



**St Mary's Convent
Primary School**

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12th February 2025

**IMPORTANT
DATES**

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Parent teacher meetings for junior infant classes today and tomorrow 12/13 February

First Penance: Today- 12th Feb @ 6PM

Red & Pink Day and Bake Sale: Friday 14th Feb-classes asked to bake are Senior Inf, 2nd, 4th & 6th classes.

Springtime Assembly: Friday 14th Feb @ 11.20AM

Mid Term Break: 17th - 21st Feb

Grandparents and Godparents Day: Thursday 27th February

Mini-7's GAA: Thursday 27th February

Cór fheile festival for children's music: Wed. 5th March

World Book Day and Book Sale: 6th March

Seachtain na Gaeilge : 10-14th March

Coffee Morning for parents: 14th March

Whole school closure for Inservice-Monday, 24th March

First Holy Communion: Saturday May 24, 2025 2:00pm



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Dear Parents / Guardians,

As we move into Springtime we have a whole host of activities and special days planned between now and the mid-term break and after. It is a very busy time of year with Religious activities, sporting activities and other school and class projects in train.

This week our parents in **junior infants** get to meet their teachers and SNAS in a more formal setting in their parent teacher meetings. It is useful to have these at this stage of the year so we can get a good indicator of how the children are progressing. It always takes some time for the new children to adjust to the habits and routine of school but by now, your child should be coming into the school yard independently in the mornings and be well settled into school.

I would like to remind you all at this juncture of the importance of **school attendance**. While we understand that children get sick with cold and flu particularly during Wintertime, it is vital that your child attends school regularly. Since the pandemic we have seen attendance figures drop and we hope that with our incentives and activities we can raise the bar in this area. We are making contact with parents of children whose attendance patterns need improvement and thank you for your positive engagement on this matter.

Some parents are coming into the **school yard** in the mornings and evenings. Of course this is facilitated in the early days of term 1 to help settle children in but at this stage of the year, there should be no need unless by special arrangement. In the interest of **security** and **child protection** we would ask parents or collectors not to come around the back of the school through the end gates as we are often unsure as to the purpose of people entering this area.

Admissions 2025: This week we are also contacting parents who have applied for places in St Marys for junior infants in September 2025. Please make sure you let the school know by Friday 14th if you are availing of the place. Our **ASD and MGLD class enrolment** is now live until March 1st. You will be placed on a waitlist which we will forward to the NCSE if no places are available.

A reminder we are closed next week for the mid-term. The school will reopen on Monday 24th February.

Kind regards,

Fergal Kelly

Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Confirmation 2025

Fifty-three pupils from St Mary's received the Sacrament of Confirmation in St Patrick's Church on Friday 31st January. Pupils and teachers from St Mary's and St Michael's provided the singing and the music for the occasion. The Bishop of Meath, Most Reverend Thomas Deenihan, led the ceremony, and afterwards he joined the newly confirmed children and their families in the church yard for photos. We congratulate all the Confirmation recipients, and may the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit guide and direct them in the years ahead.

Whole School Closure for Inservice

The school will be closed for inservice on Monday 24th March. This is to facilitate training and staff in the area of Autism.

Irish Dancing

The Carney School of Dancing will be taking children from **Second, Third and Fourth** Classes for Céilí Dancing lessons in the Dr Eileen Reilly Hall beginning on Wednesday, February 12th. The cost is €5.00 in total per child for the five weeks. The children will participate in a Céilí during "**Seachtain na Gaeilge**" (**Irish Week**) on 14th March.

This is a great way to introduce the children to a rich part of our culture and a wonderful way to keep fit. We are indebted to Ann and Bobby Carney for providing these classes every year. We would appreciate if you would send in the money (€5) on Monday 10th. Children are to wear their school tracksuits on **Wednesday 12th February, Wed 26th February, Wed 5th March, Wed 12th March and Friday 14th March**. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

Safer Internet Day 2025

Safer Internet Day (SID) is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people. It was celebrated in Ireland on Tuesday 11th February and this year's national focus has been on the role of social media algorithms and influencers in the online experiences of children. Click on the following link for more information and resource materials:

<https://www.webwise.ie/prepareprotectthrive/>



SCHOOL NEWS

BOM Report 16th Jan 2025.

Maths talk is the focus of our SSE and the maths committee in the school are working on this.

Heating issues in school during colder weather were discussed and a consultant is to be approached around possible solutions.

The Patron has formally replied with approval to start the initial stages of the proposed amalgamation of St. Mary's and St. Michael's schools. A facilitator to start the process has been appointed. The facilitator will engage with the whole school community in the weeks and months ahead.

Grandparents Day.

We invite any grandparents who are available to visit the school at 9:30am to enjoy a cup of tea and a chat on Thursday 27th Feb. We will have an assembly and then grandparents can disperse to classes of their grandchildren. For those children who may not have a grandparent available, we would also welcome their godparents on the day.

Please let your child's teacher know by Monday, 24th February if their grandparents/godparents will visit the school on the Thursday. This will help us to plan for the event. Thank you.

Paired Reading

We are in the middle of **Paired Reading Month** with First, Second and Third classes, this February. Parents/guardians with children in these classes are reminded to continue reading with your child each night and don't forget to record the books read on the sheet provided.

First Aid Training

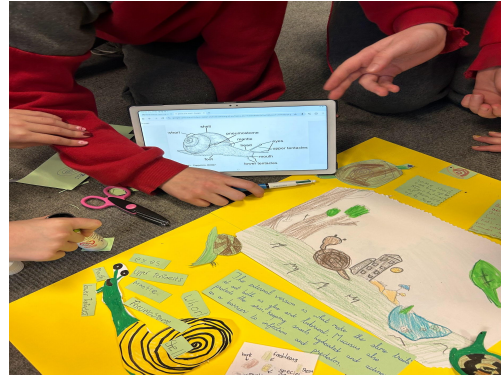
The girls from sixth class underwent Basic Life Saving Skills First Aid Training with Dave from Cohort on Thursday, February 6th. The training was kindly funded by 'The Big Heart Cycle' with friends of Stephen Leonard.

There was a particular focus on CPR. The workshop was both informative and engaging, and pupils had opportunities to listen to Dave's presentation, to ask questions and to share their own experiences with those present in the classroom. The children were particularly enthused and engaged when they got a chance to perform CPR on the mannequins and the small infant dolls provided by Dave. Every child received a personal Certificate of Participation and there was one for the school too. Thanks Dave!



GREEN NEWS

Food and Biodiversity is the green theme for the next two years. Our classes are busy putting together Biodiversity projects about native Irish species. We will have lots of experts to explain the many facts they are discovering about their species.



Room 18 working on their project on the snail

Our Lit-picking team are busy working on the yard every day. Louise and Kasey are our supervisors and are doing a stellar job! Well done to the Lit-Picker team.



The Trim Tidy Town Committee has asked us to remind parents and guardians to refrain from idling outside the school as the air has been recorded as being the most unclean in Trim due to the fumes generated by idling. (Idling is the practice of running the engine while stationary)

Remember Green is cool at home and at school!

Parents Association

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Just a reminder that our **BAKE SALE** is taking place this **Friday, 14th February**.

We are kindly asking children in **Senior Infants, 2nd Class, 4th Class, and 6th Class** to be our bakers this time.

Bakers can bring their buns straight to the school hall from 8:50 am. We'll be there to collect them.

Each bun will cost **50c** (max 4 buns per child - subject to availability).

Children can also wear **pink or red** into school on Friday.

Tips for Bakers:

Do's:

- **Buns, biscuits and bars** are recommended
- Label any **special dietary buns/ biscuits** and hand them in separately to a helper
- Cereal boxes with one side cut as a flap/lid and lined with tin foil works well for sending buns in
- If you send in containers, **please mark them clearly** with your child's name so we can return them

Don'ts:

- **No whole cakes** – they can be difficult to cut
- **No fresh cream** please
- **No nuts** – due to nut allergies in school

As always, we thank you for your continued support.

St. Mary's Parents' Association

ROBINSTOWN FC



**Robinstown Girls
Training
Wednesdays 7 - 8pm**

**All Age's
Welcome**

**Eddie: 087 - 689 4729
Eamon: 086 - 222 8246**

**Robinstown
Football Club
are currently
looking for new
players.**

**They are recruiting
girls from the
following age
groups:
2014/2013/2012/2011
/2010/2009/2008.**

**Trainings are held in
MDL on Wednesday
nights.**

WELCOME TO SPRING CAMP ACTIVITIES

MID TERM BREAK
FEB 17-21ST
MON TO FRIDAY
10AM -2PM

MUSIC & DANCE IN THE HALL,
SPORTS & GAMES IN THE ASTRO,
ARTS & CRAFTS, STEM AND MORE!

€80 PER CHILD
70€ PER
EXTRA CHILD



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0862242517 FOR MORE INFO



TRIM LIBRARY JUNIOR BOOK CLUBS

**Looking for new
Members**

Ages 8-12

Monthly meetings

on Wednesdays

3.30pm-4.15pm

For more info, call the library!

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STEM CLUB

"Work with others to tackle real-world challenges, solve problems, and explore STEM through hands-on projects and teamwork-driven learning!"

Thursdays 2:50–3:50
27/2/25 to 10/4/25
€45 for 7 sessions
or €8 per session

Please fill out information on the back of the flyer or scan the QR code!

Places are limited so book early!



Please contact Mr. Casey on 0862242517 if you have any further queries!