Please see information on WildRoots Breakfast, Preschool & Afterschool.



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