



SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026



Key Holder:

'Thank You' to Joe Considine who has acted as our key holder for the school outside of school hours, on a voluntary basis, for several years. We are very appreciative of his time and goodwill. We are looking for a new volunteer to act as keyholder for the school. If you are interested, please contact Ms. O'Connell by emailing liscannorprimaryschool@gmail.com.

Educational Initiatives:

A number of Literacy and Numeracy initiatives took place during the school year, details of which will be sent via Aladdin in September.

Primary School Survey:

A survey was carried out by the Department of Education recently to discern which type of schools parents/guardians prefer, specifically in the areas of patronage/ethos, co-educational vs. single sex provision and education through Irish or English.

Results will be issued to all families via the school website in due course.

Sports Yearly Review:

GAA

County Development Officer Dermot Thornton came to the school for 6 weeks for football skills workshop with all students. A schools blitz took place on 19th May for students from 3rd to 6th class.

Boys Football:

Our boy's GAA team trained with great energy and enthusiasm after the Easter holidays. In May, they put on a fantastic display of footballing skills at our Wild Atlantic Way, Division 3 blitz in Lahinch. Liscannor met very strong panels from Kilfenora/Kilshanny and Doolin on the day, the team showed great skill, determination and resilience fighting to the end for every ball. Sadly, the results were not in our favour this time.

Girls Football:

The girls' school football team hit the headlines once again, doing 'The Double' by adding the Clare Ladies Primary School's League title to their Cumann na mBunscol title! The girls played in the Division 3 Final against a combination of four Doonbeg schools and had too much skill, speed and determination for the West Clare side. Congratulations to the girls team on a well deserved successful season!

We would like to thank all team members on both the boys and girls teams for their effort, good manners and for proudly representing the school and Liscannor! Lios Ceannúir abú!

A huge thank you to Ms. Lucas and Ms. Falvey for mentoring and coaching the girls and boys teams respectively.

GAA Skills competition:

We were ably represented at this years' Gaelic Football Skills competition by Lily Considine, Jack Greene and David Duffield. This competition places an emphasis on being competent at all the skills with both sides and so serves as a great motivation for the pupils to practice all the skills with both legs and hands.

Hurling:

Peter Casey, County Development officer coached all pupils in hurling skills over the course of 6 weeks. This was hugely enjoyable for all the children. Our 3rd and 4th class pupils then competed in a friendly mixed blitz on 17th April at Ennistymon GAA pitch, which gave them the opportunity to hone their skills in a non-competitive environment.

Sports Day:

Sports Day Whole School Soccer Blitz: As usual we held a zoned whole school soccer blitz on sports day. 'The Plate' winners were Arwen Gavin, Daithí McDonagh, Holly Creevey, Mattie Greene, Leo Bouton and Kerry McCarthy

'The Plate' runners up were Jack Greene, Ava Clair, Nina Hassett, Orna Considine, Comdhan Miller and Liam Clancy

'The Cup' winners were Sophie Buckley, Cathal Foley, Nicole Creevey, Sam Griffin, Lorcan Canavan and Róisín Curtin.

The Cup runners up were Rowen Heavey, Seán Clancy, Penny Cusack, Rúairí McCarthy, Elsie Greene and Sadie Scales

Thank you to Ms. Lucas for the huge amount of work involved in co-ordinating this event and to all other teachers and SNA's for coordinating the events on the day.

'Thank You' to Spooney's for providing ice-cream on the day and to the Parents' Association for organising same and distributing it to the children on the day.

NBA Basketball:

On 20th May, 12 pupils from 5th and 6th class took part in the Junior NBA Festival of Fun in the National Arena, Dublin. The school received a free school basketball kit for competing in the festival. Our thanks to Trish Kelly for providing coaching in the lead up to the event, to Ms. Lucas for accompanying the children to and from Dublin, and to the Clare Cascaders for subsidising the cost of the bus. The children hugely enjoyed their day out.

Student Council:

This year's student council members; Lily Considine, Dara Cronin, Katie M Considine, Sophie McNulty, Cathal Foley, Veronica Danko, Lia Kubiak-Quaid, Elsie Greene, Hannah Scales and Róisín Curtin have been very busy representing student voice in the school. They worked hard on choosing the 6th Class Leavers Hoodies, they brought ideas for improving the outdoor play areas, they held a whole-school fundraiser to cover the costs of the hoodies and worked very co-operatively as a committee throughout the year.

Grandparents Day:

The school had a special day of celebration on 1st May and paid tribute to all the beloved grandparents in our school community. Our thanks to Fr. Crosby for celebrating a unique and beautiful mass for staff, pupils and their families, and to our Parents Association for organising the catering on the day. It proved to be a huge success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Parents' Association

Our Parents Association have become a very valued part of school life. We thank them most sincerely for their assistance in managing refreshments for Grandparents Day, Graduation, our Fun Run and for the families of children who received First Communion.

Greenschools:

We have been busy weeding and planting wildflowers in the school garden over recent months. We have seen some beautiful colours blooming in the flower beds! Greenschools advisor Karen Foley visited us at the end of April, providing some valuable insights and advice to help us achieve our next Green Flag on the theme of 'Global Citizenship - Energy'. We have been working hard to ensure our waste is separated correctly and to ensure lights are only on when needed. Pupils from 3rd-6th have taken charge of emptying the class bins each day and are doing a great job! Ms. Hassett is currently working on year one of the online application for the flag. The students are looking forward to engaging with year two of the theme, and this time next year we hope to have secured the Global Citizenship Energy Flag!

Wellbeing:

This year we chose the area of 'Wellbeing' as our next focus for our school improvement plan. You might remember that you received a parent survey on this topic earlier in the school year. The results of these questionnaires as well as the pupil questionnaires informed us on what targets to focus on for improvement. Our three target areas were to 1) reduce the levels of anxiousness/anxiety among pupils 2) to value the talents of the pupils whatever they may be and 3) to increase the children's involvement in activities such as sport, art, dance and drama. We introduced various new initiatives throughout the year targeting these areas, such as a 'Proud Wall', having creatives visiting for various areas of the arts and

delivering wellbeing programmes in class to focus on anxiousness/worries. We will forward the more detailed plan to all parents in September 2026.

Sensory Room:

We continue to develop our sensory room for children who benefit from movement breaks throughout the school day. We hope that it will be of benefit to our pupils going forward.

Fundraisers:

Our 'Fun Run' fundraiser took place on June 5th. Thank you again to parents, children, the Board of Management, staff and the wider community for making it such a success. We are most grateful to our sponsors throughout the county for their generous sponsorship.

The total amount raised was €5,480.00 (€1080 from parents and the wider Liscannor community and €4,400 from sponsorship).

Proceeds from the Fun Run will be used to upgrade the sensory room and to purchase/upgrade devices to support the needs of children in our school.

The hoodies fundraiser, which was organised by our student council towards the 6th class graduates hoodies, raised €405.00. Thank you very much for your contributions.

Sacramental Ceremonies:

Congratulations to Ivy-Rose Barr, Tadhg Blake, Méabh Clohessy, Luca Cronin, Doireann Phillipson, Davea Sammon, Niall Foley, Nina Hassett, Alex O'Gorman, Maisie Considine, Luke Roche and Lia Kubiak-Quaid who received the sacrament of First Holy Communion on 25th April. The children showed excellent behaviour and dedication throughout the preparation and the ceremony. Their families should be very proud of them. Thank you to the Parents Association who decorated and provided a fabulous reception for them in the Community Centre.

Ennistymon Choral Society

Children from 3rd to 6th class attended "Disco Inferno" on Monday April 13th, which was hosted by Ennistymon Choral Society.

Drumming Workshop

On April 29th, Brian Fleming came to the school to give a drumming workshop for all classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed making lots of noise with percussion instruments of all kinds!

Neurodiversity Talk

Michelle Nelligan of Autimacy Ireland, an Ennis based neurodiversity and autism support and advocacy group visited us on May 13th. She delivered a presentation to all children on neurodiversity and autism and gave a child friendly insight into the perspectives of neurodiverse individuals.

Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) Programme:

6th class pupils and parents participated in an excellent zoom presentation, which was facilitated by Ann McMahon on May 21st, in conjunction with five other schools.

School Tours:

All students had a wonderful time on their school tours. Our junior classes went to The Planet, Ennis and our middle & senior classes went to U.L Sports Campus in Killaloe. All pupils thoroughly enjoyed their days out!!

Fond Farewells:

We said farewell to the current 6th class at a Graduation Ceremony on Wednesday, June 24th.

We wish them good luck and happiness in the exciting months and years ahead.

The graduating pupils were: Sophie Buckley, Lily Considine, Dara Cronin, Olive Cusack, Yuliia Derzhypilska, David Duffield, Arwen Gavin, Jack Greene, Rowen Heavey, Suleiman Memetov, Niall O'Loughlin, Tyler Peters, Valeriia Pundyk, Pádraig Slattery and Jamie Sugrue.

Pupils were presented with certificates, memory booklets and a copy of their photo story to mark their primary school journey with us. 'Thank you' to all the parents who provided baked goods for the event and to our 5th class pupils who helped to set up in advance and to re-organise afterwards. Thanks also to the

Parents Association who assisted with the catering after the ceremony. We also thank 5th class pupils for their musical contribution on the day.

We say goodbye also to Tadhg and Saoirse Blake as they return to Canada. We wish them well and look forward to seeing them again in the Spring.

We wish Ms. Hassett well in her future career. We thank her most sincerely for her hard work, kindness and patience in working with the children in various capacities over the past year.

Accelerated Reader Programme:

Well done to the following children who topped the poll in terms of their A.R performance this year!

1st/2nd class: Word count:	1 st - Méabh Clohessy	2 nd – Sam Griffin
Book Count:	1 st – Teresa Danko	2 nd – Daniel Dynesen
3rd/4th class: Word Count:	1 st – Nicole Creevey	2 nd – Penny Cusack
Book Count:	1 st – Emily Griffin	2 nd – Seán Clancy
5th/6th class: Word Count:	1 st – Sophie McNulty	2 nd – Olive Cusack
Book Count:	1 st – Molly Considine	2 nd – Ellen Curtin

Each child received a certificate and a €10 book token, a fitting reward. Well done!

Clare Education “Scríomh Leabhar”

All children entered the Scríomh Leabhar initiative with the Clare Education Centre. The winners chosen from Liscannor N.S. were Alys Adams, Sadie Scales, Ríán Clancy, Méabh Clohessy, Veronica Danko, Penny Cusack, Clíona Fitzpatrick and Olive Cusack.

The winning entries will be published on the Forás na Gaeilge website.

Each child who entered also received a certificate of participation and a pen.

School Policies:

A number of school policies have been reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management. The most commonly requested policies are available on our school website, along with a complete list of policies available on request.

Croke Park Hours: Croke Park hours have been completed by staff. These included:

- Yard Supervision
- Staff Meetings
- School Planning and Policy Development
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- CPD (Continuous Professional Development) In - School and External

Board of Management Meetings: Board of Management meetings have been conducted over the course of the school year in line with DES (Dept. Of Education and Science) and CPSMA (Catholic Primary School Management Association) guidelines.

New entrants September 2026:

An induction afternoon was held on Wednesday April 22nd. 10 pupils are enrolled for Junior Infants in September 2026. We look forward to meeting them all again on August 27th.

An information evening for parents, of children in Junior Infants will be held in the autumn term (dateTBC). Details of this will be sent out via Aladdin closer to the event.

Staffing 2026/2027: Based on our current enrolment/staff allocation as per DES directive, we will have 5 class teachers again next year.

If enrolment remains as is, class allocation will be as follows for the 2026/2027 school year:

Class	Teacher
Junior & Senior Infants	Ms. Garrahy
First Class	Ms. McConigley (Ms. McGlennon – Sept/Oct)
Second Class	Ms. Lucas

Third & Fourth Class	Ms. Falvey
Fifth & Sixth Class	Ms. O'Connell

**Please be mindful of the fact that if enrolment changes over the summer months the above is subject to change. The children know, and I hope trust us all, so this should not be an issue.*

REMINDERS:

School Books: As per DES directive, all textbooks will be purchased by the school this year. Please note that as usual, a variety of resources, interactive and online as well as various other materials are used to teach the curriculum in line with best practice.
*Please ensure that your child has all the requested materials (as per expenses list) on August 27th.

School Expenses of €55.00 per pupil are payable via Aladdin between June 27th and August 27th 2026.

Labelling: Please remember to label **ALL** of your child's personal belongings i.e., clothes, indoor shoes, books and stationery so that they are easily identified.

School Library Books: If you find any school Library/Accelerated Reader books/Novels/Guided Readers at home over the summer holidays, please return them on August 27th.

Summer Stars Reading Programme: Just a reminder that the Summer Stars Reading Programme is available in all library branches during the summer holidays and free to children up to the end of August. Information (flyer) has already been forwarded to all families via Aladdin.

School Uniform: Please ensure that your child is wearing full school uniform (including crested jumper) on their return to school on Thursday, August 27th.
A copy of the updated School Uniform Policy is available on our school website. Please ensure that you have read and are familiar with this policy.

Footwear:

Infants - 2nd class may wear the same footwear throughout the day.
3rd - 6th class need to have regular indoor shoes (no slippers/plimsolls/crocs or any other type of slip-on shoes are permitted for Health & Safety reasons.)

'Thank you' to teachers, SNA's, Aoife McDonagh and Mary Murray for your dedication and commitment to our pupils and to the school in general throughout the year. You have all, as usual, gone above the call of duty and it is very much appreciated.

'Thank you' to our parents/guardians for your support during the year. Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

School will re-open on Thursday August 27th 2026.

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