



**April 2026**



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**Upcoming Events**

## May 2026

**✕Bank Holiday School Closure-** May 4th

**🦷-Dental Nurse Visit** to infant classes-May 7th and 8th

**🎭Peter and the Wolf Concert 5th Classes (NCH)-** May 12th

**📅 Standardised testing-** 11th-22nd May

**📅 PTA Meeting:** May 13th online

**✕School Closure Primary Curriculum Training Day 2-** May 19th

**🚗Junior/Senior Infants Tour-**Clonfert Farm- May 22nd

**📅 Incoming Junior Infants Information Night-** May 20th @7pm

**🎉 Incoming Junior Infants Meet and Greet the Staff and Classmates-** May 26th @ 1:30pm

**🕒Mid-term Break-** May 28th-June 2nd. School reopens on June 3rd

## June 2026

**🚌1st Class Tour-** Explorium- June 4th

**🚌4th Class Tour-** Navan Adventure Centre- June 4th

**📅 PTA Hybrid Meeting-** June 10th

**📅 BOM meeting-** June 11th

**🚌3rd Class Tour-** Fort Lucan- June 11th

**🚌2nd Class Tour-** Astro Park Coolock-June 12th

**🚌5th class Tour-**CP Adventures June 12th

**🏃Active Week-**15th-19th June

**🚌6th class tour-** Flynn Park- June 17th

**🎓6th Class Graduation-** June 24th

**🎓6th Class final day-** June 25th

**🕒Summer Holidays (Half Day)-** June 26th

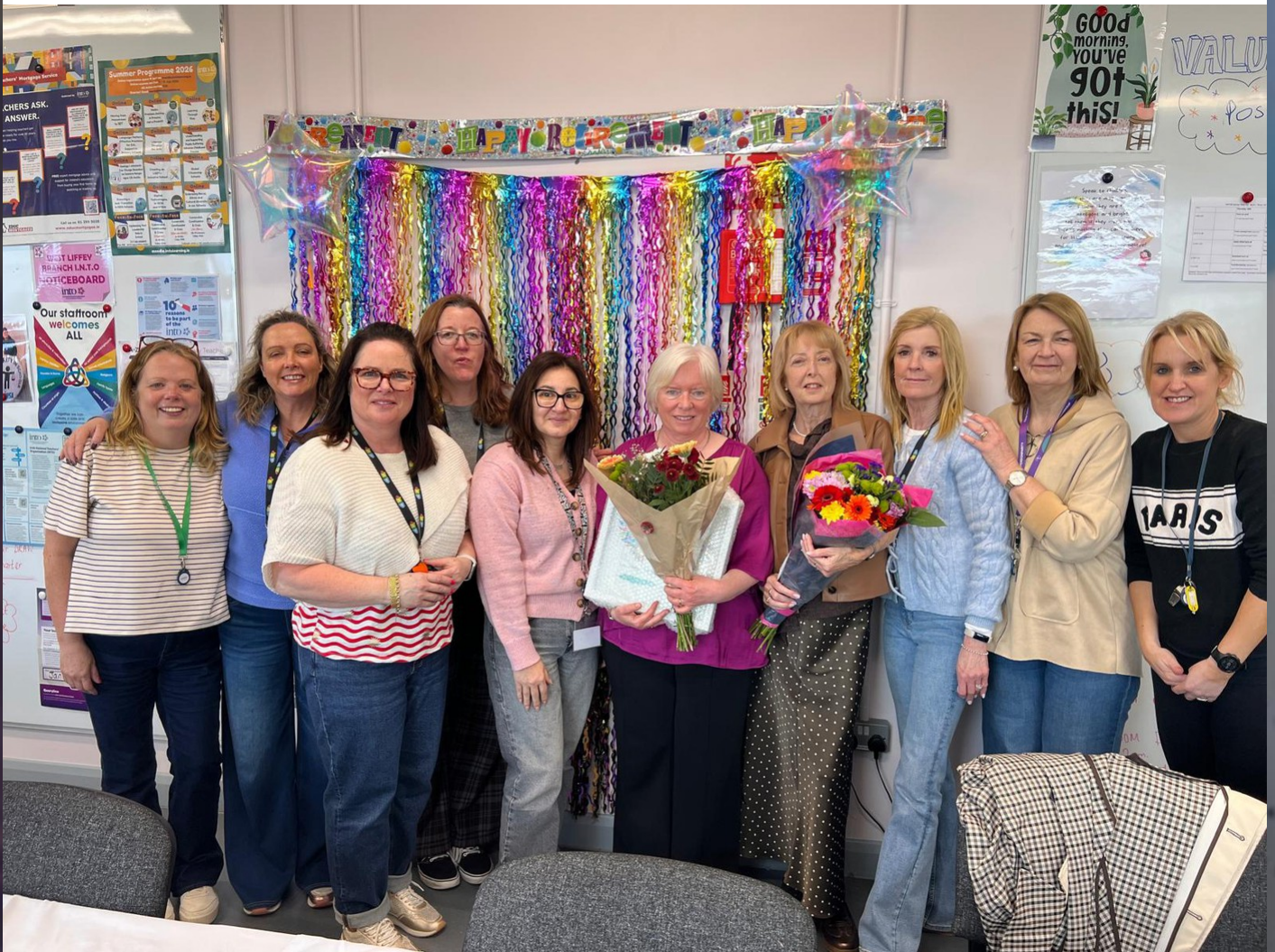
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## School News

### SNA retirement

#### Congratulations Eileen and Anne!

We recently celebrated the retirement of two of our wonderful SNAs; Eileen Neary and Anne Downes. Both Eileen and Anne spent many years working in Maynooth ETNS, and made a huge contribution to the school's development and to the lives of the pupils and families they supported on a daily basis. We wish to thank them both for their dedication and commitment to their role and wish them a healthy and very happy retirement!



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## Sports

### Mini 7's

Our girls' GAA team performed very well in the Blitz at the Moyglare pitches recently, reaching the shield final. The event was organised by the TY leaders in MCC and MPP. Thank you for the invite, the girls really enjoyed the day. Up next are the BOYS!



## Moving House/School?

Parents/Guardians, if your child is not returning to the school in 2026/2027, please contact Hilary (if you have not already done so), as soon as possible to let her know. We have a waitlist of pupils for all class levels that we are currently working through.

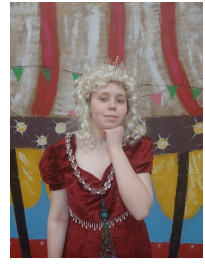
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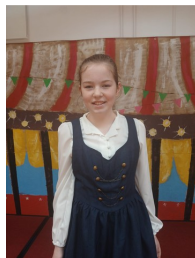
## A Million Dreams

### It's Finally Here.....

Months of hard work, preparation, planning and creativity came to a crescendo on the 29th and 30th April, when we performed 'A Million Dreams' in front of two sold out audiences. Our first ever school musical proved to be a great success. New talents came to the forefront, pupil confidence soared, staff skills and talents shone brightly and the whole school community came together to celebrate a wonderful achievement. We are so very proud of every pupil who took part in the musical, no matter how big or small the role.

We would especially like to thank Directors **Ruth O' Connor** and **Olivia Dunne** who were the leaders in this initiative. They gave so generously of their time and talents in order to make this dream a wonderful reality. A huge thanks also to all staff and parents/guardians who supported and sponsored our musical so generously in many different ways, to Martin our phenomenal caretaker and Holly Delaney, who both created the wonderful vision for our stage. I am sure you will agree, it looked fantastic. 'A Million Dreams' will hold a special place in all our hearts for years to come :)







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## Pangea Maths and Bebras Challenge

We would like to congratulate **Lydia Byrne** (5th Class), **Ihsan Yilmaz** (5th Class) and **David Wilson** (also 5th class), who all reached the final round of the **Pangea Maths** initiative. This is a new competition for our school. All three pupils performed incredibly well. Pangea also stated

*'METNS is one of the most successful schools in the competition this year. Please pass on our huge congratulations to your students for their impressive performance, and congratulations to you and all your colleagues as well for your hard work in preparing and supporting them!'*

Lydia's sister **Juno Byrne** from 3rd class also reached the final of the Bebras Maths Challenge along with **Adam Bhari** (6th class). This event took place in Maynooth University last weekend. Well done Juno and Adam, super job on representing the school so well!!



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## Some Class News

# Senior Infants

## Claire O' Connell (Chestnut) and Sinéad Staunton (Juniper)

Chestnuts made the most of the nice weather last week. We made kites in art using paper plates, oil pastels, paper streamers and wool. When everyone had finished their kites we brought them outside and had fun flying them around the yard!

Senior Infants (Juniper) got creative and made some paper plate kites. We took advantage of the windy but sunny April weather and went outside to test them out. We had so much fun - art and science mixed together!



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# 1st Classes

## Sue's Class- Larch and Jacinta's Class- Holly

**1st Class Larch** were the winners of the Hop, Stick and Craft competition in The Sunday Times with their lovely Easter bunny creations. Thanks to SNA Lorraine for suggesting that we enter the competition. We luckily won a very nice art hamper which we will enjoy in the coming months. We also enjoyed time in the garden with our buddy class preparing the garden for some new seeds and plants.

**1st Class Holly** had a very busy April. Our "Run to the Capital" challenge was a great success, with the class collectively completing 2,329 laps—bringing us all the way to Amsterdam. As part of this

journey, we explored the Netherlands and its capital, discovering many interesting facts which we presented through small group projects.

We also studied the work and life of Vincent van Gogh, drawing particular inspiration from his famous *Sunflowers* series to create our own artwork. In addition, we planted sunflower seeds, which have recently begun to sprout. We are looking forward to observing their growth in the weeks ahead. We can't wait to see how tall they will grow.



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## 3rd Classes

### Sarah's Class (Ivy)

This month, Ivy Class proudly took part in a Spring Clean initiative with our buddies in senior infants, helping to keep our school environment tidy. In PE, we've been developing our tennis skills, working on coordination, teamwork, and having lots of fun along the way. In the classroom, we explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt. The children enjoyed learning about pharaohs, pyramids, and daily life along the Nile, and produced some excellent project work. We have been revising multiplication in maths and playing fun games to help with our times tables. We also made the most of the brighter weather by spending time in our outdoor classroom.

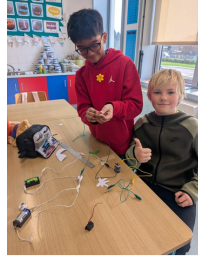


# 5th Class

## Neil's 5th Class

5th Class have been focusing heavily on STEM over the past few weeks, which included learning all about electricity and electrical circuits and even building some different circuits themselves.

They've also recently been learning about the Moon, the Solar System and deeper space, inspired by the Artemis II mission and have created some wonderful artwork inspired by their learning.



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# 6th Class

6th Class- Olivia

6th Elm class have been working extremely hard this month ! From learning all about WWII and celebrating Earth Day, to singing, dancing and acting on stage. The children have put in some very hard work during rehearsals and even got to enjoy a circus tricks workshop to practice their skills for the big night ! We are all looking forward to the month ahead and beginning preparations for graduation.



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## Elaine's Class- Butterflies

Elaine's class visited the Maynooth Fire station recently. The official opening of the fire station took place on 16th April. The station has 12 staff and operates three main vehicles. The children had an amazing time learning all about the fireperson's role, the equipment used, fire safety and even got to sit in the fire engine and try on a jacket and a helmet. What a fun day out!



# Student Awards

## Principal's Awards

**Cian Sacristan 6th Class-** (Olivia's Class) for all of his hard work and effort put into the school musical. He has come a really long way since the beginning of rehearsals and has really shone in his lead role as 'The Greatest Showman'.

**Eloise Davies** (6th class- Ruth's Class) deserves a nomination too for all her help backstage during the school musical. Her leadership, attention to detail and focus ensured that the musical ran so smoothly.

**Cathy Byrne** in 1st class Holly m(Jacinta's Class) in recognition of her positive contribution to the class. Cathy consistently demonstrates dedication and perseverance in all that she does, approaching her work with focus and determination. She also listens to others and gives others the opportunity to be heard. Cathy is also always willing to support and help others without being asked. If she sees someone in the class who need some extra help she will use her initiative and ask if they need help. She consistently shows kindness and respect to both peers and staff. Cathy always has a positive attitude and gives her best in all subject areas across the curriculum.

Well done to all 3 pupils! We are so proud of you all!

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## Community News and PTA

### Our Fundraiser School Lotto and Bonus Prizes

Congratulations to our weekly lotto winners (€20 prize) to date, for the month of March 2026. Our weekly winners were Jennifer Coogan, Anne Connolly, Alyson Bagnall and Amanda Moore.

The **jackpot now sits at €1,925** and you can still sign up here : [Maynooth Educate Together National School - Home - Our Fundraiser](#). You can also check out the fabulous outdoor STEM and play items purchased from lotto proceeds for the outdoor classroom, on the above link. Sincere thanks to the PTA for funding these.



## Summer Camp 2026 @ METNS



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