



May 2026



METNS SUMMER FAIR

SUNDAY
7TH JUNE 2026

2 - 5 P.M.

♥ Hosted by the PTA ♥

★ A DAY OF FUN FOR EVERYONE! ★

 STORYTELLING by Aideen	 SENSORY AREA
 MUSIC	 QUIET AREA <i>(Weather permitting)</i> Please bring ear defenders if helpful.
 ARTS & CRAFTS	 PET A PONY No rides, unfortunately.
 BOUNCY CASTLE	 TEDDY BEAR PICNIC Bring your favourite teddy!

PLUS...

★ **LOTS OF GAMES & ACTIVITIES!**

Including...

- ✓ Parents vs Kids
- ✓ Nerf Shooting Range
- ✓ Tug of War
- ✓ Obstacle Course

💧 **EPIC WATER FIGHT**
at the end of the event!

Bring empty water guns labeled with your name and consider raincoats / protective clothes if you wish.



FOOD & REFRESHMENTS



COFFEE VAN



ICE CREAM VAN



FREE CAKE / TREATS



FREE WATER STATIONS

SOME OF OUR AMAZING ATTRACTIONS



COME ALONG, HAVE FUN & SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!





SCAN ME!

TICKETS

This is a **FREE** event! Please book your ticket so we can gauge numbers. No cap on numbers!

Open to students and incoming students of the school and their families.

IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE!



NO PARKING AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!



EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Save the Date! June 7th

Upcoming Events

May 2026

 **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

 **Summer Fair-** June 7th 2pm-5pm

 **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

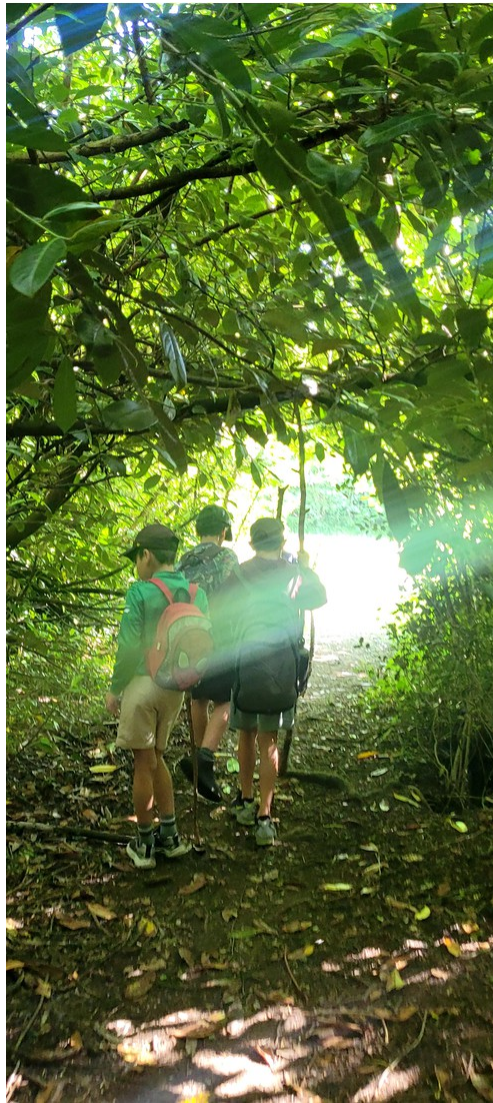
 **6th class tour-** Flynn Park- June 17th

 **Gaelbhratach raising ceremony-** June 22nd

 **6th Class Graduation-** June 24th

 **6th Class final day-** June 25th

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



School News

Gaelbhratach

We have some absolutely fantastic news to share with our school community! This month, our school was officially awarded the **Gaelbhratach** (the Irish language flag) in recognition of our dedication to promoting Irish.

This incredible achievement is a testament to our wonderful **Coiste Gaeilge**. They have worked tirelessly all year to bring *Gaeilge* to life across the school—introducing a vibrant *Zón Gaeilge* on the yard, teaching our Phrases of the Week (*Frásaí na Seachtaine*), organizing fun games, and finding endless creative ways to encourage everyone to speak Irish proudly.

On **Thursday, 4th June**, Jen, Ruth, and members of the student Coiste Gaeilge will travel to a special award ceremony in Dublin City Centre, where they will officially be presented with our flag. The celebrations won't stop there! We look forward to hosting our very own flag-raising ceremony right here at the school later in June to celebrate this amazing milestone together.

A massive comhghairdeas (congratulations) to everyone involved for keeping our language alive and thriving! *Beatha teanga í a labhairt!* (The life of a language is to speak it!)

Standardised Testing

Standardised testing has now been completed across the school. If any children missed testing, we will endeavour to complete these in the coming weeks. Standardised testing is carried out in order to support our assessment of pupil learning and our teaching, to examine how we are doing as a school overall and nationally and to inform the allocation of supports from the Department of education and Youth.

It is one form of assessment only and is a snapshot of how your child is performing in comparison to their peers. Results can be affected by many factors including illness, tiredness or lapse in concentration so undue emphasis should not be placed on this one form of assessment only. Assessment throughout the year by the class teacher is far more valuable.

For any queries or concerns you may have, please refer to the information below or reach out to your child's teacher.



Standardised testing info for parents and guardians.pdf

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1st Class Standardised Testing.pdf

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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. Additionally if your address or contact details have changed, please also contact Hilary so that she can update the system- secretary@maynoothet.ie

Pupil Expenses 2026/2027

Re: School Year 2026–2027 Pupil Expenses

Each school year parents and guardians are asked to contribute to funding the cost of the consumables, registrations, licences and other school resources for our school. Our school enrolment is growing each year and our costs are consequently increasing. The amount being requested per pupil this year is €75 and we ask again for your generous support which is very much appreciated. ***Please note that the below expenses are not covered by the DEY free book scheme.***

PUPIL EXPENSES: To explain how we use your contribution, the Board of Management has broken down the amounts as follows:

- > Pupil charge payable Educate Together National Office €15
- > 24 hour Accident Insurance (medical costs only) €9
- > IT licence costs and IT support charges €21
- > Photo copying and printing and other class consumables €10
- > Sports equipment/curriculum resources/Arts and Crafts/Yoga/Storytellers/Visitors €20

PUPIL EXPENSES TOTAL €75

THIS PAYMENT HAS BEEN SET UP FOR PAYMENT ON OUR ALLADIN CONNECT.

PLEASE LOG ON TO ALLADIN CONNECT AND COMPLETE PAYMENT FOR YOUR CHILD.

this payment is (strictly speaking) voluntary, without your support it would not be possible to fund these resources and costs. You will receive a separate notification from the school about how you can now make this payment through the school website. If you do not want to make an online payment you can pay by cash or cheque. Receipts are given in every case.

Charitable Status

In June 2017, Maynooth Educate Together N.S. was granted full "Charitable Status" by the Charities Regulator. Therefore, if you want to make an additional donation to this school at any time and benefit from a tax relief on the donation please feel free to contact the school for information.

The Board of Management appreciates your continued support.

Some Class News

Junior Infants

Sycamore- Noreen's Class

We had a great time on our school tour to Clonfert Farm this month. We also enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic with our buddies in the outdoor classroom. We created some beautiful artwork, learned about Big Cats like tigers, cheetahs, leopards and lions, and got new toothbrushes from the dental nurse!



Senior Infants

Sinéad Garry/Claire O' Connell- Chestnut

Senior Infants Chestnut, had a great day at their school tour in Clonfert Pet Farm. We loved seeing the animals that we had learned about in school. We loved the playgrounds and had great fun on the bouncing castle. The go-karts, crazy golf and obstacle course were our favourites!



3rd Classes

Sarah Class (Ivy) and Sinéad Sullivan's Class (Aspen)

Both 3rd Classes enjoyed a lovely trip to Castletown House. The weather was beautiful and it was interesting to see how the landscape had changed in comparison to our October walk!

Sarah's Class have been working on weight and capacity earlier on in the month. No better way to test our skills than to do some baking and make a delicious rocky road biscuit cake! We also used our persuasive writing skills to encourage some great class debates. Well done to those who volunteered for the panels, not an easy role to undertake!



Student Awards

Monthly Awards

Our pupils continue to work hard on our school values, Learn Together themes and on their overall effort in class. See attached for our March and April winners across the school. Well done to all who received a certificate and to all who continue to work hard as active citizens.



March Award Winners 2026.pdf

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April award winners 2026.pdf

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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 most recent weekly winners were Elaine Smith, Annie Byrne, Martin Maher and Lauren Mc Cann

The **jackpot now sits at €2,150** 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 (Irish Language)



Summer Camp Colaiste Naomh Eoin.pdf

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Summer Camp 2026 @ METNS



Summer Camp 2026 Flyer.pdf

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Lorraine Murray

Principal