

# Scoil Bhríde Newsletter



SCOIL BHRÍDE



SUMMER 2025

NO: 60

## Principal's Address:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2024/2025 year. It marks the end of another busy, successful, and positive year at Scoil Bhríde PS. This final term has been full of special moments and great achievements.

A standout highlight was the official opening of our new astroturf pitch. We were delighted to welcome those who helped make this fantastic facility possible. Your support is deeply appreciated. The pitch is already a great asset to PE and extra-curricular activities.

We were especially proud of our girls' camogie team, who reached the Cumann na mBunscol final—a fantastic achievement. Maith sibh, a chailíní!

This year saw the launch of the Music Generation programme in our school. Pupils took part in band sessions, violin recitals and more. The enthusiasm and talent on display have been a joy to see.

On Wednesday, June 4th, we welcomed our incoming Junior Infants and their parents. It was a warm and wonderful afternoon, and we look forward to welcoming them again in September.

Well done to all pupils who represented the school so well throughout the year. A big thanks to our staff, who continue to give their time to support so many extra-curricular activities.

Congratulations to those who received First Communion and Confirmation this term.

Many thanks to our Parents' Association for their continued support and commitment throughout the year.

Finally, we wish our 6th Class the very best as they begin secondary school. We are proud of all they've achieved and know they'll continue to shine.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, August 26th.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh

(Príomh Oide)

## REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the summer holidays at 8.50am on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> of August.  
We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well-deserved break!

### Spraoi Classes 2025/2026

#### Information for Parents

| Class Level &<br>New Teacher 2025-26 | Current Class Teacher    | New Room<br>2025-26 |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Junior Infants - Ms. Fitzmaurice     | N/A                      | 1                   |
| Junior Infants - Ms. Brady           | N/A                      | 2                   |
| Junior Infants - Mrs. Costello       | N/A                      | 3                   |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| Senior Infants - Ms. Noone           | Whole class reformulated | 4                   |
| Senior Infants - Ms. Green           | Whole class reformulated | 5                   |
| Senior Infants - Ms. Minnock         | Whole class reformulated | 6                   |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. O Connor | Whole class reformulated | 14                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Class - Ms. Digan    | Whole class reformulated | 15                  |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class - Ms. Madden   | Ms. Madden               | 16                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class - TBC          | Ms. Digan                | 17                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Class - Ms. Lalor    | Ms. O' Connor            | 18                  |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class - Mrs. Kenny   | Mrs. Lalor               | 19                  |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Class - Mrs. Dolan   | Mr. I. Duffy             | 20                  |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Kerrigan | Mrs. Dolan               | 23                  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Class - Ms. Carroll  | Mrs. Gill                | 24                  |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Garvey   | Ms. McDonnell            | 25                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mrs. Farrell | Ms. Kerrigan             | 26                  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Abbott   | Ms. Faulkner             | 27                  |
|                                      |                          |                     |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. Brereton | Mr. Abbott               | 28                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. I. Duffy | Mr. Garvey               | 29                  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Class - Mr. O Connor | Mrs. Farrell             | 30                  |

\*Mr. Duffy reserves the right to amend class teacher allocation during the summer if/when the need arises.

## School Summer Programmeme

- Two DEIS literacy and numeracy camps (one week in duration).
- School-based summer provision for children with complex needs (four weeks in duration).

## Contacting The School During The Summer Programmeme

If you have a query during our School Summer Programmeme, you may contact the school on the following mobile number between the hours of 8.50 am and 2.30 pm  
083-2030360.

## School Enrolment

If you have a query regarding school enrolment during the summer holiday period, please contact us by email on:  
[enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com](mailto:enrolment@scoilbhrideps.com)

## Active Schools Week

The fine weather came back just in time for this year's Active Schools Week which was held from June 16th to 20th. Every class was given the opportunity to take part in a huge range of activities including orienteering, golf, tug-of-war, football, soccer, skipping, obstacle courses and dance. A special thank you goes to Dermot from Tug-Of-War Ireland, Mary from Edenderry Golf Club, Cian from Edenderry GAA and Gary from Edenderry Town FC who all volunteered their time to help out. We would also like to thank the Parents' Association who sponsored participation medals for every child.



## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality will be prioritised for us again in Scoil Bhríde for the 2025/2026 school year, and we will continue to work closely with Tusla's Education Welfare Officer, James Maher. Please ensure that your child is at school each day, unless there is a good reason for them to be absent. If your child is absent, please mark the reason for absence on the Aladdin app, or send a note to school with your child. Also, if your child is late for school, please sign them in at reception, and sign them out if they are leaving school early. Thank you for your support and cooperation on this matter.

## School Calendar 2025/2026

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| <b>August</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>26<sup>th</sup> of August – Re-opening of School</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                 | <b>September</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC – School Photographer</li> <li>23<sup>rd</sup> -Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> </ul>                                                    |
| <b>October</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>24<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Fancy Dress</li> <li>27<sup>th</sup> of Oct to 31<sup>st</sup> of Oct inclusive – Halloween Mid-Term Break</li> </ul>                                          | <b>November</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBC – Parent / Teacher Meetings</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>December</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>                                                                                                              | <b>January</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li> <li>20<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> </ul>                                         |
| <b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> inclusive – Spring Mid-Term Break</li> <li>23<sup>rd</sup> –Re-opening of School</li> </ul> | <b>March</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16<sup>th</sup> – School Closure</li> <li>17<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>27<sup>th</sup> – Easter holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>         |
| <b>April</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13<sup>th</sup> – Re-opening of School</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                            | <b>May</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4<sup>th</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> – Staff Meeting (exact time for early closure yet to be confirmed)</li> </ul>                                   |
| <b>June</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1<sup>st</sup> – Public Holiday (School Closure)</li> <li>19<sup>th</sup> – Summer Holidays (School closing at 11.30 am)</li> </ul>                                                           | <b>July</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>22<sup>nd</sup> of June to 17<sup>th</sup> of July ‘July Provision for pupils with ASDs’- pending approval of Board of Management &amp; Department of Education &amp; Skills</li> </ul> |

- In the event that Scoil Bhríde PS has an unplanned closure(s) due to adverse weather conditions, the school may compensate for up to 3 days’ closure during the first three days of the Easter Holidays, i.e. the school will remain open on either or all of the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of March, and 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026.
- Dates for First Holy Communion & Confirmation yet to be confirmed.
- Relevant parents will be notified of School Support Plus meeting times by class teachers / SET
- In consultation with the Chairperson of the Board of Management, the Principal reserves the right to make any future amendments to this list of closures and events.

The school calendar will be made available on our school website – [www.scoilbhrideps.com](http://www.scoilbhrideps.com)

## Bí Cineálta

We are pleased to share with you the draft of our Bí Cineálta Policy, which outlines our approach to preventing and addressing bullying behaviour within our school community.

This policy has been developed through consultation with staff, parents, and pupils, and is fully aligned with the Department of Education's national Bí Cineálta procedures. A student-friendly version is also displayed throughout the school building to help pupils understand and engage with its key messages.

We invite you to familiarise yourself with the policy by accessing it through the following link: <https://www.scoilbhrideps.com/policies/bicinealta/>

## 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation

Sixth class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Delphi on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June as their final school tour with Scoil Bhríde. We would like to wish them all the best of luck as they move on to a new chapter in their lives. Their graduation ceremony took place on Wednesday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.

They had a great year in sixth class and we wish them every success in the future.





## Literacy Updates

In May, Third Class wrapped up their final creative writing workshops with *Offaly Fighting Words*. Well done to all the budding authors for their fantastic efforts!

We're also delighted to welcome three new *Word Millionaires* to our library wall:

Maria Johnson (4th)

Hanna Gajowniczek (5th)

Tommy Reilly (6th)

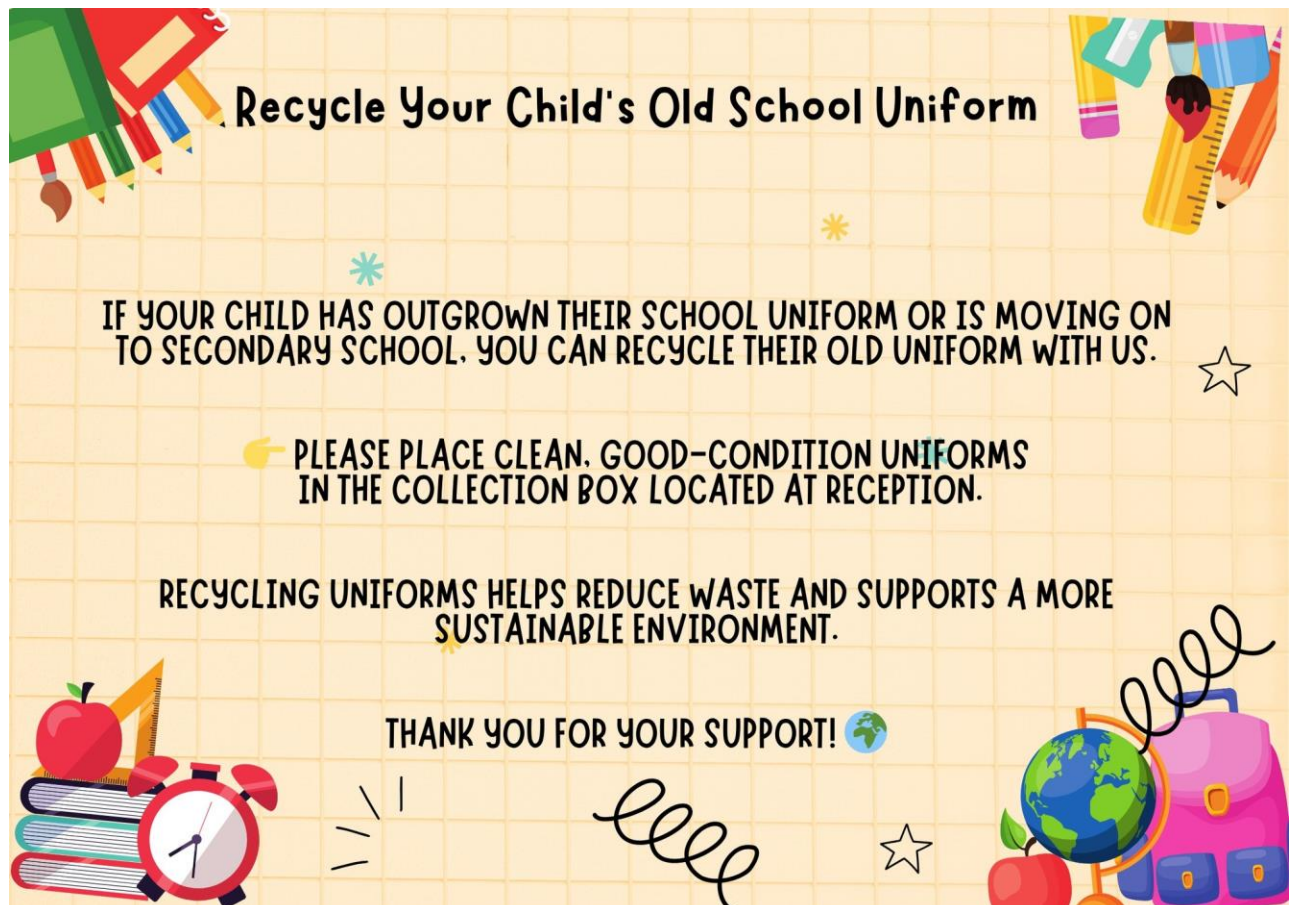
Each of these dedicated readers has read over one million words this year! That brings our school's total number of Word Millionaires to nine – a fantastic achievement!

At our final assembly, we will be announcing the *Highest Word Count Class Winners* and celebrating our *Reading Superstars* for this term.

This year, pupils in our school have read a total of 47,006,073 words.

Looking ahead to summer, Edenderry Library will once again host the *Summer Stars* reading initiative. Call into the library to sign up—there are lots of prizes to be won and a brilliant selection of books waiting to be borrowed.

Well done, everyone, and happy reading!



**Recycle Your Child's Old School Uniform**

IF YOUR CHILD HAS OUTGROWN THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORM OR IS MOVING ON TO SECONDARY SCHOOL, YOU CAN RECYCLE THEIR OLD UNIFORM WITH US.

PLEASE PLACE CLEAN, GOOD-CONDITION UNIFORMS IN THE COLLECTION BOX LOCATED AT RECEPTION.

RECYCLING UNIFORMS HELPS REDUCE WASTE AND SUPPORTS A MORE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

The poster features a yellow grid background with various school-related illustrations: pencils, a ruler, a star, a backpack, a globe, a red apple, a stack of books, and an alarm clock. There are also decorative squiggly lines and stars.

## Blue Star Programmeme

Scoil Bhríde has achieved a significant milestone by being awarded our second Blue Star Certificate for participation in the Blue Star Programmeme. This programmeme aims to foster a deeper understanding of the European Union among primary school students through engaging activities and projects. To successfully complete the programmeme, schools must explore four key areas: historical, geographical, cultural, and institutional aspects of the EU. Well done to all involved!



## Cumann na mBunscol

The boys' hurling team and girls' camogie team have been busy training and taking part in the spring Cumann na mBunscol competition. A massive congratulations to our school camogie team qualified for the Cumann na mBunscol final in O'Connor Park, Tullamore. narrowly losing out after extra time to a strong St. Ciarán's Clonmacnoise side. Every player left it all on the pitch & we couldn't be prouder of their passion, teamwork, and heart.



## Astro Official Opening

Thursday, April 10th, was a truly memorable and joyful day at Scoil Bhríde as we celebrated the official opening of our brand new Astro-turf pitch. Under glorious sunshine, our Principal, Mr. Duffy, was joined by our eldest student, Cian Quinn, and our youngest student, Amir Ajani, to cut the ribbon and mark this special occasion.

We were honoured to welcome our guest of honour, Mrs. Fiona Brady, who was accompanied by her daughter, Ms. Ciara Brady, and granddaughter, Ríadh. Their presence made the day all the more special.

We also welcomed many local people and businesses who sponsored and supported the development. A heartfelt thank you again goes to all our generous sponsors and supporters. This project would not have been possible without you. Your contributions have helped turn a long-held dream into a vibrant reality for our school community.



## Parents' Association

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association. Their support, hard work and generosity have allowed many initiatives and events to take place this year.