

3. Nuachtlitir

07-10-2025

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School Closure: Presidential Election / Mid-Term Break: Closing Thursday, October 23rd at 3 p.m. - Reopening on Monday, November 3rd

Halloween Dress-Up

We will have a fun day on Thursday, October 23rd. Children are invited to dress up in their favourite costume (Halloween, favourite character from book or movie). There is no need to buy anything special, just be creative with whatever you have. Children may bring in some treats for themselves on the day. No nuts please! We would also ask that children do not wear inflatable costumes (like the dinosaur ones) as these are a safety hazard.

Wellbeing in Scoil Bhríde

Throughout September, our students explored the themes of Myself, Growth Mindset, and My Wellbeing. Visit the school website to see some of the wonderful activities they took part in.

We are excited to continue our whole-school wellbeing initiative, Mindful Mondays, throughout October, with a focus on the Five Ways to Wellbeing — Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give.

Take Time for Yourself Thursdays will also continue. The students will have no written homework on Thursdays and are encouraged to take part in a wellbeing activity instead. You can find lots of wellbeing ideas in the School Life section of our website.

New Parents' Association Committee

Chairperson	Gillian Kelly
Vice Chairperson	Natilee McEwan
Treasurer	John Daly
Vice Treasurer	Louise Kelleher
Secretary	Amy Kiernan
Vice Secretary	Allie Hauge

Thank you to the new committee members and to the PA as a whole for your continued support of school life in Scoil Bhríde.

Bride Rovers in the County Final!

All in Scoil Bhríde were thrilled to see Bride Rovers qualify for the upcoming Senior A Hurling County Final. So many past pupils are involved on the pitch and on the sidelines and we will all be cheering them on against Castlelyons on Saturday 18th October in Páirc uí Chaoimh. As the whole of Rathcormac and Bartlemy prepare for the final, we too will play our part, and we will be adding plenty of Bride Rovers' colours to the school environment over the next few days. We will also have a 'Bride Rovers Day' on Friday 17th October where children can wear Bride Rovers colours to school (green, white and yellow).

Advanced notice: Parent-Teacher Meetings

In-person Parent-Teacher Meetings for all classes will take place on Tuesday, November 25th (3 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.) and Thursday November 27th (3 p.m. - 5 p.m.). More details after mid-term.

Book Fair

 **Wednesday, October 15th to Friday, October 17th**

Each class will be assigned a time to attend the Book Fair during the school day, which will be communicated **TOMORROW**. You are more than welcome to join your child during their visit to browse and purchase books.

We are also hosting an evening session on:

 **Thursday, October 16th from 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

We encourage you to come along with your child for a fun and relaxed book-browsing experience.

To **explore the full range of books** that will be available at the fair, please visit:

 <https://bookfairs.scholastic.ie/bookcases>

Every purchase helps our school earn free books - **60% of all sales will be awarded back to the school for our classroom libraries.**

We look forward to welcoming you to the Book Fair and thank you for your continued support.

HSE National School Nasal Flu Vaccine Campaign - 2025/2026

Walsh's pharmacy will be providing the HSE National Flu Vaccination Service in Scoil Bhríde, on Monday the 20th of October, during school time. The vaccine that your child is being offered by the HSE is called Fluenz. For those wishing to book this optional service, please book your child/ren's slot/s on <https://mikewalshpharmacy.com/pharmacy-services/vaccination-services/>

Late Arrival

We would like to remind parents they must use the sign in book at reception when students arrive late to school.

Parking at collection times

No parking inside the school gates at any time except for parents dropping/collecting children with a physical/movement disability.

For safety reasons no cars will be allowed inside school grounds or on the roadway outside the school grounds from 2.45 p.m. - 3.05 p.m. We would appreciate it if parents can also pass this information onto childminders and grandparents who may collect students.

Please do not park in the bus parking bay.

Parking is available in the community field at home time. Children may be collected at the back gate.

Dates for Communion/Confirmation

First Holy Communion	Saturday, 9th May 2026 at 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church
Confirmation	Thursday, 14th May 2026 at 11 a.m. in Rathcormac Church

Credit Union Art Competition

Closing date for the Credit Union Art Competition is October 17th. You can return artwork with the entry form attached to the back to the office by October 16th.

Enrolments for Junior Infants 2026-2027

We have published our admission notice for Junior Infants 2026 on our website

<http://www.sbrathcormac.ie/admissions--enrolment.html>

Key dates are:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	24/10/2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	21/11/2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	28/11/2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	12/12/2025

Comhghairdeas

- Congratulations and well done to all the boys and girls who participated in the East Cork Cross Country Competition recently.
- Well done also to the Sciath Na Scol teams and their teachers for their participation in Sciath Na Scol Football.
- Well done to Max (Rang 2) and Elsie (Senior Infants) who won the 96FM Convoy to Class competition!
- Well done to all the children who participated in the Rathcormac Autumn show.
- Congratulations to the boys and girls from Rang 3 to Rang 6 who were recently elected to the new Student Council for 2025/2026

Maith sibh a pháistí!

Message from River Celtic Soccer Club

The new soccer club is inviting girls born between 2014 and 2020 to join their club; see flyer attached.

Message from Scouts Rathcormac

Everyone is invited to dress up and attend our Family Halloween Movie Night Fundraiser in Fermoy Community Centre on Friday the 17th October. See the attached poster in relation to the Movie Night , open to all ages. Tickets can be purchased via Revolut or from any Leader.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Movie Night.

Please purchase tickets for the Rathcormac Scout Group Halloween Movie Night on Revolut by the following link, and state your name and number of adult/child tickets you would like.

Thank you for supporting our Scout Group.

https://revolut.me/rath_scout

Dates for your diary

Wednesday, 15th Oct 2025	Gaelscoil de Híde Table Quiz for classes 3rd & 4th and 5th & 6th
Wednesday, 22nd Oct 2025	Castletownroche NS Table Quiz for classes 4th, 5th & 6th
Thursday, 13th Nov 2025	Castlelyons NS Table Quiz 4th, 5th & 6th

Please see attached flyers for more information.

Secondary Schools Open Night (5th & 6th Class)

St. Colman's College Open Night	Thursday, 9th October 2025 @ 5.30 p.m.
Loreto Open Night	Thursday, 16th October 2025 @ 5.30 p.m.
Coláiste an Chraoibhín Open Night	Monday, 20th October 2025 @ 6 p.m

Mise le meas,
Rory Gibbons.