

St Mary's Convent Primary School

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School closed Friday 24th

REMINDERS

Admissions: Our admissions window for our Junior infant cohort and some of our special classes for September 2026 is currently open on our website and remains open for five weeks. This is the link: https://www.aladdin.ie/i/10893824

Halloween Bake Sale

Just a reminder that our Halloween Bake Sale will be taking place this **Thursday, 23rd October.**We are kindly asking children in **Senior Infants, 2nd Class, 4th Class, and 6th Class** to be our bakers for this bake sale.Bakers can bring their bakes straight to the school hall when they arrive at school on Thursday morning. The Parents Association will be there to collect them. Each bun will cost **50c** (max 4 buns per child - subject to availability). If any parent can help on the morning, the assistance would be much appreciated. Our parents were helping to cover books in the library recently and their help is much appreciated.

<u>Spooky Walk:</u> Our traditional spooky walk will take place on **Thursday, 23rd October** weather permitting. Children can of course dress up on the day. The parents association are also having a bun sale and there is more information on this and the P.A. activities on the following pages.

Open Day: Our open day will be held a little earlier this year on Friday, 7th November at 10:15am. We understand that creche finish up times are close to 12 so all will be finished in good time for pick up. I would be grateful if you would let any prospective parents know about this initiative. It is an opportunity for the school to showcase our resources and activities to parents in order to give the school community a snapshot of a typical day in St Mary's. Grandparents also welcome of course! This Open Day is right in the middle of our enrolment process so it will be of particular interest to those parents.

<u>SCHOOL PHOTOS</u> All school photos have been sent home, please order **ONLINE** before Monday 27th October to get free delivery to the school.

<u>SCHOOL BOOK FAIR</u> Will take place on Tue 3rd and Wed 4th November, please see timetable below for your Child's class.

<u>Coffee Morning</u>: We are hosting a coffee morning for parents of children in Junior and Senior Infants on **Thursday, 6th November at 09:45am** in the staffroom. It is also for any parents of new children from 1st-6th Class. This is a great opportunity to come into the school, meet some of the staff and the parents association and get to know each other in a social sense. We value the community in St. Mary's and we hope that you can make it. If you don't know too many people, please feel free to bring a friend with you.

<u>Halloween Break:</u> Please be reminded that the school will be closed for mid-term break from **Monday, October 27th to Friday, 31st October inclusive.** I hope everyone enjoys the break. I have been asked by the Gardai to remind parents and children of the danger of Fireworks and similar materials over this holiday period. The break will begin a little earlier than usual this year as the school is also closed on **Friday 24th October** for voting in the Presidential Election.

Book Fair in St Mary's School Hall Tuesday, 4th & Wednesday, 5th November 2025

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TIME	TUESDAY NOVEMBER 4 th	WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5 th
9.10-9.40	Rooms 23, 24 & Room 35	Room 9 First Class
9.40-10.10	Room 16 Third Class	Room 13 First Class
10.10-10.40	Room 12 First Class	Rooms 14 & 15 Second Class
11.10-11.40	Room 30 Sixth Class	Room 20 Third Class
11.40-12.10	Room 26 & 27 Fifth Class	Room 18 Fourth Class
12.50-1.20	Room 19 Fourth Class	Room 10 First Class
1.20- 2.20	Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 4 Junior Infants (accompanied by their parents/guardians)	Rooms 5, 6, 7 & 8 Senior Infants (accompanied by their parents/guardians)
2.20-2.50	Room 31 Sixth Class	Pupils with money for books from any classes
2.50-3.50	Open to the public	Open to the public

St. Mary's School Book Fair will take place in St Mary's School Hall after the mid-term break on Tuesday, 4th and Wednesday, 5th of November.

The school runs the Book Fair, in conjunction with our local bookshop, Antonia's Bookstore. Antonia kindly donates 20% of her book sales back to the school in the form of books and resources for our classrooms and our School Library.

Parents/guardians of children in Junior and Senior Infants are asked to collect their children from their classes, at their allocated times, and bring them to the Book Fair, if they wish them to attend.

Check out Antonia's website below for a preview of some of the books available.

https://antoniasbookstore.com/product-category/childrens-books/? in stock=1

Many thanks for your continued support of our School Book Fair. We really appreciate it.

Mary O'Hare-School Book Fair Coordinator

Anxiety Based School Avoidance

Tips & Tools for Parents & Carers

ISPCC is delighted to deliver a FREE webinar to parent's/carers on 'Anxiety Based School Avoidance' which takes place on Tuesday the 4th of November at 7pm.

On the evening ISPCC Digital Support Coordinator, Bree O'Neil will look at how parents can support their child.

Key take aways on the night:

- Provide a definition of the term "School Avoidance"
- Provide an understanding of why children and young people may avoid school
- Provide strategies and skills to cope with school avoidance
- Provide tips about talking to children and young peoples school
- Introduce the ISPCC's Digital Mental Health and Wellbeing Programmes

Date: Tue, Nov 04

Time: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Venue: Online event

FREE

Register Now!

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21st October 2025

Dear Parent / Guardian,

As you will be aware, we have recently launched a new app to enhance the experience for you when placing orders for your child.

We are conscious that there have been some teething issues and while we work through resolving these, we have made the decision to take the app offline for a few days to complete some essential maintenance. We feel that aligning this downtime with the midterm break is the most efficient way to complete the works with minimal disruption.

The app will go off-line from 8am tomorrow, Wednesday 22nd October.

The app will be back online by Monday 27th October at 6pm, allowing sufficient time to review and/or place orders for week commencing 3th November, prior to the weekly deadline on Thursday 30th at 2pm.

We will issue a push notification once the app is back online.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Gary

Gary McQuillan, National Account Manager

