



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.

Principal: Darragh Roe

Roll No 20352T



May Newsletter

The **School Calendar for 2025/2026** is now available on our website – [click 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.

School Hours

Morning Start Time:

9.00am

Hometime:

Infants: 1.40pm

1st-6th: 2.40pm

January 2026

School Re-Opens

05.01.2026

P/T Meetings

20 & 21.01.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

July 2025

M	Tu	W	Th	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

February 2026

February Bank Holiday

02.02.2026

Mid-Term Break

19.02.2026-20.02.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27

August 2025

School Re-opens

All 27.08.2025

M	Tu	W	Th	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

March 2026

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig

St. Patrick's Day

17.03.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
2	3	4	5	7
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

September 2025

M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

April 2026

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig

Easter Holidays

30.03.2026-10.04.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	30		

October 2025

Halloween Break

27.10.2025-31.10.2025

M	Tu	W	Th	F
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

May 2026

May Bank Holiday

04.05.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
			1	2
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

November 2025

School Re-Opens

03.11.2025

M	Tu	W	Th	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

June 2026

June Bank Holiday

01.06.2026

Summer Holidays

19.06.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	27
29	30			

December 2025

Christmas Holidays

22.12.2025-02.01.2026

M	Tu	W	Th	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

Important Information

School Holidays

Bank Holidays (School Closed)

Save the Date



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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 [click here](#) . 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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Career Day 2025 – Get Involved!

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 [here](#).

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

Kind regards,
Darragh