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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A belated Happy New Year to you and your families. Wishing you all the very best for the year ahead.

Thank you to all for your help, support and attendance at our Christmas Shows. Links for our three fabulous Christmas plays can be found here. Thank you to Mrs. Kenny for organising.

Infants/First Class

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/117W72UFq3VQgTTpOFpluJVRrl3oOzr-T/view?usp=sharing>

Second/Third

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zxAC5NlnmK-nvbZiQruLjr0WX-BNN_I6/view?usp=sharing

Fourth/Fifth/Sixth

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17uyeKBwfR2gP62tx6aOHQby-K2kGI-MG/view?usp=sharing>

Our new term is already off to a busy start with Swimming lessons beginning this week for 3rd to 6th class students. The lessons will continue every Wednesday for a further five weeks. If you have not paid online or are having problems with the link, the money can be dropped into the office.

Music Generation returns next Tuesday, 13th January. We are still waiting on a date for our Cycle Right Programme for 5th & 6th classes. As soon as we have any further information we will post on Aladdin. French Lessons continue after school every Wednesday evening for children from 2nd to 6th class. Please contact the school if you would like your child to attend.

Ballinamuck Aftercare CLG are holding their Monster Draw on Saturday 17th January. Tickets can be obtained through the afterschool service or from the school office.

We are having a clothes collection on Tuesday, 20th January. If you are doing any clearouts after the holidays please drop clothes to our school hall as this is a very important fundraiser towards school events.

Just a quick reminder, please ensure that your child brings their own cutlery (spoon/fork) for the hot lunch each day. Your cooperation on this matter is greatly appreciated.

Following a recent AGM, the Parents Association committee has been finalised. Committee members are set out below.

Chairperson	Aisling McLoughlin
Secretary	Aisling Donnelly
Treasurer	Jessica O'Sullivan
Junior & Senior Class Rep	Mark Duffy
1st & 2nd Class Rep	Yvonne Donaghy
3rd & 4th Class Rep	Orla O'Hara
5th & 6th Class Rep	Jessica O'Sullivan

The Parents Association and School extend our sincere thanks to outgoing members Teresa Mc Nally & Olive Donnelly who left us at the end of the last school year. They were valued members for many years. The Parents Association's are having their yearly church gate collection in the parish this weekend

Following our successful Maths Inspection, in late October, the Department of Education's published report is available to view at the following link
<https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/school-inspection-reports/st-patricks-ballinamuck-co-longford-longford-3/>

On behalf of the staff, I want to thank you for your continued support and cooperation during the past year and look forward to working together in 2026.

Is mise le meas,
Damien McIntyre



Dates for your Diary:

Confirmation	13th March, 3pm
First Holy Communion:	16th May 2026 at 11.00am.
School Closures:	2nd February (St. Brigid's Day Public Holiday) 19th & 20th February (Mid-Term) Monday 23rd February and Friday 15th May (Training for the New Primary Curriculum)

