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4th June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you all very much for supporting our fantastic Bake Sale which is one of the highlights on our school calendar each year. The 5th and 6th class children did an amazing job of organising and running the event. This year a total of €1,062.20 was raised. Money raised will go towards covering the following; trip to the Dáil (5th/6th), outlay spent on our garden this spring/summer, and dance lessons with Chloe Brady this Thursday.

Fourteen solar panels were fitted on our general purpose hall on May 22nd.. Associated electrical works were carried out on May 26th. In total the Department of Education funded €7,000 to cover works completed.

Our new Bí Cinéalta Policy (Anti-Bullying) was ratified at our Board of Management meeting on Wednesday 28th May. The Bí Cinéalta Policy will be effective from the start of the next school year. The risk assessment document as part of our child safeguarding statement was also reviewed. Discussions about how to improve our current car parking arrangements are ongoing.

Our open evening for our new Junior Infant parents is this Thursday at 6pm. Our new Junior Infants will have a chance to meet their teacher and classmates on Wednesday 18th June.

Active Schools Week will take place next week. The following is confirmed thus far for next week; Gymnastics with Damien, FAI futsal on the yard with Aisling Conway, half day in Mels sports complex as well as lots of in house games and events.

School Tours will take place on 13th June, Athlone Sports Arena - Let's Go! Summer Schools Ltd. (3rd to 6th Class) and on 16th June, The Mall, Longford - Just 4 Fun Kids Camp Ltd (Infants to 2nd Class).

On June 17th Fifth and Sixth Class children will be visiting the Dáil to meet with local senator Pauric Brady and TD Michael Carrigy. Please note there will be an earlier departure time of 8:15am. Further information on this trip will be communicated on Aladdin.

As another school year draws to a close, we congratulate our wonderful Sixth Class students as they end their journey with us in St.Patrick's. We will celebrate them at their graduation mass on Friday 20th June. We invite all their parents/guardians & families to join us.

School Report Cards will be released on Aladdin next Monday. Information on standardized test results can be found on the following link
https://ncca.ie/media/1400/english_tip_sheet_sten.pdf

Class allocations for the 2025/2026 academic year are as follows:

Junior, Senior and First Class - Mrs. Kenny

Second, Third and half of Fourth - Ms.Mulligan

Half of Fourth, Fifth and Sixth - Mr.Beirne.

Special Education Teacher - Mr.McIntyre

Principal Cluster position - Mrs. McGuinness.

Shared Special Education Teacher (3 days per week. Teacher to be confirmed)

Please note, I will be contacting parents/guardians of all next year's fourth class students to discuss the above arrangements

On behalf of the Staff at St.Patrick's N.S., I wish to thank you all for your continued support. I hope you and your families have a really lovely Summer.

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Dates for your Diary:

School Tours

Senior Tour (Friday, 13th June)

Junior Tour (Monday, 16th June)

Trip to the Dáil

Tuesday 17th June

Parents Association end of year raffle

Thursday, 19th June

Graduation Mass

Friday 20th June at 10am

School Holidays

School Closes at 12pm on Friday 20th June