



School Newsletter #24 2026

Tuesday 3rd, 2026

School Information



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Dates to Remember



Reminder: The children are invited to dress up for World Book Day on **Friday the 6th of March** as a favourite character from a book.

Confirmation: Thursday 5th of March

School Closed: Monday 16th of March

St. Patrick's Day: Tuesday 17th of March

First Confession: Thursday 12th of March at 11:15am (if you are taking your child home after the ceremony please let teachers know on Aladdin in advance) -

Easter Holidays: Closing Friday 27th of March at 12pm

School Tour Dates

Junior Infants - Wednesday 10th June, Turoe Pet Farm

Senior Infants - Friday 19th June, Turoe Pet Farm

First Class - Thursday 11th June, Glendeer Pet Farm

Second Class - Thursday 18th June, Lets Go NUIG

Third Class - Thursday 4th June, Wildlands

Fourth Class - Wednesday 3rd June, Bay Sports, Athlone

Fifth Class - Wednesday 17th June, UL

Sixth Class - Tuesday 9th June, Bay Sports, Athlone



Confirmation



Congratulations to our sixth class who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. We hope it's a very special occasion for our pupils and their families.

We extend our sincere thanks to all of the 6th class teachers for their dedication and commitment in preparing the pupils for this special day.

Thank you to all our 5th class pupils who are singing in the choir for the ceremony. They have worked hard over the last few weeks in order to make this a very special occasion for their sixth class peers.

Again a special thanks to Ms Mc Sweeny and Ms Devlin for preparing the music for this occasion.

We appreciate the extra 'ask' on our 5th class pupils this year as they sing again for the second 3pm ceremony. We know that it puts extra pressure on households as you navigate the daily family schedules. We do very much appreciate you facilitating your child's participation.

Once the ceremony at 3 pm has finished (4pm - 4 30) the pupils will be walked back to campus 2 - where they can be collected or walk home as they usually do.

Feile Scoil Dramaíochta na Gaillimhe

Comhghairdeas – Feile Scoil Dramaíochta

Congratulations to Ms O Driscoll's Sixth Class on winning their category at the Irish drama competition in Inverin last week with their outstanding performance of 'Aladdin'.

The students were superb on stage, demonstrating exceptional talent and commitment. Their dedication over recent weeks, in learning lines, choreography and stage craft was evident throughout.

Special recognition to class teacher Ms O Driscoll supported by Ms Emer Burke for their wonderful guidance and support. The children will remember this experience forever, and teachers deserve immense gratitude for giving them this truly valuable opportunity.

The prize, nomination is not the goal of the Féile, participation and the pleasure the children get from it is the most important aspect of all.
Of course, we are immensely proud of this achievement and wish the class every success as they progress to the next stage of this Scoil competition. Ádh mór!



Debating

Well done to our debating team who represented the school so confidently with their motion "That Smartphones ownership should be banned for children under12"
They did a fantastic job proposing the motion and will hear in the coming weeks if they proceed to the semi finals.



Hot Schools Meal

Bradbury & Connolly, the providers of the hot schools meals are currently carrying out a short parent/ guardian survey to gather feedback on the children's satisfaction and to help guide our continued growth and development. Please [click here](#) to complete survey.



6th class CAT4 Test



A reminder to all 6th class parents that the CAT4 test for entry into Calas Sanctus will take place next Monday the 9th of March and Thursday the 12th of March.

Students who have been offered a place will take the Cat 4 test on Scoil Íosa's premises during school hours. Students are requested to bring in plug in headphones for a device. Apparently these can be purchased in shops like Pennys etc.

There is no preparation required for this test and it should not be a source of worry for any child.

Feis

The Feis will take place this Sunday, March 8th at Calas Sanctus College. The timetable is attached below with details on the specific times and room numbers for each event.

Please note, as it is a community event the children are not required to wear their school uniform. Parents will stay with the child/children for their performance. The adjudicator will call each participant to the stage, where the children will introduce themselves and perform their piece.



As we gear up for a weekend filled with talent, tradition, and celebration, we want to wish the very best of luck to all our students taking part in the Feis!

Their dedication to Irish music, filíocht, and culture is truly inspiring, and we know they will make us all proud.



Feis Timetable 2026.pdf

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St. Patrick's Day Preparations

Excitement is building around the school as we hear the rhythmic drumbeats and uplifting tunes of Scoil Íosa band preparing for St. Patrick's Day! The school is alive with the energy and joy of traditional Irish music, and it's truly wonderful to see our students embrace this rich cultural tradition as we lead into Seachtain na Gaeilge next week. Thank you for supporting and encouraging them as they pass on the spirit of Irish music and heritage. We look forward to celebrating together and share the magic of St. Patrick's Day with you all!



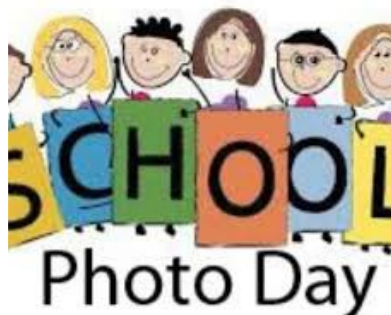
Credit Union Quiz

Best of luck to Éabha Hickey, Zoe Ruane, Ciarán Cawley, Senan Alvarez O'Donoghue who represent the school in round 2 of the Credit Union Table Quiz on Sunday.



School Photographer

Photographer will be returning to Scoil Íosa on Tuesday 10th March, 2026 to take photos of students that were absent when they was previously here on 28th January, 2026.



Under 6 Hurling

Please see attached flier for the Oranmore Maree Boys Under 6 Hurling starting on Sunday the 22nd of March.



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Book Tasting



Many classes have enjoyed a Book Tasting event this week, as part of Scoil Íosa's World Book Week. Book Tasting provides a lovely opportunity for children to browse through texts of all genres, read samples of texts and find a book they love. Please see pictures attached.



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