



**St Mary's Convent
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Subject: Invitation to Parent Consultation Meeting on School Amalgamation

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you well. We are writing to invite you to an important meeting regarding the future of St. Michael's and St. Mary's schools. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best educational opportunities for our pupils, we are considering a proposal to amalgamate our two schools. To ensure transparency and to give parents and guardians a chance to voice their thoughts, we invite you to attend a Parent Consultation Meeting where we will discuss the proposed amalgamation and its implications. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share feedback, and collaborate on solutions that best serve our pupils and families. To support this process, we have engaged an independent facilitator, Elizabeth Sheridan, who will lead the meeting, encourage discussion, and gather community feedback.

Please join us:

Date: Thursday 13th March

Time: 7:30pm

Location: St. Mary's Convent NS

It is important to emphasize that no decision to amalgamate has been made at this point. This is a consultation process and amalgamation will only be considered if there is strong support from the school communities. Your input is invaluable, and we encourage all families to attend and have their voices heard.

We look forward to your participation in this important discussion. To get an idea of numbers, there will be a poll sent out on aladdin connect. Please fill this in so that we can plan for this event

Sincerely,

Peter Higgins

Chairperson Board of Management

Fergal Kelly

Principal

Board secretary

SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT DATES IN MARCH / APRIL

Cór fheile festival for children's music

Wednesday, 5th March

World Book Dress up Day and Used Book Sale

Thursday, 6th March

Seachtain na Gaeilge 10-14th March 2025

Coffee Morning for parents Friday, 14th March

Whole school closure for In-service training

Monday, 24th March

3rd April for New Maths Curriculum

Preparation Mass for First Holy Communion

Sunday, 30th March at 11am

World Book Day 2025

World Book Day takes place next **Thursday, March 6th**. To celebrate this special day pupils and staff are invited to dress up as book characters of their choice. There is no charge for this. There will also be a **Used Book Sale** that day.

Paired Reading

Paired Reading Month for First, Second and Third classes has concluded. We thank all the children who participated in this reading challenge and to all the parents/guardians who supported them. We encourage all children to continue reading with their parents.



Credit Union Quiz

Two teams travelled to Drogheda for the annual Credit Union Quiz. The girls scored very well against some very tough opposition. The questions were very hard....would you know what the chemical symbol Hg stands for? Or what part of the body is called the mandible? Or what country had the currency Escudo before the euro was introduced.....Well they did!! well done Emily, Alexandria, Sharika and Gabby on the U11 team and Saoirse, Sophie, Lucy and Megan on the U13 team!

BTW. Mercury, The jaw and Portugal are the answers.



SCHOOL NEWS

Homework Club

Homework club will run from Mon 24th-Feb-Thurs 10th April. It's for children in 2nd-6th class from 2.50-3.50, or until 4.00 if waiting on a brother in St. Michaels. If attending please return forms and payment in the first week. Forms are available from the office and Ms Carr.

Work of the Week

The children's work of the week is displayed in the front foyer and we have purchased frames to make a presentation that shows the various work of the pupils in all the classes. Parents are welcome to view the presentation at any time particularly if your child's work is displayed. We will change the presentation to new creations next week.

Safety Day



Safety Day was held last Friday Feb. 28th in our school. Our focus was on road safety. Different classes learned about the Safe Cross Code and cycling safety, They also completed the Seatbelt Sheriff programme and the HLo Silver programme.

Camogie

Camogie training happens every Tuesday after school and ends at 3:50pm



Mini-7s

Well done to our mini 7s football team who had a great win in the primary schools competition last week. The girls had wins over boardsmill, Kildalkey and Ballivor and drew with the gaelscoil meaning they topped the group. They will now represent the region in the next round. Best of luck as they progress through this competition.



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 started on Wednesday, February 12th and is continuing. 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 **Wednesdays 5th March and 12th March and Friday 14th March**. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

SCHOOL NEWS

Grandparents/Godparents Day.

We held a very successful grandparents and godparents day last Thursday the 27th February. It was great to see so many people come to the school to see the environment where your grandchildren and god children spend time and of course meet the staff and teachers. Ms. Carr and Mr Savage hosted a lovely assembly and then our visitors retired to their individual classes where they engaged in a variety of activities. It was lovely to hear their stories and to meet them as they visited the various areas of the school. Thank you to the parents association who provided refreshments on the day. It was certainly like the loaves and fishes scenario as we didn't run out of buns and cakes even with such a large crowd. We may have to make this special day an all ticket event in future!



School Sensory Garden

We are really looking forward to our sensory garden being in full bloom over the coming weeks. Thanks to the parents who helped out over the weekend with the works involved. We are trying to create as many different textures as possible in the garden so that the children get maximum benefit. A sensory garden with a variety of textures provides numerous benefits for children with autism. Different surfaces, such as soft grass, smooth stones, rough bark, and squishy sand, offer rich tactile experiences that help children explore and process sensory input in a safe and enjoyable way.

Exploring different textures also improves fine and gross motor skills, as children touch, squeeze, and walk on various surfaces. Additionally, engaging with textures encourages curiosity, focus, and confidence, helping children become more comfortable with new sensations in everyday life.

By creating a well-designed sensory garden, children with autism can develop sensory tolerance, reduce anxiety, and experience joy through nature-based play. This is a very significant area in our school and please ask to visit if you are in the school.

LENTEN SEASON NEWS

Lent is a time for reflection and prayer and an opportunity to think of those less fortunate. There are a number of ways we can observe Lent such as abstaining from chocolate and treats. But there are other ways to make a difference such as the Mass challenge and giving up some time to help others.

7 MASS CHALLENGE

Children are encouraged to take on the 7 MASS CHALLENGE to attend the six Sunday Masses and one other during the season of Lent. Cards are available at the Parish Office.

There will be a certificate presentation for all the children who complete the challenge. Please let the Parish Office know once challenge is completed.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday will be on **5th March 2025**.

Mass schedule for the day is as follows:

7:45am, 10:00 am, and 7:00pm

**Distribution of Ashes will be after school
at 3:00-3:30pm.**

There will be an extra weekday Masses every **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays during Lent at 7:45am**



The girls in Second class reading their Bibles.

Trim Family Resource Centre

This newsletter highlights the programmes and events that they will be running over the Spring and Summer months and that may be of interest to you or your children. The newsletter can also be found on our website at the following link: <https://trimfamilyresourcecentre.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/fixed.pdf>

GREEN NEWS

Food and Biodiversity is the Green Theme for this year.

The girls in Room 14 attended an Agri-aware zoom webinar and have been planting.

We will keep you up to date on the progress of their work.



The children in Room 17 also planted garlic before Christmas which is doing really well.



Well done girls!

Remember Green is cool at home and at school!

Parents Association

Grandparents Day

Thank you for all the parents that helped on Grandparents Day, it was a great success.

World Book Day

The Parents' Association are delighted to announce that we will be running a **Children's Used Book Sale** to coincide with **World Book Day on Thursday 6 March.**

Families are asked to donate children's books they no longer need and send them into the school. A book sale will then take place during the school day, where the children can purchase books **@ €1 per book.**

It is a fantastic opportunity to encourage students to read more and to appreciate the benefits of recycling, in line with the school's Green Flag. It is also a great way to clear out books that children are no longer reading and replenish their libraries in their appropriate age group.

Donated books will be collected from classrooms from this **Thursday, 27th February.** Students will then have the opportunity to purchase books on Thursday 6th March - World Book Day!

PA Meeting

We invite you to an important focus group meeting on **Friday 7th March @ 9.30am** regarding the future of St. Michael's and St. Mary's schools. As part of our ongoing commitment to providing the best educational opportunities for our pupils, we are considering a proposal to amalgamate our two schools. We will meet at St. Mary's school at 9:20 and walk over together to St. Michael' for the focus group meeting.

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Kind Regards

Natache Sadler

PARENTING WITH A DISABILITY

Participate in our Online Survey



Are you...

- A parent of a child under 18.
- Self reporting with one of the following:

Disability

Chronic
Illness/
Pain

Mental
Health
Condition



Our survey will investigate:

- Your experiences, challenges and needs as a parent with a disability.
- Your experience of services and support in Ireland.
- Your preferences relating to how services can be best provided.

For more information please contact:

121403196@umail.ucc.ie

Or scan the QR code →



Students in their final-year of Occupational Therapy from the University College Cork are currently undertaking their final year project, entitled "Parents with Disabilities: Understanding Needs and Service Delivery Preferences."

The aim of their research is to gain valuable insights into the experiences, needs, and preferences of parents with disabilities, chronic illnesses, or mental health difficulties in Ireland.

If you are interested in participating in the survey, please note that it is anonymous and will take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete, and can be accessed via the following link:

https://ucc.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_71JllcqdI9HtoZE.



**WE'RE
BACK!**

EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, TRIM

Dates: 14th-17th April

Times: 10am-2pm

Cost: €80 per child. Discount for siblings.

Contact : 046 943 1919 / 086 304 3462

Action Packed Fun for 4 - 12 year olds!

- Creative Easter themed arts & crafts activities
 - Wide variety of games & sports
- Baking tasty treats to eat and take home
- Fun science experiments • Face painting
 - Easter egg hunt

Children will need to bring a packed lunch & drink every day. All activities are fully supervised and insured at all times. The camp activities cater for both junior & senior age groups. Should you wish to enrol your child please complete and return application form overleaf with camp fee and return to St. Mary's Primary School, Trim.



Camp is subject to approval from BOM

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ Age: _____

Class: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Contact: _____

Please state if your child has any allergies or medical conditions:

Receipt

Date: _____

The sum of € _____ received from _____

for Easter Camp.

With thanks

St. Mary's Primary School

WOMEN IN SPORT

★ **BADMINTON**

Come and Try
DAY

Trim

BADMINTON CLUB



Thursday March 6, 2025

8:00 - 9:30PM

St. Loman's Park, Newhaggard Road,
Trim, Co. Meath C15 Y9VA

 /trimbadmintonclub

Open to females of all ages and abilities to come along and try badminton in a relaxed fun environment.
No experience needed! Just bring yourself.

Starting to Read & developing Reading

One-to-One reading / phonics for 20 mins

English or Irish
All age groups - 8 weeks

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Gaelscoil ~~Da Bóinne~~, Trim
18th March to 22nd May 2025

Choose: 3pm or 3.20pm or 3.40pm

Choose: Tue or Thu or both

€10 per day or €70 for 8 days

Teacher reads with one child & the parent is in the room also.

I use the Sounds-Write phonics system which is absolutely easy and it provides very effective help to readers at all ages - especially to children starting to acquire sounds. Link is here

[What is Sounds-Write? - Sounds-Write](#)



Message me @ 085 156 43 43

Thanks, ~~Múinteoir~~ Colette



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!

046 9436063



comhairle chontae na mí
meath county council

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!

ROBINSTOWN FC



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

**All Age's
Welcome**

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

Robinstown Football Club

Robinstown FC are looking for a small number of girls born 2014, 2015 and 2016 to make up the numbers for a completely new girls team. The coach is U18 North East Regional League Cup winning captain Sophie Brady.

We are also looking for a small number of boys aged 2015 and 2016 for a completely new u10 boys team. The coach is Leinster Junior Shield Winning Captain Eoghan O Neill .

If you have boys or girls interested send a message to Eamon at 0862228246