

# GOOD SHEPHERD NS



# NEWSLETTER

SUMMER  
2026

## Thank You!

As we come to the end of another fantastic school year we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helps make our school such a happy and welcoming place.

A special thank you goes to our SNAs, who support and care for students every day.

This year we are saying goodbye to Collette, Joyce, and Pauline as they retire. We thank them for their many years of kindness, patience, dedication, and the time they have spent helping students in our school. They have made a difference to so many children and families and they will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best in the next chapter of their lives.

We would also like to thank Neville, our caretaker for all the hard work he does behind the scenes. From fixing problems to keeping our school safe and looking its best, we would be lost without him.

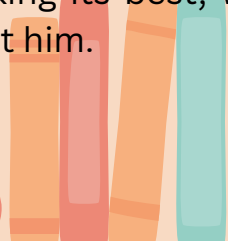
Thank you to Caroline, our secretary who is the first face visitors see when they come to the school. Caroline helps students, parents and staff every day and keeps everything running smoothly.

We would also like to thank Sharon and Mark our cleaning staff for keeping our school building so clean and welcoming throughout the year.

Finally, thank you to all our parents. Your support helps make our school a wonderful happy place.

We wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer break!

Ms Veale and staff.





## Active Week

Active Week got off to a flying start as pupils and parents completed our 5km in May challenge, running 1km each morning and showing great determination, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the week. Our whole school got to do lots of fun activities and take part in trips together. Some of the amazing activities that classes did were;

- 6<sup>th</sup> class went on a hike in Tibbradden Wood. They also went to Rathfarnham Park.
- 5<sup>th</sup> class went to Rathfarnham. They also visited De La Salle College.
- 4<sup>th</sup> class represented Good Shepherd at a South Dublin DLR athletics event in Cabinteely. They also visited Rathfarnham Castle.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> class went to Cabinteely and went to Zipit for their school tour.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> class visited Loreto park.
- 1<sup>st</sup> class went to Loreto park, had parachute games and had active homework.
- Senior Infants did yoga and played football.
- Junior Infants did parachute games with 1<sup>st</sup> class and did tag rugby.

Every class also had the chance to do yoga on Tuesday and golf on Wednesday.



On Thursday we had our school sports day. What a day! The sun shone down on us and an amazing day was had by all. We had an egg and spoon race, a sack race, a two legged race, a relay race and an obstacle race. We also enjoyed a bouncy ball race, a big tug of war and penalty shoot outs. Later we ran a cross country race around the field and even got ice-creams!!

One of the coolest parts of the day was when 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class went to Nutgrove Avenue to cheer for the FTD brothers who were doing their last marathon in 33 days. They were running marathons to raise awareness for Alzheimer research.

We ended the day by getting our sports awards. The next day we also had our mini All Ireland GAA blitz.

Active Week was so much fun! We made so many great memories together. I really hope that next year will be just as fun as this year!!

By Sara 6<sup>th</sup>





## Library Quiz Team

Four sixth class students were selected to be part of the school quiz team for an event in Dundrum library on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April. Those four people were Blaise, Freya, Isabelle and myself, Hannah. There were ten rounds with ten questions in each. There was also a bonus round with clues given at the end of each round to help you get the bonus question correct. We did very well on the day and at the end after all of the points had been added up we were through to the final!!

The final followed the exact format as we had in Dundrum. Teams from all over Dublin were there. It was held in a much bigger library called the DLR Lexicon. There were also ten rounds with a bonus question at the end of each. Just like the semi-finals the vast majority of the questions were general knowledge with some specific rounds such as Disney, Geography and History. Unfortunately we didn't win but we all had a great day and it was fun to take part in such a big event. I was delighted to represent my school.

Thank you Mr Doyle for bringing us.

By Hannah 6th



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

Without a doubt, 6th class is one of the hardest classes in primary school, but it is also the year that I will remember the most. This year, we have learned about a huge range of topics across many different subjects. We also had the opportunity to complete two major group projects on the Famine and World War II. Throughout the year, we have had many chances to get out of the classroom for activities such as the Glendalough hike, school tours, trips to the park, and much more.

Our teacher Ms Keane has spent the entire year preparing us for our move to secondary school. Leaving primary school can be a little stressful, but thanks to Ms Keane, I am very confident that we will have a smooth transition into first year.

By Helen, 6th Class



## My Day at the Dáil

The Student council's first-ever trip to the Dáil was an exciting and unforgettable experience.

We headed off by bus to the Dáil on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. It was so exciting! When we arrived at the gates of the Dáil, it was a beautiful day. We were a few minutes early, so we were able to take a quick walk through St Stephen's Green and enjoy some fresh air.

After a short wait, we entered the huge doors of Leinster House. We were guests of local TD Neale Richmond who ensured we were well looked after. One of his assistants gave us a tour and shared some of the history of the building.

We met Mr Richmond and had a Q&A session with him in a conference room. He was very friendly and welcoming. He explained how he specialises in international affairs and told us about some of the incredible countries he has visited.



After our meeting, we had the opportunity to see both the Seanad and Dáil chambers. We were also given ten minutes in the viewing area of the Dáil, where we watched TDs, asking questions of Government ministers. This was very interesting and gave us a real insight into how the Dáil works.

Overall, it was an amazing experience that I will never forget.

By Fernando, 5th Class



## Trip to De La Salle

In May, 5th class went on a trip to De La Salle. We walked to De La Salle College. It is only 12 minutes away. Once we got there we all got a nametag. After that we went outside and found out we were going to be doing orienteering!

We did a few things like finding trophies, naming foods with the periodic table, decorating biscuits and guessing the musical instrument by the clues.

Next we had a break for lunch. About 15 minutes into the break we went out and played football. After that we returned to school. It was a really fun day and I hope we get to do it again sometime next year.

By Martin 5th Class

## Pearse Museum

6<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class walked to Saint Enda's park where the Pearse Museum is. Firstly we heard about Padraic Pearse's family and saw some pieces like his diary, books and a clay sculpture. Even the room itself had some history behind it with it being a room from the civil war in Ireland. You could tell by the old ovens and closed up tunnels that they were previously used to transport army goods.



A longtime ago the museum used to be a school called Scoil Eanna which was a bilingual school in English and Irish.

We also had the opportunity to see the school, bedrooms, kitchen and other rooms in the house.

After seeing the school we went to the nature room and saw many different animals, fish and insects. We learned that a huge amount of them are endangered. After the nature room we had a small break to eat lunch and then we went onto a trail in the in the park that led to a stream.

Finally we walked back to the school. Overall it was an amazing day. It was lovely to visit a place we learnt about in history class.

By Olivia and Hannah 6th

## Cooking

One of the exciting things that we got to do during Wellbeing Week was cooking. Making a carrot cake with Ms O'Riordan was one of the highlights for me. At first everyone was extremely excited but quite quickly it got very chaotic. We accidentally poured flour on the table and had to spend the next few minutes cleaning it up!!

Despite the mess we all worked together as a team. Some of us were grating carrots, others were mixing and the rest were pouring in the batter carefully. The boys and girls split up so we had one table of boys and girls.

Overall it was an extremely fun activity. The carrot cake was very tasty and I will definitely try to make it again.

By Tori 5th



## GAA Blitz

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May our school had a mini All Ireland GAA blitz with mixed teams of students from 2<sup>nd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup>. Each team represented a different county. Counties were Mayo (managed by Mr O’Gara), Clare (managed by Ms Keane), Dublin (managed by Mr Doyle), Tyrone (managed by Ms Hannigan), Kerry (managed by Ms Horgan), Cork (managed by Mr McCarthy), Waterford (managed by Ms Veale), Sligo (managed by Ms McGuinness) and Louth (managed by Ms Guerrine).

Teams played each other on different pitches. Each match lasted 12 minutes with some water breaks. It was an incredibly fun day and we were lucky to have the gorgeous weather for the day.

By Olivia 6th



## Award Ceremony

Our annual awards ceremony was held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of June. This years award winners are;

### Spirit of Good Shepherd

Jnr Infants	Croía Flynn
Snr Infants	Rares Pintilie
1st	Esmé Kennedy
2nd	Robyn Keenan
3rd Ms Horgan	Ciara Duffy
3rd Mr Doyle	Joshua Adams
4th	Elodie Roden
5th	Chloe Morton
6th	Sara Vacaru
Ms O’Donoghue’s	Neo Smith
Jn Ln.	Mya Chin
Sn Ln.	Cal Duffy
Early Intervention	Odhran McGearty

### Student of the Year 2026

Jnr Infants	Eben Tynan Balfe
Snr Infants	Aoibhinn Cahill
1st	Antoni Kotarzewski-Pollock
2nd	Jedrick Enzo Galope
3rd Ms Horgan	Anna O’Connell
3rd Mr Doyle	Robyn Mooney
4th	Lucy Mullins
5th	Paul Ionita
6th	Si Yao Wang
Ms O’Donoghue’s	Killian Slattery
Jnr Lang	Jasmine Osmani
Snr Lang	Dylan Dirdala
Early Intervention	Eoghan O’Brien

### Overall Student of the Year 2026

Freya Carlyle

### Ross Edwards Award 2026

Killian Slattery

### Contribution to School Community

Nina Petrachi


### Positive Attitude to School

Nathan Davidson Murray, Marina

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### Bí Cineálta Class Award

Joint winner 3<sup>RD</sup> Class Mr Doyle + Ms Horgans



## Thank you to the Parent's Association

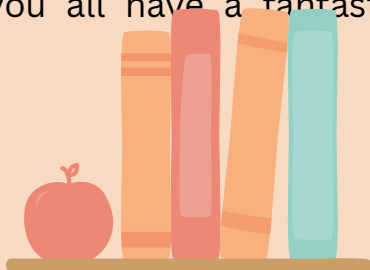
As another school year comes to an end we would like to say a huge thank you to our Parents' Association for everything they have done for our school.

Throughout the year they have worked very hard to organise events, raise money and support our school community. Their efforts have helped to provide resources, including our new speaker for assembly, activities, and lots of special days that would have been impossible to organise without their help.

We especially appreciate the time and energy they give to make our school a better place. Whether helping at school events or organising fundraisers their hard work does not go unnoticed.

On behalf of all the students, teachers, and staff, thank you for your generosity and dedication. We are very lucky to have such a wonderful Parents' Association supporting our school.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer!



## Staffing 2026/27

### Class Teachers

Junior Infants	Ms Younge
Senior Infants	Ms O'Brien/Ms. Lernihan
1st Class	Ms Donnelly
2nd Class	Mr McCarthy
3rd Class	Ms McGuinness
4th Class	Ms Horgan
5th Class	Ms Wall
6th Class	Mr Doyle
MGLD Class	Ms O'Donoghue
JR Language Class	Mr O'Gara
SR Language Class	Ms Mhic Dhonncha
ASD EI	TBC

### Support Team

Jun / Sen. Infants	Ms Lynch
1st /2nd	Ms Shields/Ms Rafferty
3rd / 4th	Ms Hannigan
5th / 6th	Ms Keane
HSCl	Ms Smith



## You're Simply the Best



Farewell Ms Fox, Ms Nulty and Ms Tier!!



## 2025/2026 in Pictures



## HSCL Update

It has been a brilliant year in HSCL, with Wellbeing Week being a particular highlight this term. Thank you to all of the parents who got involved in our 1km each day and helped with the Sports Day. A huge thank you to the PA who have carried out so many fundraisers this year including the second hand uniform sale coming this Wednesday.

If there are any courses or speakers you would be interested in hosting in our school please let me know, we are always looking for new suggestions and ideas.

Wishing everyone a lovely restful summer and looking forward to seeing you again on August 31st.

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## Slán Libh!

Go n-éirí saoire an tsamhraidh libh!  
Feicfidimid sibh an bhliain seo chugainn le haghaidh bliain speisialta eile

