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MAY NEWSLETTER 2026

Quiz Night:

Thank you to all those parents who came on Good Friday night to support the school fundraising quiz. It was a great success and we really appreciate the support and help from the staff and B.O.M. members. Some of the funds will go towards our AstroTurf fund and the rest went towards new basketball boards and rings.

First Holy Communion:

The 2nd class children made their First Holy Communion on the 25th April. The children who made their Communion are Eoin Donnelly, Ruairí Flynn, Luke McLoughlin, Brian Redican, Daniel Redican, David Reynolds and Kerri Rose Wrynn.

The ceremony was truly lovely. They were a credit to themselves and to their parents.

Thanks to all the children's parents for their support and kindness leading up to these special days.

Thank you to Mrs. Scollan and Máire Kielty who prepared the school children's choir for the 1st Communion ceremony. Their singing was truly beautiful and it was very much appreciated by all the parents and Communion children. Thank you to Fr. Nigel for his commitment and dedication to the children and for the lovely ceremony.

We would like to thank Senior Infant and First Class Parents who organised the lovely food in the Community Centre after the First Holy Communion Ceremony. It was truly appreciated by the staff, parents and children.

School Jumpers:

We have a lot of unclaimed jumpers with no names on them, left in the school. If your child is missing their jumper, please come and see if any of these are yours. We would like to remind you once again to label your child's uniform.

School Tours:

The children from 1st Class to 6th Class are going to 'Shannon River Adventure Center' in Rooskey on Thursday the 11th of June. The total cost of their tour will be €42 per child for 1st class children (no water activities) and €50 per child from 2nd to 6th class (which includes water activities), which includes the cost of the bus and their activities for the day. More details on this will follow closer to the time.

Junior and Senior Infants are going to Mollie Moo's in Mullingar on Thursday, June 11th. The total cost will be €25.

Please send in payment by the 22nd May.

WellEd Ireland:

Conor Cullen, from WellEd Ireland is coming to the school on Fridays for six weeks to run a pilot programme. It is a fun, engaging wellbeing programme that supports children's social, emotional, physical and mental wellbeing through play-based activities and teamwork challenges. During the sessions, all children take part in a variety of movement activities, cooperative games and group challenges designed to build confidence, communication, teamwork and participation in a positive and inclusive environment. We hope that the children enjoy it. The B.O.M. approved that the school would support this programme and pay for it.

Graduation Ceremony:

Our graduation ceremony for 6th class takes place on Friday, June 19th at 11.00am in the school. All are welcome to attend. We wish our sixth class all the best in the future.

Standardised tests:

As required by the Department of Education, all pupils from 2nd, 4th and 6th class will be tested in Maths and English at the end of May/early June. We will also test children in 1st, 3rd and 5thclass as we have done the last few years. Parents will receive the results in the end of year school report. To get a better understanding of your child's learning and progress during the year, it is important to refer to all of the information in your child's end-of-year report. In your child's report, the teacher will have provided feedback on areas such as:

- Your child as a learner
- Your child's social and personal development
- Yours child's learning across the curriculum
- Ways that you can further support your child's learning

Open Day:

We have invited the new infants to our open day on Wednesday 10th June at 1pm until 2pm.

New Green Flag:

We take great pleasure in informing you that our application for the Green Flag award for the Global Citizenship (Marine Environment) theme has been successful. This is the school's 8th green flag. Congratulations to the children on all their hard work and achievement, particularly the 4th, 5th and 6th class boys and girls who were a part of our green school's committee. We thank Mrs. Bloxham for all her work on the Green Flag award and for working with the children on the Green Schools Committee.

Class Divisions:

Classes for the coming school year will be:

Junior and Senior Infants:	Yet to be confirmed, interviews to be held later*

(* As per department guidelines, we are required to interview this post as it has been sanctioned a fixed-term position.)

1st Class:	Orla Redican
2nd and 3rd Class:	Bernie McNamee
4th Class:	Edel Scollan
5th and 6th:	Ronan Gordon
Special Education Teacher:	Tara Davis
Part-time Special Education Teacher:	Michelle Prior
EAL(Language support):	Helen Molloy

R.S.E.

R.S.E. lessons will be completed in all classes on Monday the 25th May 2026. If you do not wish your child to participate in these lessons, please inform the school in writing.

Screen Free Day on June 15th:

The children are encouraged not to use any technology or devices throughout the day.

Schools Football:

Well done to both the girls and boys teams who have qualified for the finals of their Cumann na mBunscol competitions. The girls have gone unbeaten throughout and will play Bornacoola in the Division 2 Cup Final with the boys qualifying for the Division 2 Shield Final against Carrigallen. Both finals will take place on Saturday May 23rd with, boys at 12 noon and the girls at 1pm. The venue depends on the result of the Leitrim vs Down Tailteann Cup game this weekend so we will let you know in due course. Best of luck to both teams.

School Sports Day:

This day will take place in June. The date will be decided close to the day once weather is confirmed to be dry.

Heritage in Schools:

Heather Bothwell visited the school on Friday 1st May as part of Heritage in Schools. All classes went outside and investigated bugs and insects in the school environment. The children really enjoyed the experience.

Healthy Eating day (9thJune 2026)

To promote healthy eating, we are hoping to encourage the children to bring healthy lunches on that day and to be able to discuss the importance of good foods that they should eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We will be discussing foods that are not good for us and that need to be eaten in moderation. We are hoping to encourage them to have a healthy eating plan for that full day and that they will be able to recognise the importance of eating a balanced diet.

Reminder:

School is closed on May 26th for Curriculum training.

ST. CAILLIN'S N.S. 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR	
	SCHOOL DAY CLOSURES
School Reopens	**Thursday 27th August 2026 at 9.05am.**
Halloween	**Closed Oct. 26th-Oct. 30th, school reopens Monday 2nd November**
Christmas	**Closes Tuedsay 22nd December** **Reopens Wednesday 6th January 2027**
New Bank Holiday St. Brigid's Day	**Monday 1st February**
February Mid-term	**Thursday 18th and Friday 19th**
Public Holiday	**Wednesday 17th March St. Patrick's Day**
Easter Holidays	**Closes Friday 19th March** **Reopens Monday 5th April**
No School	**Friday April 30th**
Public Holidays	**Monday May 3rd**
Public Holidays	**Monday June 7th**
Summer Holidays	**Tuesday June 22nd**

There will be a possible closure for curriculum training for staff which will be confirmed in due course.