

EASTER NEWSLETTER 2026



Sacraments:

Congratulations to Ivy-Rose Barr, Tadhg Blake, Méabh Clohessy, Maisie Considine, Luca Cronin, Niall Foley, Nina Hassett, Lia Kubiak-Quaid, Alex O’Gorman, Doireann Phillipson, Luke Roche and Davea Sammon, who celebrated First Penance on March 3rd and will celebrate First Communion on April 25th.

Hot Lunches

The Schools Hot Meals Programme commenced on February 3rd, following the successful tendering process. “The Lunch Bag” is now providing hot meals daily to the children, along with fresh fruit at break time.

Sport

Basketball

5th and 6th class boys and girls participated in the Marion Keane Basketball tournament on February 12th. Both boys and girls were commended by the referee and other principals in attendance on their performance and skill. Well done to all for an excellent performance and excellent behaviour on both days.

We have also been invited by Trish Kelly to participate in a Jnr NBA Program called “The Festival of Fun” at The Arena. This will involve 6 girls and 6 boys from the senior room and they will combine with pupils from Lahinch and Miltown for the event. More details to follow after Easter!

Soccer:

Our 5th and 6th Class took part in the FAI Schools Soccer Blitz in Lisdoonvarna on 9th March. They represented the school extremely well on the day, displaying great sportsmanship and skill both on and off the field. The event finished with one of our girls teams qualifying for the next round on April 21st in Lees Road, Ennis.

Football:

GAA Schools Football Skills for all students are currently taking place every Thursday afternoon. Our boys and girls football teams will begin preparation for the Spring/Summer football leagues, with dates to be confirmed by Cumann na mBunscoil after Easter.

Primary Games Trials:

We wish the very best of luck to Lily Considine and Jack Greene who will represent Liscannor NS at the Primary Games Trials.

Hurling:

Students from 3rd and 4th class will take part in a hurling blitz on 17th April. This will be a chance for boys and girls from these classes to take part in a non-competitive mixed ability series of games and help them to develop new skills.

Gymnastics:

Magda Konczyk returned to the school to teach gymnastics to all classes in February and March. The children really enjoyed these lessons.

Student Council:

We have a very strong student council in place since the mid-term elections took place. They have been devising ways to make their ideas and voices heard and have come up with plenty of great suggestions so far. We look forward to them organising events and bringing lots of fun to all the pupils in the future. Our current Student Council members are as follows:

Roisin Curtin, Hannah Scales, Elsie Greene, Lia Kubiak-Quaid, Veronica Danko, Cathal Foley, Katie M. Considine, Sophie McNulty, Dara Cronin and Lily Considine.

Grandparents Day

On May 1st we will celebrate Grandparents Day with a special mass at 11am in Liscannor Church. Refreshments will be provided at the school afterwards. More details to follow after Easter.

Greenschools:

All children, with the help of Ms. Hassett and their class teachers have helped to weed the flowerbeds and plant some new bulbs. The children loved getting involved and we are looking forward to seeing the daffodils, tulips, crocuses, hyacinths and narcissus bloom over the coming months. Ms. Hassett will also oversee the planting of some wildflowers in the remaining flowerbeds.

Credit Union Quiz

4th to 6th class participated in the Ennistymon Credit Union Quiz on February 12th. Well done to all for participating and for their excellent behaviour on the night.

The U11 team were: Nathan Griffin-McNulty, Éanna Clohessy, Katie A. Considine and Ellen Curtin.

The U13 team were: Cliona Fitzpatrick, Lily Considine, Robin O’Gorman and Rowen Heavey.

Junior Achievement Programme

5th and 6th class participated in this programme on March 6th. This involved a presentation on:

- History of the Cliffs of Moher
- Environmental Awareness and Care
- Job prospects at the Cliffs of Moher

Kids Coder Club Workshop:

Corrib Computing and Coding came to the school on January 28th and gave a fantastic series of workshops across all classes. Themes included coding robotic games, Lego Wedo coding, and Makecode Arcade coding. The children really enjoyed taking part in these sessions and learned a great deal about coding and technology in a practical and hands on capacity.

World Book Day:

We celebrated World Book Day on March 5th, when pupils were invited to dress up as a character of their choice. We were delighted to see all the fantastic costumes, particularly those made from recycled materials. All pupils were in high spirits and were really engaged in this event. Although it was difficult to choose the winning costumes from each classroom, the lucky winners were:

Junior/Senior Infants : Nina O’Connor

2nd Class: Zoë Bouton

5th/6th Class: Saoirse McDonagh-Davis

1st Class: Anna Adams

3rd /4th Class: Mattie Greene

Parents Association:

The PA has had three meetings since Christmas and the main event this term has been the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Thank you to the teachers and the parents for getting our Liscannor themed children ready for the parade and well done for coming and taking part on the day. Also great credit to the children for braving the weather enthusiastically! Big thank you also to the parents who attended the parade prep day and helped with the art for the parade.

There are lots of plans in store for the summer term and as always the PA would appreciate any participation from parents. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings, which are held once a month and usually last about an hour.

St. Brigid's Day:

All classes made various styles of St. Brigid's Day crosses. This continues to be a long standing tradition in our school. Also Ms. Dara Spillane and Annie Stringer made Brideógs with pupils from 3rd to 6th class. This is an Aran Island tradition which Fr. Crosby introduced to Liscannor in recent years.

TY Placement:

We were delighted to welcome one of our past pupils, Ella Healy back to our school as part of her work experience placement from February 3rd to 6th.

Pancake Tuesday:

February 17th was Pancake Tuesday and all children enjoyed creating their own treats with their choice of toppings. Thank you to Ms. Hassett and to Aoife McDonagh for cooking the pancakes on the day.

Tackling Anxiety Workshop

Children from 2nd to 6th Class took part in a "Tackling Anxiety" workshop via Zoom on 10th and 11th March with a focus on emotional development in terms of recognising and managing anxiety, grounding techniques and building confidence. This was very beneficial for the children and gave them some practical tips on managing their feelings and gaining more confidence in themselves.

Standardised Testing (2nd -6th class):

*Standardised Reading Assessments: Week beginning May 12th

*Standardised Spelling Assessments: Week beginning May 12th

*Standardised Maths Assessments: Week beginning June 9th

***Please ensure that your child is at school on those weeks.**

Staff CPD:

Staff have recently engaged in CPD in relation to The New Curriculum Framework and The New Primary Maths Curriculum.

Junior Infant Induction

On April 22nd, our incoming Junior Infant Class, together with their parents, will have their induction session from 2.15pm to 2.45pm. This gives the children a chance to see a classroom and interact with some of the staff before they start "Big School" in September.

Ennistymon Choral Society Musical

Children from 3rd to 6th Class will attend the ECS matinee performance of "Disco Inferno" on April 13th at the Ennistymon Community Centre.

Fundraisers:

Christmas Raffle:

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to our annual Christmas Raffle. The total amount raised was €5483.42.

School Fun Run:

The annual school 'Fun Run' will take place on Friday, June 5th. Please spread the word!
Details to follow after the Easter break.

School Tours:

Pupils from 3rd to 6th class will be going to U.L Activity Centre, Killaloe on June 3rd.
Pupils from Junior Infant to 2nd class will be going to The Planet, Ennis on June 16th.
Permission and payment modules will be set up on Aladdin after the Easter break.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Easter Closure: Monday March 30th 2026 - Friday April 10th 2026

Ennistymon Choral Society: Matinee Show 'Disco Inferno' - Monday April 13th at 11am (3rd – 6th Class)

RSE Talk (6th class) - May 21st at 7pm

May Bank Holiday: Monday, May 4th

FUN RUN: Friday June 5th at 7pm

Junior Infant Induction: April 22nd (2.15 – 2.45pm)

June Bank Holiday: Monday, June 1st

Additional Closures: Tuesday 2nd June – June Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th June – Staff CPD

Thank you very much for all the interest and support you have shown to us during the last term.

Beannachtaí na Cásca libh go léir! / Happy Easter to you all! / Shchaslyvoho Velykodnya!

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