

## 2. Nuachtlitir

17/09/2025

A Thuismitheoirí, a chairde,

### Enrolments

I would encourage anyone who is aware of any family looking to start a child in primary school to encourage them to contact us in the office. We are just below the automatic retention figure needed to retain the 18th mainstream teacher post. If we reach this figure (432) on September 30th we will not need to engage in an appeals process. Children who would not be joining until later in the year can also be included.

### Additional School Closure Dates

We have been notified of the following school closure dates this year:

- Friday 24th October - School to be used as a polling station for the Presidential Election
- Wednesday 19th November - New Child Protection Procedures training for all school staff
- Monday 9th March 2026 - Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 1
- Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - Primary Curriculum Framework Training Day 2

### School Photographer

A school photographer (Memory Lane) will come to the school Thursday, 2nd October 2025. We will take photographs of children in **Junior Infants and 6th Class**, individually, with their siblings and class groups. Parents will get sample photographs to view but there is no obligation to purchase photographs. Please ensure that your child/children is/are wearing full school tracksuit on Thursday, 2nd October 2025; **no shorts that day please for photo.**

If parents of children from other classes wish to have photographs taken please contact Anke on [secretary@sbrathcormac.ie](mailto:secretary@sbrathcormac.ie)

Please complete permission on Aladdin Connect.

### Swimming Lessons

The timetable until December is as follows:

Term	Class	Teacher			Start Date	End Date
1	5th class	Ms O'Connor	Tuesday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	16/09/2025	21/10/2025
	2nd class	Ms Noonan	Tuesday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	16/09/2025	21/10/2025
	3rd class	Mr J O'Sullivan	Tuesday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	16/09/2025	21/10/2025
2	6th class	Mr D O'Sullivan	Tuesday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	04/11/2025	09/12/2025
	3rd class	Ms Hynes	Tuesday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	04/11/2025	09/12/2025
3	6th class	Ms Hogan	Thursday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	06/11/2025	11/12/2025
	2nd class	Mr Coffey	Thursday	12 noon - 12.40 p.m.	06/11/2025	11/12/2025

**This timetable is subject to change.**

Children will need to be able to dress and undress independently as teachers and Garda vetted parent volunteers are present only in a supervisory role and cannot dress or undress children.

**Please note that only parents who are Garda vetted through Scoil Bhríde are allowed to enter the changing areas. Please contact Anke for Garda vetting forms.**

Swimming lessons are compulsory as they are part of the PE curriculum.

### **First Holy Communion**

The date for First Holy Communion is Saturday, 9th May 2026 at 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church.

### **Hot School Lunches**

We have published the tender for a hot lunch supplier and that process will take 10-12 weeks at least. We are targeting January as a rollout for hot lunches in Scoil Bhríde.

### **Lego Club**

Our Lego Club started up this week, run by Bricks4 Kidz, and was enjoyed by all who attended. Lego Club takes place each Monday from 3-4:30pm. More information and registration can be found here: [https://ie1.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1485145&selected\\_schedule=3276279](https://ie1.bricks4kidznow.com/profile.php?id=1485145&selected_schedule=3276279)

### **Permissions for Acceptable Use Policy**

Thank you to everyone who already completed the 9 AUP's on Aladdin. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, please complete it before the weekend. You can view the policy on <http://www.sbrathcormac.ie/policies.html> If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

### **Rathcormac Autumn Show**

The Rathcormac Autumn Show show takes place on Sunday, September 21st in the Community Hall. Any artwork or photos in the children's section can be entered into the Autumn show on Friday, 19th September in Scoil Bhríde.

**Please label THE BACK of the entry and put it with an entry form and the fee in an envelope.**

All entries and fees will be collected on Friday, 19th September at 12 noon by the organisers.

### **Credit Union Art Competition**

Synergy Credit Union is delighted to announce the launch of the **2025 Credit Union Art Competition**, one of Ireland's longest-running and most inclusive art initiatives. This year's theme is: **"The Future is..."**

The competition encourages children to explore their creativity and imagination through drawing or painting, with entries judged on originality, creativity, and interpretation of the theme.

The competition categories are:

- 7 years and under
- 8–10 years inclusive
- 11–13 years inclusive
- 14–17 years inclusive
- Additional Needs Category (all age groups)



**Closing date for entries at Credit Union level is Friday, 17th October 2025.**

**Important entry requirements:**

- All entries must be A3 or A2 in size
- Entries must be landscape orientation (portrait entries cannot be accepted)
- A fully completed entry form must be securely attached to the back of each entry

Winning entries at local level will go forward to the Chapter and National stages, with opportunities for prizes and for artwork to feature in the annual Credit Union Calendar.

All details, rules, and entry forms can be downloaded here:

- [Procedures and Rules Manual](#)
- [Entry Form – Printable](#)
- [Entry Form – Fillable Online & Printable](#)

**Bí Cineálta Policy**

Our updated *Bí Cineálta Policy* is now available on the school website. This links to the national *Bí Cineálta Procedures* which is the new term for anti-bullying policy and procedures in schools.

**Students' Lunch (Spoons/Forks)**

If children have an item in their lunch which requires the use of a spoon or a fork we would greatly appreciate it if these items of cutlery are also packed. We are unable to provide spoons or forks from the staff room as they tend not to be returned/replaced.

**Comhghairdeas**

- On Friday, 12th of September we entered two teams into the St. Colman's and Loreto blitz in Fermoy. It was a great day out for all the students who attended and they all played exceptionally well. They represented their school with pride and each team gave their best.
- Our Sciath na Scol football campaign kicked off this week with a match against Dungourney. Our boys had a great win whilst our girls did very well on their first day out. Best of luck to both teams for the rest of the competition!

**Maith sibh a pháistí!**

## Dates for your diary

Sunday, 21st September	Rathcormac Autumn Show (flyer attached)
Monday, 22nd September @ 8 p.m. in Scoil Bhríde	Parents' Association AGM
Thursday, 2nd October	School Photographer for Junior Infants and 6th class and their siblings

### Board of Management Meeting 16/09/2025

The agreed report for parents and staff is as follows:

- The Board welcomed all staff and pupils back to school and wished them well for the new school year.
- New *Child Protection Procedures (2025)* were ratified by the Board. Full staff to receive training in November.
- *Bí Cineálta Policy (Anti-Bullying)* ratified by the Board. This links to the national *Bí Cineálta Procedures* and *Cineáltas* strategy.
- The tender for our Hot School Meals has been published on the eTenders platform. The closing date is the 9th of October. Target date for rollout is January 2026.
- Solar panels to be installed in September by Solar Volt.
- We are waiting on Cork County Council to grant a Fire Safety Certificate for the extension design. Once this is issued we will await Dept. sanction to proceed to Stage 2b (tender for building contractor).
- The Board thanked and acknowledged the work of the outgoing officers of the PA and wished new officers well when they take up their roles.

Le gach dea ghuí,  
Rory Gibbons.