

Scoil Bhríde Newsletter



SCOIL BHRÍDE



SUMMER 2026

NO: 63

Principal's Address:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Welcome to the final edition of our school newsletter for the 2025/2026 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. Congratulations to those who received First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Many thanks to our Parents' Association for their continued support. We were delighted to welcome our incoming Junior Infants in June and look forward to seeing them in September.

A standout highlight was the continued use of our astroturf pitch, which has been a fantastic asset to PE and extra-curricular activities. We were especially proud of our girls' camogie team, who won the Cumann na mBunscol final—an outstanding achievement. Maith sibh, a chailíní! It has also been great to see school blitzes taking place again this year, giving pupils enjoyable opportunities to represent the school in sport.

This year also saw Music Generation return, with pupils learning violin, while our choir performed at Peace Proms and Sing Fest. Our summer performances in June were also a great success. Across the school, pupils took part in many extra-curricular activities, helping to build confidence and teamwork. Well done to all pupils for representing the school so well throughout the year, and sincere thanks to our staff for their ongoing support.

We also extend our best wishes to Mr. Desmond as he leaves our school after 16 years to take up a principalship in Kilbeggan. We thank him sincerely for his many years of dedicated service and wish him every success in his new role. Finally, we wish our outgoing sixth class every success as they move on to secondary school.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday, September 1st.

Is mise le meas,

Caoimhín Ó Dufaigh

(Príomh Oide)

REOPENING OF SCHOOL

School will reopen after the summer holidays at 8.50am on Tuesday, 1st September. We will be looking forward to seeing everyone after a well-deserved break!

Spraoi Classes 2026/2027

Information for Parents

Class 2026/2027	New Teacher 2026/2027	New Room 2026/2027	Previous Class Teacher
Junior Infants	Ms Fitzmaurice	1	N/A
Junior Infants	Ms Brady	2	N/A
Junior Infants /Senior Infants	Ms Kerrigan	3	New Grouping
Senior Infants	Mrs Lynam	4	New Grouping
Senior Infants	Ms Green	5	New Grouping
1 st Class	Ms Hurst	14	Ms. Noone
1 st Class	Ms Blong	15	Ms. Green
1 st Class	TBC	16	Ms. Minnock
2 nd Class	Ms Mangan	17	Ms. O Connor
2 nd Class	Ms Madden	18	Ms. Digan
3 rd Class	Ms Kenny	21	Ms Madden
3 rd Class	Mr Brereton	22	Ms McDonnell
3 rd Class	TBC	23	Ms McCarthy
4 th Class	Ms Crampton	24	Ms Kenny
4 th Class	Mrs Farrell	25	Ms. Dolan
5 th Class	Mr Swan	26	Ms. Kerrigan
5 th Class	Mr Abbott	27	Ms. Carroll
6 th Class	Ms McDonnell	28	Mr. Garvey
6 th Class	Mr Duffy	29	Ms Farrell
6 th Class	Ms McGuinness	30	Mr Abbott

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

School Summer Programme

- Two DEIS literacy and numeracy camps (one week in duration).
- School-based summer provision for children in our Sonas classes (four weeks in duration).

Contacting The School During The Summer Programme

If you have a query during our School Summer Programme, 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

Active Schools Week

This year's Active Schools Week took place from June 15th to 19th. Every class had the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities, including orienteering, tug-of-war, football, soccer, skipping, obstacle courses, and dance.



A special thank you goes to Mary from Edenderry Golf Club, Ciarán from Edenderry GAA and Gary from Edenderry Town FC Soccer, who volunteered their time to help with the activities.

Attendance

Attendance and punctuality will be prioritised for us again in Scoil Bhríde for the 2026/2027 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 2026/2027

<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 31st - Re-opening of School for Staff 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Re-opening of School for Students
<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 26th to 30th - Halloween Mid-Term Break 	<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22nd - Christmas Holidays (school closing at 11.30 am) 	<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6th - Re-opening of School
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st - Public Holiday (School Closure) • 18th and 19th inclusive - Spring Mid-Term Break 	<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17th - Public Holiday (School Closure) • 22nd - Easter holidays (School Closing at 11.30 am)
<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th - Re-opening of School 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd - Public Holiday (School Closure) • 4th - School Closure
<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th - Public Holiday (School Closure) • 25th - Summer Holidays (School Closing at 11.30 am) 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th June to 23rd of July 'School Summer Programme'- pending approval of Board of Management & Department of Education & Youth

- 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 22nd, 23rd and 24th of March 2027.
- 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

Primary School Survey – Results

The results of the Department of Education Primary School Survey for Scoil Bhríde are now available on the school website. Parents and guardians can view the findings online at their convenience.

Bí Cineálta

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

Farewell to Mr. Desmond

As Mr. Desmond prepares to take up the position of principal during the 2026/2027 academic year, he has asked us to share a short message with the school community.

“As I prepare to leave the school after 16 wonderful years, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families for your kindness, support and friendship over the years. It has been a privilege to teach and work with so many fantastic children and to be part of such a special school community.

I have many happy memories that I will always treasure, and I feel very fortunate to have shared this journey with you all. Wishing everyone continued happiness and success in the years ahead.”

6th Class Graduation

Sixth class enjoyed a fantastic trip to Delphi on the 4th 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 Monday, 15th June. They had a great year in sixth class and we wish them every success in the future.



Literacy Updates

In May, Fourth Class completed the final creative writing workshops with Offaly Fighting Words. Well done to all the classes that took part in our creative writing workshops throughout the year.

This year, the children of Scoil Bhríde read a total of 56,480,475 words. What a fantastic achievement!

Our word count winners at each class level received a certificate and a prize in recognition of their great efforts.

This year, we have a record number of Word Millionaires, with 15 pupils reading over one million words each – a wonderful accomplishment. Four of these pupils read over two million words.

Each of our Word Millionaires will be announced at our final assembly and will receive a certificate and an Easons voucher in recognition of their outstanding efforts.


Looking ahead to the 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 fantastic selection of books waiting to be borrowed.

Once your child is registered with Edenderry Library, they can not only borrow books but also access eBooks, eMagazines and audiobooks from home through the BorrowBox app.


This is a fantastic way to keep children reading and enjoying books throughout the summer holidays.

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! 



Blue Star Programme

Scoil Bhríde has achieved a significant milestone by being awarded our third Blue Star Certificate for participation in the Blue Star Programme. This programme aims to foster a deeper understanding of the European Union among primary school students through engaging activities and projects. To successfully complete the programme, 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. Huge congratulations to our Scoil Bhríde girls' camogie team who were crowned Cumann na mBunscol champions after a fantastic victory over Kilcormac/Broughall in O'Connor Park, Tullamore.

The girls produced an outstanding performance to win with a score of 5-00 to 0-01.

Captain Amber Murphy proudly accepted the trophy on behalf of the team following a brilliant display from all involved.

This achievement is a credit to the incredible hard work, commitment and teamwork the girls have shown throughout the campaign. They represented Scoil Bhríde with pride, determination and great sportsmanship from start to finish.

A special word of thanks and congratulations to Mr. Hickey, Ms. Faulkner, Ms. Madden, Ms. McDonnell and Ms. Minnock who all helped out with the team throughout the campaign.



Soccer

Earlier this term, our school enjoyed a busy period of soccer, with boys' and girls' teams representing Scoil Bhríde in the FAI 5s competition. Our school also hosted both boys' and girls' soccer blitzes on our astro pitch.

We were delighted to welcome teams from St. Mary's PS and St. Patrick's PS for the blitzes, where great skill, teamwork and sportsmanship were on display. A sincere thank you to Mr. McGlynn for his fantastic organisation of these events, and to all of the teachers who helped with preparing teams, organising and refereeing matches.

Well done to all of our pupils who took part and represented Scoil Bhríde so proudly throughout the soccer season.

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.

