

St Mary's Convent Primary School

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Imlitir 13
9th April 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you once again for your support for all our activities this term.

Awareness for Autism. This time last year I wrote to you all to inform you about opening a new class for children for autism. The class started in September 2024 and caters for six children who are developing well in the class under the guidance of their teachers and SNAS.

St Mary's and our neighbours St Michael's have always been keen to serve the community in the best way possible and with 10 specialised classes between both schools, the community in Trim is very well served in the area of special education. Throughout the past year we have been developing our sensory room and sensory garden so that we can provide the best possible facilities. Thank you to Trim Credit union for their donation of €500 Euro towards our facilities recently. We hope to have a big opening day next term but for now €2 or any donation is greatly appreciated.

Easter Celebrations: This is a really important time in the church calendar and elsewhere in this Imlitir there is information on Mass times etc. **Our school holidays for Easter begin on Friday 11th April at 11.50 am. Back to school on the Monday, 28th of April.**

Bí Cineálta. This means *be kind* in our Irish language and is a new anti-bullying programme to be rolled out in all schools from September. Consultation with the school community is ongoing and the school will close for half day on Friday 2nd May so that the plan can be formulated. Thank you to all those who have contributed so far in the discussions.

Amalgamation talks. We hope that in the new term that the report will be formulated arising from all our discussions on the possible amalgamation of both schools. Such varied views and comments were informative and valuable and a lot was learned over the two week period of consultations. We will of course inform parents of any developments in the final term. Congrats to St Michael's on their STEAM Lego showcase this week.

Sr Immaculata: Last week we were saddened to hear of the death of one of our former colleagues who taught in St Mary's for over 40 years. As with all the Mercy Sisters, she contributed enormously in so many ways to shaping the school we know today. Sr Immaculata will ever be remembered for her exceptional kindness to so many people. Mac, as she was fondly known as, will also be remembered for her unique wit and the many laughs she shared with us all. Ní bheidh a leithéid arís ann! Thank you to the families and pupils who supported our guard of Honour on Saturday.

Happy Easter to all,

Fergal Kelly
Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Due to the temperatures forecast for this week, please put some sunscreen on your children and make sure that they have enough water to drink. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Wear BLUE for Autism

Awareness €2 donation

and Easter Holidays start

HALF DAY 11:50am on

Friday, 11th April

(Back to school 28th April)

Bí Cineálta Staff Consultation

HALF DAY 11:50am on

Friday, 2nd May

Junior Infants Vision and

Hearing Screening Test

Monday 12th May -

Thursday 15th May

6th Class Girls Graduation

Wednesday, 25th June

1st Class Boys Graduation

Thursday, 26th June

SPELLING BEE

Eight pupils from 5th and 6th Classes participated in the final of our in-school Spelling Bee that took place during the month of March. After many twists and turns, and some tense moments too, Saoirse, from Room 31, was crowned the Champion Speller at St Mary's for 2025. We congratulate all eight participants and we thank the enthusiastic audience that had gathered in the school library to cheer them



Saoirse Barry travelled to Wilkinstown on 4th April to represent St Mary's at the county final. We were delighted when she won 'First



PMeath Spelling Bee. As the newly crowned Meath Champion, Saoirse will now represent the Royal County at the Leinster final after Easter.

Well done Saoirse! Everyone at St Mary's wishes you all the best in the next stage of the competition!



SCHOOL NEWS

JUNIOR INFANTS VISIT THE CHURCH

Rooms 2 & 4 paid a visit to the church this morning to see the Stations of the Cross in preparation for Easter.



THE SCHOOL CHOR

The school choir performed at The Big Sing on Friday, 4th April 2025. The girls enjoyed it tremendously and performed beautifully. We would like to thank all of the girls for their dedication and enthusiasm for the choir this year. We would also like to thank our choir teacher, Ms. Austin, and Ms Hendrick and Ms Dunne for accompanying the girls the night of the Big Sing.



HOST FAMILIES FOR SPANISH STUDENTS

Rockbrook International are looking for local families to host 2 Spanish girls (10-12 years) who will be attending St Mary's, Trim after Easter.

Dates - Tuesday, 29th April to Tuesday, 24th June, 2025 for 8 weeks. The girls will have a full day plan every Saturday from 10:00am – 6:30pm.

The host families will receive €1760 for hosting a girl (plus extracurricular expenses).

Please WhatsApp Steph on 0868123475 for more info or visit website

<https://rockbrookinternational.com/host-families>

SCHOOL NEWS

5TH CLASS PROJECT ZAMBIA

The girls in Room 26 completed a project on Zambia with the assistance of Sr Claudia who has firsthand experience of living and working there. The girls learned how the people in Zambia live and deal with the local challenges and how they appreciate the small things we take for granted. They learned about the work of the Sisters of Mercy and the opportunities that Irish Aid affords the people in Zambia.

We, at St Mary's, love working with Sr Claudia and always learn so much from her. Thank you St Claudia!



ROOM 1 SENSORY GARDEN VISIT

Junior Infants from Room 1 had great fun inr sensory garden this week. They learned about their 5 senses and got to smell, taste, touch, hear and see.

They also planted sunflower seeds, beans, peas and cress.



Room 1 Sensory Garden visit



SCHOOL NEWS

1ST CLASS SOCCER TRAINING

Eoin Scott from the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) takes 1st class for soccer training. The children really enjoyed and are getting very skilful. The future of Irish soccer is looking bright!



6TH CLASS AT FAIRYHOUSE

Horse Racing Ireland invited our 6th Class pupils to a HRI Racing Juniors Education Day at Fairyhouse Racecourse on 2nd April. The aim was to educate the younger generation about horse racing and to show them what happens behind the scenes. The pupils had a chance to meet and chat with a trainer and a jockey, and some of them were lucky enough to use the simulator too. They also visited the weigh room, examined a model fence and had a chance to sit on the steps of one of the stands overlooking the racecourse. The most exciting part of the day was getting up close and personal with one of the racehorses in the glorious sunshine!



SCHOOL NEWS

ANIMALS VISIT THE SCHOOL



The pupils of St Mary's were delighted with our special visitors. Children from all classes went to visit the sheep, lambs and calves. Special thanks to Ms Carr for bringing in her calves, and to Éilis and Aisling for bringing in their sheep and lambs!



ONE FINE DAY IN TRIM...

Junior Infants were at awe when they saw a hot air balloon passing over the school yesterday,



SCHOOL NEWS

ODD SOCKS DAY FOR DOWN SYNDROME

We would like to thank everyone for their support of our Odd Sock Campaign for Downs Syndrome. We raised €263.00. All proceeds have been donated to Down Syndrome Ireland.

Down Syndrome Ireland
Down Syndrome Ireland Unit 3, Park Way House, Western Parkway Business
Park, Ballymount Drive, Dublin 12, D12HP70
accounts@downsyndrome.ie
(01) 4266500
Tax ID 4723020V



Official donation receipt

For income tax purposes

Name	Fergal Kelly Saint Mary's Primary School, Patrick Street, Trim Navan, Meath C15 WF98 Ireland
Donation amount	€263.00 EUR
Designation	where needed most
Donation date	27 Mar 2025, 14:51 GMT
Receipt number	DBNUWZMX
Date issued	27 Mar 2025, 14:51 GMT
Location issued	Down Syndrome Ireland Unit 3, Park Way House, Western Parkway Business Park, Ballymount Drive, Dublin 12, D12HP70

From all at Down Syndrome Ireland - Thank you for your donation.

IMPORTANT: Please keep a record of this receipt. This is your donation receipt for tax purposes.

TRIM CREDIT UNION

Credit Union donated €500.00 towards the Sensory Garden.



DAFFODIL DAY

We would like to thank everyone for their support during Daffodil Day. The monies collected have reached the grand sum of €1,500. All proceeds will go towards funding those saintly hospice nurses who make the last part of that arduous journey more manageable for patients and their families.



Trócaire Box Campaign

The Trócaire Box campaign finishes at Easter. We thank you for your generosity. You may drop your boxes into the Church at Mass or into the Parish office over the Easter break.



SPORTS NEWS



ROUNDERS

6th Class students have been taking part in a lunchtime Rounders league over the past few weeks. We had four teams playing against each other - Red, Green, Yellow and Blue. This week, we had our final and runners-up final. Yesterday, the Blue team took on the Yellow team in our league final. Well done to the Blue team who were the winners! We are looking forward to playing matches against other schools after the Easter holidays.



MINI 7S

Our Mini 7's team competed in the county finals in Dunganny last week. Unfortunately, it wasn't their day as they came up against some very strong opposition. They did extremely well to make it to the final four teams out of a total of eighty!

Thank you to The Stile for providing drinks and jellies for the team. These were much appreciated as the girls played three intense matches back to back!



CAMOGIE

The girls played their first camogie match against Baconstown, last week under terrible weather conditions! This not deter the girls and they came away with a great win, matches will resume after Easter



GREEN NEWS

We are fortunate to live in a beautiful town. In this glorious weather, Trim is looking splendid. Let's keep it trim and tidy. Remember to dispose of waste sensibly.

Lots of people will be eating Easter Eggs over the holidays. Remember the cardboard packaging is recyclable and should be disposed of in the correct bin. Consider all the waste of card if we didn't! Stats in 2019 claimed that over a third of the weight of an Easter egg is its packaging! Over 4.300 tons of cardboard is wasted every year from packaging.

National Bike week is happening in May. We will have a Big Cycle Event on May 16th. It is time to dust off and check the condition of your bikes so that you can start cycling again. Fourth Class will be taking lessons at school. We would encourage everyone who has a bike to consider cycling to school when the weather is fine in the last term.

Remember walking to school is also a healthy option which also benefits the environment. Our walking and cycling campaigns have been very successful in the past.

Our new Sensory Garden is looking amazing. Lots of thought has gone into its planning. It is wonderful to see classes availing of the new potting trough.

Remember Green is cool at home and at school!



Parents Association

Dear Parents/Guardians,

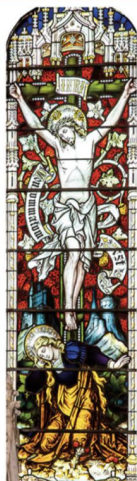
The Parents' Association will be holding a '[WEAR BLUE for Autism Awareness](#)' day this Friday 11th April.

Donations of €2 welcome on the day.

All proceeds will go towards St. Mary's new ASD classroom and sensory garden.

Warmest regards,

St. Mary's Parents' Association.



HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

IN TRIM AND BOARDSMILL

Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper Trim at 7pm
followed by Adoration until night
prayer for vocations at 10pm

Good Friday

Trim at 3pm
Outdoor Stations of the Cross
Trim at 7pm

Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil Trim at 9pm

Easter Sunday Mass

Trim: 9am, 11am & 12.30pm

Boardsmill: 10am

Confessions

Good Friday 4pm - 5pm
Holy Saturday 12 noon - 2pm

Remembering Sr Immaculata Phelan

Born in Kilcullen, Co. Kildare in 1939, Sr Immaculata began her teaching career in Trim in 1959. She taught in Berlin, New Jersey, USA (1964-1967) and returned to St Mary's Convent Primary School until her retirement in 2003. She was leader in the community from 2003 until 2018. Sr Mac loved her students and so many of them returned to enjoy her wit and recall days they spent together solving difficult maths problems. She developed great relationships with her teaching colleagues and their families, many of whom have remained lifelong friends.

2025 - 2026 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Return: Wednesday the 27th of August

October Midterm: Monday the 27th – Friday the 31st of October (1 week)

School closes on Friday the 24th of October and reopens on Monday the 3rd of November

Christmas Holidays: Saturday the 20th of Dec – Sunday the 4th of Jan (2 weeks)

School closes on Friday the 19th of Dec and re-opens on Monday the 5th of Jan 2026

St Brigids Day: Monday the 2nd of February

Feb Midterm: Thursday the 19th & Friday the 20th of Feb 2026 (2 days)

March 17th: St Patricks Day (Bank Holiday Tuesday)

Easter: Monday the 30th of March – Friday the 10th of April (2 weeks)

School closes Friday the 27th of March and reopens on Monday the 13th of April

May Bank Holiday: Monday the 4th of May 2026 – Friday 8th 2026 (1 week)

June Bank Holiday: Monday the 1st of June

School closes for summer break on Thursday the 25th of June 2026

Nath na Seachtaine: Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh (Happy Easter)

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Bíonn cluasa fada ag lucha beaga! (Little mice have big ears!)

LOST AND FOUND



If any of these items belongs to your child please collect at the office.

Otherwise, uncollected items will be donated before the Easter break.

WORK OF THE WEEK

The children's EASTER work of the week is displayed in the front foyer Parents are welcome to view the presentation at any time particularly if your child's work was chosen for the display..



Happy Easter
from
St. Mary's
Primary
School!



**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



MULTI ACTIVITY EASTER & SUMMER CAMPS

Trim – Summer Camp
Boyne Community School
28th July – 1st August 2025
9:30am – 3:30pm



**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

**VENUES
NEAR YOU**



Checkout our website: www.letsgo.ie

Autism Support - Parent Coffee Morning



Thursday 10th April 2025

10.30AM in Boyne Community School, Trim

RSVP by Text: 086 785 3216

We understand that navigating the journey of raising a child with Autism can be both challenging and rewarding. This informal gathering aims to create a warm and welcoming environment where Parents/Guardians can come together to share their stories, challenges and successes while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee.

We will be joined by **Trish Flood, Parent Information Officer from Autism Support Louth & Meath** who can advise regarding: benefits, entitlements, school application processes, respite and other topics of interest. We have also invited members of the **Trim Autism Friendly Town Committee** as well as **Brenda Bradley, Youth and Community Engagement Worker from Jigsaw**, who can discuss mental health supports.

We believe that coming together as a community can be incredibly empowering, and this event is designed to foster a sense of unity among families. Whether you are a veteran in navigating the world of Autism or just starting this journey, your presence will be valuable and contribute to a supportive and compassionate community of families who are committed to providing the best possible care and opportunities for our neurodivergent children.

Please note- this event is also open to families who do not have a child currently enrolled in Boyne Community School.

We hope you to see you there,
Best wishes,

Susan McNamara

Home School Community Liaison Coordinator Boyne CS
(086 785 3216)

Colin Royfus

Cuán Slán- Special Class Coordinator Boyne CS

