



# St Mary's Convent Primary School

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**Imlitir 9**  
**3rd March 2026**

**Dear Parents / Guardians,**

Spring has finally sprung! We can look forward to brighter mornings and evenings along with warmer, drier days. Lent is in full swing also. Pope Leo XIV urges us to fast from hurtful language, to cultivate kindness in our families, at work, and on social media and to put God back in to the centre of our lives. May kindness guide our words everyday. In the context of so much hate, violence and devastation in the world, may we choose compassion over hatred and understanding over division. Let us pray for peace, for protection of innocent lives and may we be grateful for our safe surroundings.

Over the next few weeks, as we approach Seachtain na Gaeilge we encourage everyone to celebrate our Irish language and culture. The simplest way to embrace our language, an Ghaeilge, is to use it! Try out a few simple phrases to start with. Your children will help you. Some simple phrases are: ***Dia duit (Hello), Go raibh maith agat (Thank you) and Slán leat (Goodbye)***

There will be lots of Irish activities organised at school including Irish dancing, Irish sports, Irish storytelling and Irish music. There will also be events in our town library: Cinema Gaeilge agus Seisiún Bodhrán etc. Be sure to come into school for our Maidin Chaife (Coffee Morning) on March 13th and the pupils will entertain you with some lovely Irish poems and songs. You might even join them in dressing up in green! Thank you once again to our Parents' Association who will be on hand to serve 'tae agus caife' an lá sin.

Our energetic Parents Association have been busy recently with the Pink and Red Day bun sale and the upcoming Used Book Sale. These fundraising events are providing vital funds for our Sports outing expenses and the proposed plans to upgrade our Playground space. Thanks to all of you who support their efforts. Details of the Used Book Sale are below. A word of appreciation must also be extended to the girls from Sixth class who will organise the book stalls and ensure the event runs smoothly on Thursday.

Since our last Imlitir, our Second Classes have received the sacrament of Reconciliation. This very special sacrament is a vital part of the preparation for First Holy Communion on May 23rd. We thank Fr Paul and Fr John and the class teachers for all their help and guidance with the girls' faith formation and sacramental preparation.

Many of our pupils have represented the school in Quizzes and Sports events recently. Congratulations girls, we are very proud of you. Thank you also to the teachers who prepared you and travelled to venues with you after school hours. We wish the girls from Third Class the best of luck on Wednesday when they take part in Corfhéile 2026. Lots of preparation has gone into creating this beautiful group of singers. Maith sibh uilig!

Finally to all our families, thank you for your continued trust and partnership. In these uncertain and worrying times globally, our school community remains a place of stability, care, and hope for every child. The wellbeing of our pupils is at the heart of every decision we make. Let us work together to ensure our children's growth, happiness and confidence for the future.

Siobhan Nally  
Principal

# SCHOOL NEWS

## CREDIT UNION QUIZ TEAM

Well done to our 4th/5th and 6th class girls who represented our school in the Credit Union Quiz in the Drogheda Institute for Further Education. They gave up their Friday evening (along with some parents!) and represented the school brilliantly! Maith sibh!



## SAFETY REMINDERS AFTER SCHOOL

We are asking parents to please speak to your children about being vigilant and taking their time when leaving school after dismissal. Please remind children not to run out to the buses and to stay on the footpaths especially when approaching the buses parked in front of St Michael's. There is a lot of traffic and movement at that time and the children are rushing out to get onto the buses and may not show enough awareness or care for hazards. They are darting between moving cars, buses and other children.

## FOOTBALL NEWS

Congratulations to our Mini 7s team on their 3 victories and qualification for the county round. Another amazing day out in Dunganny!



## PINK DAY FOR VALENTINES

Room 20 were pretty in pink for Valentine's Day bake sale. We also displayed Valentine art works around the school.



## HSE SCHOOL VISION & HEARING SCREENING CONSENT FORM IS ON 12TH MARCH.

Forms were given out to all Junior Infant classes, Language Units, and newcomers to the school from Senior Infants to 6th Class. Kindly return your signed consent forms to your teacher as soon as possible.



# SCHOOL NEWS

Room 30 took over to staff room for some Friday baking!



## Attendance Figures for February 2026

Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance	Room	Attendance
01	92.9%	08	94.9%	16	94.7%	27	91%
02	88.5%	09	94.1%	17	77.5%	30	92%
03	88.2%	10	<b>97.3%</b>	18	92.3%	31	84.8%
04	<b>97.4%</b>	12	91.4%	19	94.6%	35	<b>96.1%</b>
05	93.1%	13	93.2%	20	88.2%		
06	94.9%	14	94.7%	23 & 24	90.5%		
07	<b>98%</b>	15	91.3%	26	92.6%		

**Every School Day Counts at St Mary's!**

**Nath na Seachtaine: Tá an ghrian ag taitneamh : )**

**Seanfhocal na Míosa: Tír gan teanga, Tír gan anam**

**Scoil gan Ghaeilge, Scoil gan Chroí**

**A country without a language, is a country without a soul**

**A school without Irish, is a school without a heart!**

## IMPORTANT DATES

Used Book Sale/World Book Day/  
Dress Up as a Book Character Day  
5th March, Thursday

St. Patricks Day  
17th March, Tuesday (No School)

Easter Break (No School)  
30th March to 10th April Inclusive

Teacher Training  
(No school for pupils)  
30th April, Thursday

First Holy Communion  
23rd May, Saturday

Photographs for Communion  
25th May, Monday



# Parents Association

## Used Book Sale

Our Children's Used Book Sale will be taking place this **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** to celebrate World Book Day. Thank you very much for all the wonderful children's books that have been donated so far — we really appreciate your support. We will continue to accept book donations up to and including this Thursday morning.

All books will be priced at **€1** each, so if your child would like to buy a book at the sale, please feel free to send them in with a few coins on Thursday morning.

We would also like to thank Ms Mallon's 6<sup>th</sup> class in advance who will be helping to sell the books on the day.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

As part of the celebration for World Book Day, on **5th March children are invited to dress up as a book character** of their choice.

Warmest regards,  
**St. Mary's Parents' Association**



IF YOU ARE THE OWNER OF ANY OF THESE TIN BOXES COLLECTED FROM LAST WEEKS BUN SALE KINDLY COLLECT IN THE OFFICE.

**WORLD BOOK DAY**  
Children's Used Book Sale  
**ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**5TH MARCH 2026**

ALL BOOKS €1

ORGANISED BY THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

PLEASE DONATE CHILDREN'S BOOKS NO LONGER NEEDED AND SEND THEM TO SCHOOL ALL DONATED BOOKS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM CLASSROOMS FROM Mon 23rd Feb to Wed 4th Mar.

# GREEN NEWS



**It is spring! What a great time to celebrate Tree Week. (March 9th to 13th).**

11% of Ireland is covered in trees. This is lower than many of our neighbouring European countries. Here is a lovely short informational video which explains native and non-native trees and how to identify trees. Have a look! There are many interesting facts presented here!

[Native Irish Woodlands Video](#)

## St Patrick's Day Parade

Our annual Green Schools involvement in the St Patrick's Day Parade will happen again this year and it will be our last one as St Mary's Primary School. We would invite anyone who would like to join the delegation to come along. Trim Climate Action Group will march with us promoting their reusable Trim Cup. Thank you to Michael Breen who generates great enthusiasm at our Green Flag Committee meetings and supports our green efforts locally.

We will also be carrying our Global Citizenship Banner reminding us of our roles as global citizens to live sustainably and protect biodiversity. Our green flag theme this year is Food and Biodiversity. We will be planting crops soon and we will post updates here.

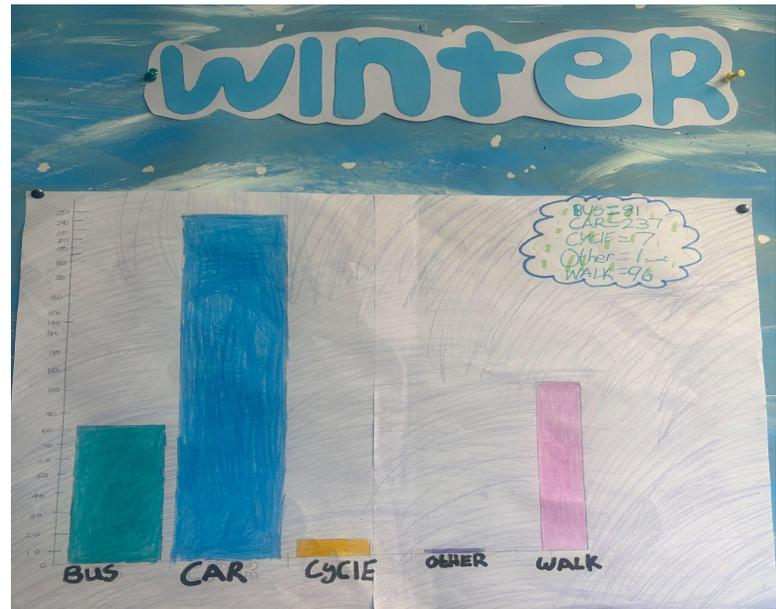
## COW and WOW (Cycling on Wednesday and Walking on Wednesday)

We would like to encourage the resumption of the initiatives of COW and WOW. As the weather improves we hope there will be an increase in the number of people walking and cycling to school. Some girls in Sixth Class conducted a survey of the ways children come to school. This was done during a wintry spell. When the spring is fully embedded, they will carry out the survey again and hopefully we will notice a difference!

## Recycling

St Mary's has always had a great reputation for reusing and recycling. We continue to observe that good practice. We are asking for one small plastic return bottle from every pupil if possible to raise funds for Ms Dunne as she travels to Tanzania to assist in building homes with the charity Heavenly Homes.

Our Siopa Glas will also make a comeback for Seachtain Na Gaeilge. We will sell donated items at the Siopa Glas. Please keep us in mind when you are clearing out toys, books or other items that others might be grateful for and you may be finished with. We always help a very worthy cause with our Siopa Glas.



**Remember a  
GREEN school  
is a COOL school!**

# IMPORTANT POLICY REMINDERS

## **DIGITAL POLICY**

### [Introduction and Rationale Aims Guidelines for Pupils Digital Devices Policy](#)

- Pupils are not allowed to take out, turn on or use mobiles/smart phones/smart watches or personal digital devices while on the school premises or on school trips.
- Pupils involved in 'after-school' activities, including sport, music, choir, homework club and drama, may not turn on any personal digital devices until they have left the school premises.
- Pupils may not use their mobiles/smart phones/smart watches or any other personal device to take photographs, video footage or a voice recording of any pupil or staff member in the school environs or while away from the school during school time.
- Parents/guardians who need to contact a pupil during school hours should do so by phoning the school office.
- Pupils who need to contact home during school hours may do so by using the school landline, with prior permission from the teacher or another member of staff. There are landline connections in all classrooms and in the secretary's office. The school mobile may, at the discretion of the teacher, be used by pupils to contact parents/guardians during trips away from the school grounds.

We kindly ask for your support in following and reinforcing our school policies, as this partnership plays a vital role in your child's wellbeing and learning. By working together and staying consistent, we can give our children the best possible foundation for success, protect the safety, dignity and wellbeing of all children and adults within our school community as well as complying with GDPR law.

## **CODE OF BEHAVIOUR**

May we remind parents that under our Code of Behaviour policy and for health and safety reasons, pupils are not allowed to have acrylic or false nails at school or to wear drop earrings or make up to school. Only stud earrings are allowed. Pupils are not allowed to have dyed hair at school.

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school. Hoodies, leggings and non uniform clothing is not allowed except when specified on dress up or non uniform days. If your child has specific or diagnosed sensory issues, please inform the class teacher to make arrangements for this. We appreciate your cooperation with the Code of Behaviour policy.

(excerpt from Code of Behavior Policy)

### ***Appearances – Safety Issues***

*'Children may not attend school wearing make-up or having their hair dyed. For health and safety reasons, children are not allowed to wear acrylic or false nails. For safety purposes pupils may not wear drop earrings and may only wear one stud earring per ear lobe. No other jewellery in any other pierced body part is permitted during school hours.'*



# Meath Primary Care Psychology Service

## Spring Evenings 2026 Workshop Series

We invite you to scan the QR code/s to attend any or all of the workshops.

### Fear-Less Parenting

Supporting your Child with their Worries and Fears  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 7:00pm – 9:00pm



### Finding the Calm

Helping your Child Manage Emotions  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### Trust Me, You've Got This!

Parenting Teenagers  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026 7:00pm – 9:00pm



### All About Autism

The Power of Different  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 7:00pm – 9:00pm

### Decoding the Message

Understanding & responding to your child's behaviour  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026 7:00pm – 9:00pm



If you have any questions or require assistance accessing the Workshops please do not hesitate to contact [your local team](#).

- Ashbourne Primary Care Centre Tel: 01 6914500
- Bettystown Primary Care Centre Tel: 041 215 2100
- Dunshaughlin Health Centre Tel: 01 8024500

- Navan Child & Family Centre Tel: 046-9098816
- Trim Primary Care Centre Tel: 046 942 0801

# Ceili Mór

i gClubteach GAA  
Átha Troim  
(Trim GAA Club)

In Support of

**Trim GAA**  
**Movie Night**

€10

Friday  
March 6

Dáta:

ar an

6<sup>th</sup>

Lá Márta



**Bígí Linn**  
8 pm



**PAUSE || PROTECT || PREVENT**

**Join us for a 30 minute talk on how to  
combat fraud in our Trim Branch**

**Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March  
@ 1:30pm**

Learn some valuable tips on the types of scams,  
how to protect yourself online and what to do  
if you think you have been scammed.

**See you there.**



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**DROGHEDA  
CREDIT UNION  
TRIM BRANCH**

Drogheda Credit Union Ltd. is regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland. Reg No. 23CU.

All donations welcome



Raffle Prizes  
on the night!



# TABLE QUIZ

All proceeds in support of  
**MEATH AUTISM NETWORK**

Tables of 4 | €10 per person

**Friday, 20 March**  
**Start Time: 7.30pm**  
**Simonstown GFC**  
Proudstown Road, Navan  
**C15 N61X**



**MEATH AUTISM NETWORK**  
PO Box 41, Navan, Co. Meath  
**086-2429402**

**CRN: 20081355 | CHY 20499**

**EASTER  
EGGSTRAVAGANZA  
CAMP**

St Mary's Primary School,  
Trim

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> March- Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
9:30a.m- 1:30p.m

**PRIMARY  
AGED  
CHILDREN**

**ACTIVITIES**  
SPORTS, DANCE, GAMES,  
ARTS AND MORE!

€80per child  
& €70 per extra child

**BOOKING NOW OPEN!!**  
WHATSAPP  
0861905362 /0857497004  
(Ms Maguire & Ms Dalton)  
0469431919 (Office)

# Booking Form

Please return the completed booking form  
along with the camp fee on or before 30th March.

Forms and payment can be returned to The Office or given to one of the camp leaders  
Ms Dalton (Room 2)  
Ms Maguire (Room 4)

Please place the form and fee in an envelope clearly addressed to:

**St Mary's Easter Eggstravaganza Camp**

Name\s: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/ Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact No: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Any other relevant information: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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Children should bring a packed lunch and drink each day.

**\*The camp is strictly a nut free camp\***

**BOOKING NOW OPEN**

for our St Mary's Primary School

**Easter Eggstravaganza Camp**

Contact us on 0861905362 or 0857497004

to secure your place!

# ✨ Playful Pathways ✨

## PLAY THERAPY

📍 Trim Co.Meath



Contact Yvonne  
085 133 6331  
[playfulpathways@outlook.ie](mailto:playfulpathways@outlook.ie)



Play therapy supports children to process complex feelings and emotions through their natural language of play. The therapist will support the child in processing these feelings in a safe environment.

if you feel your child could benefit from play therapy please get in touch using the contact details below

Age range  
4-12  
years



# Locks of Love



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**AFTER**

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## Help Two Charities!

Contact Liz: [community@lauralynn.ie](mailto:community@lauralynn.ie) or 01 289 3151



**LauraLynn**

IRELAND'S CHILDREN'S HOSPICE

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