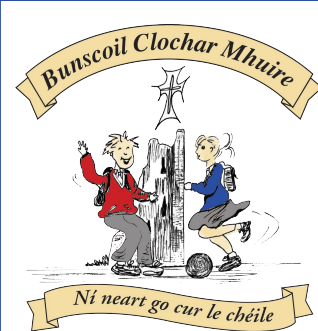




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20th November 2025

Have Your Say - The Primary School Survey

The Department of Education and Youth is asking parents and guardians as well as school staff and board of management members to Have Your Say and participate in this short and confidential online survey on your primary school. This is an important survey and is the first time that a survey of this scale is being run by the Department of Education and Youth. Click on this link to complete the survey: [Primary Survey](#). A comprehensive range of information has been made available at www.gov.ie/primaryschoolssurvey. This information will address any questions you may have about the survey.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find items that may be of interest to you in the following pages.

Events and News Thanks to all the pupils and indeed staff staff who participated in our Halloween costume day and our Spooky Walk in October. The children had a lovely day and there were lots of creative and exciting costumes on display. Thank you to the parents association who organised the Halloween bake sale on the day.

Open Day: We had a very successful open day attended by up to eighty parents. The parents were shown around the various classrooms and facilities and Ms. Williamson's class performed some lovely songs to start off the event. There was lots of positive feedback and we are nearing capacity for applications for enrolment for next September.

Enrolment: Please see next page regarding admissions arrangements for next year. Please let any interested parents know that they must contact the school during this time if they are to be certain of a place for their child in September.

Christmas Reading: Our Folens Christmas Annuals are on sale in the school at €4.00 each and they are a nice seasonal read for the children at this time of year.

Shoobox Appeal: Thanks to all who supported this appeal and there are pictures and more information on page five of this Imlitir.

Christmas Plays: Already I see some preparations underway for Christmas activities. It is hard to believe that we are at this stage of the year again. There is, I suppose a little more poignancy in the fact that this is our last Christmas as St. Mary's, where so many celebrations have happened over the years.

Photos and Social Media: Please bear in mind that during Christmas plays and concerts that photographs are usually taken, but we remind parents that they should under no circumstances upload pictures of other children, other than their own to social media.

Child Protection Policy: The Board of Management of St. Mary's has a comprehensive child protection policy in place. The Deputy Principal Ms. Nally is the designated Liaison person and Ms. O' Brien is the Deputy Designated Liaison person. Any queries relating to child protection should be directed to Ms. Nally or Ms. O' Brien and/or the Principal Mr Kelly.

Parents Council: The next meeting of the Parents Council will take place next Thursday 27th November. Thanks to all who attended our recent coffee morning. It was great to get help for the coming year. At this meeting we heard from our education welfare officers who stressed the importance of attending school.

Parent Teacher meetings: Parent Teacher meetings will be held on the evenings of Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th November. Please get in touch to book a slot if you haven't already. Junior Infant and Room 20 meetings will take place in the New Year. Alternative dates or arrangements can be made if these times are not suitable to you.

School Sport: Hard luck to our footballers who lost a close game vs Kells recently. Well done to Amy Watters who won bronze for the school in the inter schools athletics competition.

School safety: It has come to my attention that some children are being dropped off or/are entering the school grounds at a very early stage in the mornings. Some come into the grounds as early as 8.30am. There is no supervision available at this time in the school even though some staff may be on the premises. I will be contacting parents of these children directly to ask them to ensure that their children are not present in the school until closer to 9am.

Wet mornings: Children should enter the school through the exit on the St Michael's side of the building while Junior infants can enter through their classroom doors or the door that Rooms 3 and 4 usually exit from in the afternoons. Well done to parents and children of Junior infants who have really worked hard on their independence during the last term.

School Maintenance: Improvements continue to be made to the school. Ms Munnelly's class will be getting a new carpet soon while the school have applied to the Department of Education for grants for roof works and bathroom improvements.

Presidential Visit. Classes from St Mary's and St Michael's were delighted to welcome President Connolly to Trim on her first day in office. Please see the next few pages for lovely photos of the occasion.

Scoil Naomh Pádraig Latest Updates

As you all know, the long-awaited amalgamation of St Mary's and St Michael's will officially begin on the 1st September 2026. This marks the culmination of a significant body of work, including, extensive consultation with the school community and key decisions making made at every level — the schools themselves, the Boards of Management, the Department of Education, Parish, and our Patron, Bishop Deenihan. I am delighted at the opportunity to be the first Principal of Scoil Naomh Pádraig and I will work together with the whole school community to ensure that the new school is a great success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to inform you that **Ms Clodagh O'Dowd will be the Deputy Principal of the new school**. Clodagh is the current Deputy Principal of St Michael's, and she will be a tremendous support as we work to get the new school up and running. We will continue to update parents as new developments occur.

As we begin shaping the identity of our new school, **Scoil Naomh Pádraig**, we would love your help in designing a school logo that reflects the new school. This is important as we begin the process of designing new signage for the school and crests for the school uniform. We invite parents to encourage **past pupils, current students, local art students, artists/designers and anyone with a creative spark** to submit their ideas. We are looking for a design that captures the spirit, values, and heritage of our new school community.

Please send all logo ideas or sketches to fkelly@stmarystrim.ie or clodagh.daly@stmichaelsnstrim.ie by **Friday, 28th November**. We look forward to seeing the wonderful creativity within our community.

ENROLMENT FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

Our enrolment Forms and *Annual Admittance Notice* is available on our website for one more day. Enrolment closes on Friday 21st November @ 5pm. We have had a lot of interest in the school particularly since the announcement of the amalgamation and the successful open day. Please click [here](#) to access the application portal. This enrolment process is for the newly amalgamated school.

Please phone the office if you need assistance or have any queries on 046/9431919.

OUR STUDENTS WELCOME PRESIDENT CONNOLLY !!!



The students of St. Mary's Primary School took a break from their classes to come out and welcome President Connolly. They lined up in the streets of Trim, following the Presidential route to Trim Resource Center. Some children were extra lucky to have shaken hands with our newly elected President.



SCHOOL NEWS

Christmas Shoebox Appeal 2025 in St Mary's Primary School, Trim

Míle buíochas to everyone in St Mary's, Trim who so thoughtfully wrapped and packed a beautiful Christmas Shoebox this year. A fantastic 160 shoeboxes were collected in our school!

We had an amazing response to the Christmas Shoebox Appeal, and because of your kindness, 160 children will be smiling brightly this Christmas.

This wonderful annual initiative is always strongly supported by our St Mary's school community and continues to highlight the incredible generosity of our parents, pupils and staff.

Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Ms Dalton



Nath na Seachtaine: Cé leis é? Is liomsa é/Ní liomsa é

Seanfhocal na Míosa: Ní neart go cur le chéile

SCHOOL NEWS

Communion Preparation Mass

Our next preparation mass for First Holy Communion is on this Sunday 23rd @ 11am in St Patrick Church.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Parent Teacher meetings for mainstream classes are taking place next week. Please call the office at 0469431919 If you have not booked your meeting slot in Aladdin yet. Junior Infant classes and Room 20 will be in January 26

Parent Teacher meetings with Special Education support teachers are currently ongoing.



Attendance Figures for October 2025

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	92.1%	08	97.6%	16	96%	27	95.4%
02	89.1%	09	95%	17	89.5%	30	94.1%
03	90.9%	10	94.9%	18	92.7%	31	94.3%
04	92.4%	12	98.4%	19	93.1%	35	100%
05	92.8%	13	91.3%	20	88.8%		
06	89%	14	94.7%	23 & 24	95.9%		
07	92.6%	15	94.8%	26	95.1%		

Every School Day Counts at St Mary's!

Here is a 30-second video ad that has been shared by the Department of Education and Youth highlighting the importance of attending school....

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAQ3sffKy6U>

Supports for families regarding attendance can be found at this webpage: www.gov.ie/schoolattendance

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are beginning preparations for our Junior Infant **Christmas play** and would be very grateful for any **old nativity costumes** you may have at home that you no longer need. Costumes such as angels, shepherds, animals, or simple robes would be especially helpful.

If anyone is doing a **Christmas clear-out**, we would also greatly appreciate donations of **jigsaws, construction toys, LEGO, games, dolls, and dolls' clothes** for our classroom.

Thank you all so much for your continued support!

Junior Infant Teachers



Súgradh, Spraoi, Siamsa and Sonas Christmas Annuals:

Orders for the Christmas Annuals this year will be online.

We are sending the link today. The cost of the Annual is

€4.00. All orders must be placed by Friday 28th

November. Annuals will be given out the following week

3RD CLASS SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITY

During Science Week, Room 20 3rd Class were invited to the pop-up planetarium in Trim Library, hosted by Armagh Observatory and Planetarium. They held real meteorites in their hands and got to experience the wonders of the Solar System in 3D!



6TH CLASS CAN COOK!

The girls had great fun saying cheese while making pizza on Wednesday. Hopefully Friday will be a 'pizza' history.



SCHOOL NEWS

6TH CLASS HELPING OUT IN JUNIOR INFANTS



Every Friday our 6th class girls have been going down to the new Junior Infant classes to read stories and play educational games with them ! It's been brilliant to have such great young role models showcasing what it means to be a St Mary's student !



GREEN NEWS

Michael Breen of Trim Climate Action Group invited members of St Mary's Green flag committee to accompany him in promoting the Trim Community reusable cup last week. They visited a number of businesses and did an extremely good job! Both the business owners and Trim Climate Action group were very impressed with how the girls presented the idea. We were very proud of our Green delegates.

Our two Fifth Classes had a speaker working with them on two different topics. Room 26 attended a webinar about Food Miles and Stephanie from Sustainable Education spoke to the girls about global warming from an agricultural perspective. Both classes learn a lot.

Our Green schools theme for this year is Food and Biodiversity - Global Citizenship. We are so fortunate to have a very eager Green school committee.

We encourage you all to review your own life choices regularly to ensure that you are all being as sustainable as you can be.



TRIM COMMUNITY REUSABLE CUP



Parents Association

It's been a really busy few weeks for the Parents' Association!

At the end of October, we held our Halloween Bake Sale, which was a fantastic success – thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and helped at the event. A total of €875 was raised on the day.

Our Christmas Card Fundraiser is well underway, and we've loved seeing all the creative designs from the children! All orders have now been submitted to the printers and will be ready for distribution shortly.

In addition, the PA was pleased to provide hospitality at the school's recent Open Day and the Parent Coffee Morning. It was lovely to meet new and prospective parents and share a few cups of coffee (and cake!) together.

As always, a big thank you to everyone for your continued support.

Warmest regards,
St. Mary's Parents' Association



Parent Volunteer Group

If you're interested in helping with our events whenever you can, simply submit your contact details using the link below. We will then add you to a dedicated WhatsApp volunteer group where we will share details of our upcoming events, and you can let us know your availability.

<https://forms.gle/EtCNMhFizCHQ4K6L8>



Welcome to.....

CHESS CLUB

Over in St Mary's !

Join Chess Club to learn a new skill while making new friends! The classes will take place in Room 30 on Monday and Room 26 on Friday ! Both classes are upstairs ! See you then !

Mondays (Mr.Casey) or Fridays (Ms Carr)

After school to 3:50

Recommencing 3/11/25

6€ per session

or

6 sessions for €30 until Christmas Break!

Please fill out your child's name, age, and parent/guardian contact information and which day you'd prefer or scan the QR code !

Places are limited!



Chess Club : The chess club has started again and we have places.

Chess club is on Mondays and Fridays from 2.50- 3.50. Each session costs €6 and is for boys and girls from 2nd-6th class. Beginners welcome!

Contact mcarr@stmarystrim.ie (Fridays) or ncasey@stmarystrim.ie (Mondays) if you would like your child to attend.

We hope to see you there! Ms Carr and Mr. Casey.



NAVAN TOWN COSMOS FC



PLAYERS WANTED!

NAVAN TOWN COSMOS GIRLS - u8's / u9's / u10's



WE ARE DELIGHTED TO BE PART OF
THE CLUB MARK PROGRAMME

For more information:

Contact Joe: 087-7762073 **Contact Orla:** 085-7153484

Or email: navantowncosmos@gmail.com

Athboy RFC is recruiting!



Boys and Girls born in 2020 and 2019

U6/U7 non contact touch rugby

Wednesdays at 6.30pm

Athboy, C15Y5X6

If interested contact

Conor: 0864068973



The Brickx Club

Christmas Workshop!

Walterstown GAA CLUB

**Saturday 29th November
12 to 4pm**

**4 HOURS OF LEGO,
ART & CRAFTS
CHRISTMAS MOVIE AND A FREE
GOODY BAG FOR EVERY CHILD**

Get your Christmas shopping done,
meet a friend for lunch,
or get ready for the festive
season while your little builder has
an afternoon of fun!



**Text Sarah Jane 089 212 9802
to book
your place! 🥰**

€35 per child

Sibling discount available



The Brickx Club

DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

GIBBSTOWN - Community Hall

Tuesday 2nd
5pm to 6.30pm

NAVAN - St. Stephen's N.S.

Wednesday 3rd
5pm to 6.30pm

KELLS Family Resource
Centre

Thursday 4th
5pm to 6.30pm

TRIM Family Resource
Centre

Friday 5th
5pm to 6.30pm

For boys and girls
5 to 12 years

€12 per child

Creative brick building social club

[Facebook.com/thebrickxclubnavan](https://www.facebook.com/thebrickxclubnavan)



**Call or text
089 212 9802
to book
your place**

BECKY'S TRIM

**Uniform Sale for St Mary's and
St Michael's Primary Schools**

All knitwear will be 20.00 Euro

All St Mary,s tracksuits will be 20.00 Euro

Limited sizes available