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Dear Parents/Guardians,

A huge thank you to our local community who came out in great numbers on Saturday to mark the official opening of Ballinamuck Aftercare. A great day was had by all. Well done to the committee for organising a very successful event.

Our Child Protection Policy and our Bí Cinéalta Policy are currently under review. We are asking for your help with the review process by completing Google Form Questionnaires which will be sent out shortly. An update on the Car Park is that we have been approved planning permission to redesign the current layout. We have also submitted an application under the Community Involvement Scheme.

On 26th February, children from 2nd to 6th class will be going on a field trip to Edenmore Bog as part of Green Schools.

On 5th March, children in 4th and 5th class will be attending Drumlish Library as part of World Book Day. Also on March 5th, children in 6th class will be on retreat to Longford Cathedral. More information will be posted on Aladdin closer to the time!

We will be holding an intergenerational day on Thursday 12th March at 1:15pm. Grandparents and parents are invited to attend. Each class will perform one or two activities. It promises to be a fun afternoon.

The Longford Microsoft Dreamspace Event will take place on Tuesday 24th March.

Mass Server Applications now open 2026/2027- We invite any students from 3rd to 6th class interested in becoming a Mass server to apply. This is a wonderful way to be involved in our church community. Interested students may pick up an application form from Fiona in the school office.

The qualifiers for FAI Schools Primary 5s will take place on 4th March in Longford Rugby Club. Scór will take place on 5th March in Killoe National School. Dates for the Cumann na mBunscol Championship fixtures are due to be confirmed next week

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:	19th & 20th February (Mid-Term) Monday 23rd February and Friday 15th May (Training for the New Primary Curriculum) 16th & 17th March St.Patrick's Weekend
Easter Holidays:	School will close at 12pm on Friday 27th March School will reopen on Monday 13th April