

A thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

I trust everyone had a lovely Easter break. A few updates from Scoil Bhríde:

School Calendar for 2026/2027

First day of school: Wednesday 26th August 2026

October Mid-Term Break: Closing Friday, 23rd October – Reopening Monday, 2nd November 2026

Christmas Holidays: Closing on Tuesday, 22nd December 2026 - Reopening: Wednesday, 6th January 2027

Spring Bank Holiday: Closed on Monday, 1st February 2027

February Mid-term Break: Closed Thursday 18th February and Friday 19th February 2027

St. Patrick's Day: Closed Wednesday, 17th March 2027

Easter Holidays: Closing on Friday, 19th March 2027 - Reopening: Monday 5th April 2027

May Bank Holiday: Closed Monday, 3rd May 2027

June Bank Holiday: Closed Monday, 7th June 2027

Summer Holidays: Closing Friday, 18th June 2027

This calendar is subject to change as part of contingency arrangements to make up for time lost due to unforeseen circumstances/curriculum training days.

Sciath Na Scol

Well done to both our Sciath na Scol hurling and camogie teams who have each qualified for their respective semi finals! Details of those games will be finalised this week. Beir bua a pháistí!

Junior Entrepreneur Showcase

A message from 5th Class:

Last week 5th class hosted their showcase day for the Junior Entrepreneur Programme (JEP) in the Hall on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. JEP is a nationwide programme for 5th and 6th class who work to create their own mini-business. Our big idea was 'Blooming Bookmarks' which is a biodegradable bookmark made from wildflower seed paper. Every time you finish a book you can plant your bookmark in the soil and have a wildflower to represent each book you have completed. We want to encourage people to read and get people interested in gardening.

We want to thank everyone who purchased bookmarks last week and supported our showcase day. It was a resounding success! We will be making a donation to Marymount with a portion of the funds we raised from the showcase day. We hope to have all the bookmarks that were pre-ordered ready in the next couple of weeks. We will let you know when we have your bookmark ready. There will be bookmarks available to purchase in Spar and Dooleys in the coming weeks also. Thanks again to everyone who supported the showcase day!

Child Safeguarding Statement Annual Review

The Board of Management has adopted the updated *Child Protection Procedures (2025)*. As part of this process, the annual review of our *Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment* requires us to survey the school community on child safeguarding matters. The link to the parent survey is here and can be completed by Friday 1st May: <https://forms.gle/v6uH513bSoGXtvzz9>

Tracksuit Order for next year

Thank you to all the parents who have already ordered their children's tracksuits for next school year. As of this morning, more than half of students have no tracksuit order, yet. If you have not had the chance to do so, please complete the order form before Friday, April 24th. Even though we always order some spares it is impossible to gauge what sizes are needed. If you don't need any tracksuits for next school year, please tick the appropriate box on this form <https://forms.gle/VTzG8tE32cJ1HNVZA> Payment links for these tracksuits will be open in June.

Dates for your diary

Tracksuit Order Closing Date	Friday, 24th April
May Bank Holiday	School closed Monday, 4th May
First Holy Communion	Saturday, 9th May @ 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church
Confirmation	Thursday, 14th May @ 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church
Cork Primary School Sports in MTU	Thursday, 28th May
School Closure - Curriculum Training	Tuesday, 2nd June

Board of Management Agreed Report

- The school calendar for 2026/2027 was approved.
- The Board formally adopted the updated *Child Protection Procedures 2025*.
- The Board approved the annual review of the Bí Cineálta procedures.
- The Board acknowledged the successful rollout of the hot school meals scheme in Scoil Bhríde.

Mise le meas,
Rory Gibbons