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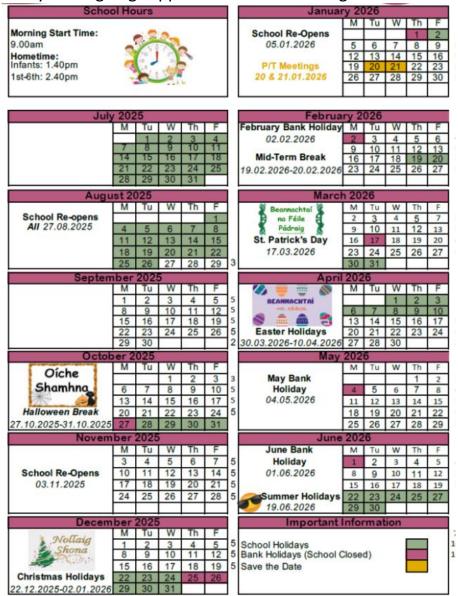
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May Newsletter

The **School Calendar for 2025/2026** is now available on our website – <u>click</u> here to view it.

We are proud to have a diverse and vibrant school community, with families from all over the world. We understand that travel during term time can be significantly cheaper, and that this can be a major factor when booking holidays. However, we kindly ask that you make every effort to plan family travel around the school holiday periods, as regular attendance is vital for your child's learning and social development.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.





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School Uniform:

- With over 7 full weeks of school remaining, we kindly ask for your continued support in maintaining high standards with school uniforms. Children are permitted to wear **plain navy shorts** as the weather improves, but **no fancy or branded sportswear** please.
- The Parent Association will be running the Pre-Loved Uniform Initiative again this June. It's a great opportunity to pick up gently used uniform items at no cost. More information will follow in the coming weeks.
- Our school uniform supplier is Geoghegans on Trimgate Street. For info on our school uniform please <u>click here</u>. Do not leave it until August to get your uniform for September 2025.
- During **Active Week in June**, children will be allowed to wear sports gear. More details on that closer to the time.

School Tracksuit Days:

Teacher	Class	Tracksuit Days	
Niamh	Junior Infants	Tuesday and Wednesday	
Ciara	Junior Infants	Monday and Friday	
Gráinne	Senior Infants	Wednesday and Friday	
Ruth	Senior Infants	Wednesday and Friday	
Aoife	First Class	Tuesday and Friday	
Ailis	First Class	Monday and Wednesday	
Meghan	Second Class	Tuesday and Thursday	
Laura	Second Class	Tuesday and Thursday	
Maria & Edel	Third Class	Wednesday and Thursday	
Emma	Third Class	Wednesday and Thursday	
Angela	Fourth Class	Tuesday and Thursday	
Sarah	Fourth Class	Tuesday and Thursday	
Niamh	Fifth Class	Monday and Thursday	
Wilma	Sixth Class	Tuesday and Friday	
Cailín	Sixth Class	Monday and Friday	



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Fruit Initiative with The Lunch Bag:

Our friends at **The Lunch Bag** are now providing a **fruit bowl with apples and mandarins** in every classroom. Children are encouraged to enjoy this healthy option and will place their **apple cores and orange peels back into their lunchboxes** to take home— this allows you to see the fruit they've eaten.

The initiative is going well so far!

We also encourage you to **check in with The Lunch Bag menu app regularly**. Updating your child's choices now and then can help avoid **'lunchbox fatigue'** and keep lunchtime enjoyable.

School Tours - May 2025:

We are delighted to confirm the details for this year's **school tours**. Please see the schedule below:

Class	Destination	Date	Cost
J&S Infants	Newgrange Farm	8th May	€25
1st, 2nd & 3rd Class	Navan Adventure Centre	22nd May	€30
4th & 5th Class	Navan Adventure Centre	27th May	€30
6th Class	Emerald Park	30th May	€35

All school events are **run at cost price**. We've worked hard to **keep prices the same as last year**, scheduling tours in May to **take advantage of better rates** and bringing **larger groups to reduce costs**. Due to rising bus prices, we've chosen **local venues** to keep things economical.

You have received a payment link via Way2Pay. You may choose to make staged payments through the platform. **Payment is considered as permission to attend.** If you require support or have not received the link, please contact Debi in the office and she will be happy to assist you.



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<u>Career Day 2025 – Get Involved!</u>

Following the success of last year's event, the **Parent Association** is delighted to announce that **Career Day 2025** will take place on **Thursday, 5th June**. It's a simple but powerful idea: **parents come into school, talk briefly about their job**, and then **answer a few questions** from the children.

We are very eager to ensure a wide diversity of parents, jobs, and career paths are represented — every role and experience is valuable and inspiring to our pupils!

If you would like to take part or learn more, **please get in touch** – we'd love to hear from you.



Volunteers at Parent Association Career Day 2024



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Bí Cineálta:

We are currently reviewing our Anti-Bullying Policy and welcome input from our school community.

Bí Cineálta is a national initiative that promotes kindness, respect, and inclusion in schools, supporting positive relationships and well-being for all. You can watch a short video about the initiative <u>here</u>.

We invite parents to review the **DRAFT version of our Bí Cineálta Policy** (<u>click here</u>) and share any feedback you may have with us. Please send your feedback by **Friday**, **16th May** via email to **ArdRiCNS@Imetb.ie** or by speaking directly to myself or Karen.

Kind regards, **Darragh**