



Ard Rí Community National School

Ard Rí C.N.S, Balreask Old, Navan, Co. Meath.
Principal: Darragh Roe
Roll No 20352T



Newsletter June 2025

Planning for September 2025

We are currently busy planning for the new school year, including teacher recruitment, class allocations, furniture, school books, and more. As most of our classes now have waiting lists, it's very important that we know if your child will not be returning to Ard Rí CNS in September. If your circumstances have changed, please let us know as soon as possible so we can ensure a smooth and well-organised start to the new school year.

Active and Wellness Week: 9th to 13th June

Next week is Active and Wellness Week, and we're planning lots of fun and engaging activities to encourage the children to be active, get outdoors, stay healthy, and enjoy time with their friends.

As we'll be spending more time outside, please remember to: Slop on some sunscreen, slap on a hat, bring a coat (it is Ireland, after all!), bring plenty of water to stay hydrated

No More Written Homework! From today, written homework is finished for the school year. Instead, children will receive alternative, activity-based assignments, and we encourage families to fully embrace these fun and healthy challenges.

No Uniform from Monday 9th June! Starting Monday, 9th June, children can wear their own clothes for the rest of the school year. Please ensure clothing is comfortable and suitable for active outdoor play.



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Free School Books & Student Costs 2025/26

As part of the Free School Books Scheme, all schoolbooks, workbooks, copybooks, classroom resources, shared books, photocopying, and Art & Craft materials will be provided free of charge to every child in Irish primary schools.

However, there are some **additional costs not covered** by the grant.

The total cost to parents for the 2025/26 school year will be €52 per child, which covers:

- €7 – Irish Public Bodies (IPB) Student Personal Accident Insurance ([more info](#))
- €10 – Text-a-Parent & Aladdin communication tools
- €35 – School Tour*

*The €35 school tour fee covers the cost of the annual school tour in May. Due to significant increases in bus transport costs, we are including this amount in the yearly Student Direct Costs to allow for early planning and booking. Thank you for your continued support in helping us provide a rich and well-organised school experience for all our pupils.

A **Way2Pay bill** for the **€52 Student Direct Costs** will be raised on your account in the coming days.

Please remember, there is an option to **pay in instalments**.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.



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School Reports

We are currently putting the final touches to this year's School Reports, which will be available on Aladdin next week.

Once available, we encourage you to take time to review your child's report. If you have any feedback, you are welcome to email us at ArdRiCNS@lmetb.ie.

Printed copies are available on request.

Aladdin also allows for Google Translate of the report into a wide range of languages. If you would like your child's report translated, just let us know and we'll be happy to help.

Ard Rí Summer Camp

Limited spaces are available for the Ard Rí Summer Camp, taking place from Monday, 30th June to Friday 4th July. The camp runs daily from 9.30 to 1pm and is open to incoming pupils to current 3rd Classers. For more info and application form: [click here](#)





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PA Preloved Uniform Shop: The Parent Association will be collecting clean, good-condition school jumpers and tracksuits, as well as brand-new trousers, skirts, shirts, and t-shirts, on the mornings of **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th June** at the Rugby Club stands

These items will be sorted and made available for redistribution before school on **Monday 16th** and **Tuesday 17th June** at the Rugby Club stands

Thank you for your support in promoting sustainability and helping our school community!

6th Class Graduation

We are looking forward to celebrating our wonderful 6th Class pupils as they prepare to move on to the next stage of their journey.

The **Graduation Ceremony** will take place at **6:00pm on Tuesday, 10th June** in the **Ardboyne Hotel**. There will be plenty of space, and all are welcome to join us in marking this special milestone.

We also invite the whole school community to join us for the traditional **Guard of Honour** as our 6th Class pupils leave Ard Rí CNS for the final time at **11:45am on Wednesday, 25th June**. What song will they choose to walk out to this year? We can't wait to find out!



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Summer Holidays

School will close for the **Summer Holidays at 12:00 midday on Wednesday, 25th June.**

The calendar for the **2025/26 school year** is now available on our website ([click here](#)). We encourage all families to review it carefully when planning breaks and holidays.

School attendance is very important for your child's learning and development. Please try to schedule any family holidays during the official school closures, which are clearly marked in **green** on the calendar.

Thank you for your continued support!



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2025 - 2026

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

Beannacht na Féile Pádraig

St. Patrick's Day

17.03.2026

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
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

BEANNACHTAI na olaí

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	29	30	

October 2025

Oíche Shamhna

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

Nollaig Shona

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

Some dates have yet to be decided eg Educational Tours. You will be informed as soon as dates are finalised.
While we endeavor to make the calendar as accurate as possible, there may be some unavoidable changes.



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Summer Stars
Right to Read

Enjoy all the fun and excitement of reading

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Libraries Ireland
Makes Every Library Your Local Library

Join the Summer Stars Reading Adventure at your local Meath library from June 3rd 2025.

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Summer Stars is the free national reading programme for children that takes place in all public libraries and online each summer. It runs from 3rd June - 31st August 2025.

STEP 1 : Join in!

Visit your local Meath Library and register for the free Summer Stars Reading Adventure.

You will get a Reading Pack with a Reading Tracker/Activity Book and a seeded bookmark.



STEP 2: Read! Read! Read!

Borrow books, ebooks or audiobooks from your library or read books or magazines you have at home.

Track your progress in the Reading your Summer Stars Activity Book.



STEP 3: Earn Rewards!



Return to the library to get your Reading Card stamped.

Take a Lucky Dip and win a small prize on each visit.



Summer Stars Prize Draw!

Everyone who joins the Summer Stars Reading Adventure will be entered into 2 Prize Draws:

Prize Pack Draw 1: Draw for a Prize Pack in each Meath library
Emerald Park Ticket Draw



Homework Pass Reward

We have asked every Primary School in Meath to sign up to our Summer Stars Homework Pass Reward.

If your school signs up and you have participated in the Summer Stars Reading Adventure you will get a Homework Pass to use at school from September 2025. A list of all schools will be on the library's website and on display in library branches.



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