



CLONMONEY NS MARTA '26 newsletter



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for taking the time to read our March 2026 Newsletter, containing all the latest news & updates from the staff and pupils of Clonmoney N.S.

School Fundraising Initiative – Great Limerick Run

This month, the Board of Management, with the support of our Parents' Association, is launching a series of fundraising initiatives to help enhance the scale and finish of our Department-approved multi-million-euro school extension and SEN provision. Families are encouraged to participate in the Great Limerick Run taking place on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd May. The children's race will be held on Saturday, 2nd May in UL, with adult races taking place on Sunday, 3rd May. A full list of available races and events can be found here: <https://greatlimerickrun.com/the-races/>. Entry to the event can be made via: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/16zohwDHeM/pM76tDdcX>. Participants who have already registered can set up a fundraising page or donate to support others at:

<https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/vcampaign/RGLR2026FC-CNS>. We encourage pupils, families, and extended families to take part in this exciting event while helping to support the school.

Enrolment Applications 2026/27

Letters of acceptance for new pupils, along with a school prospectus and registration form, were posted to families last week. We look forward to welcoming new families into our school community in the coming school year.

School Accounts 2024/25

The Board of Management has submitted the school's annual accounts for the 2024/25 school year to the Financial Support Services Unit (FSSU) and our Patron. A parent report of the accounts is available for viewing by arranging an appointment through the school office.

School Calendar 2026/27

Our school calendar for the 2026/27 academic year has now been finalised and emailed to all families. A hard copy will be included with school reports in June and the calendar is also available to view on the school website. Dates for the sacraments will be arranged and confirmed in September, in consultation with the parish office. Parents are asked to review school closure dates carefully and to consider these when planning family holidays, so as to minimise disruption to pupils' learning.

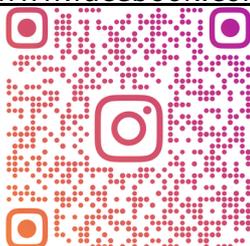
Congrats Sophia & Ella - Clare & Munster Handball Champs!



SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

We are delighted to announce the launch of our new Instagram page, where we will share information about upcoming school events and provide insights into daily life in Clonmoney NS. Parents and guardians are encouraged to follow our profile to stay up to date with school news and activities.

You can also continue to follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ClonmoneyNS



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World Book Day (5th of March) & Book Swap - (Fri, 6th of March)

World Book Day will take place on Thursday, 5th March. At a time when fewer children are reading for pleasure, our focus this year is to celebrate reading and to encourage pupils to enjoy the lifelong benefits of reading for fun. Pupils are invited to send a photograph of themselves holding their favourite book covering their face to their class teacher's email address. A list of staff email addresses is available here.  **Staff Emails**. These photos will be shared in class, with pupils guessing who is pictured and briefly explaining why they chose that particular book. Classes will also take part in buddy reading, pairing junior and senior pupils to enjoy reading together. All classes will read **Milo Imagines the World**, a thought-provoking story about empathy, imagination, and family. Set in a bustling city, the book follows Milo as he travels on a train with his older sister, imagining the lives of the people he sees along the way. Through his drawings, Milo learns that there is often more to people than first impressions suggest. Our Parents' Association is also organising a **Book Swap on Friday, 6th March**, where pupils are invited to bring in a book and exchange it for another. A €1 or €2 donation per child is kindly requested to help the school purchase new books for our libraries. Thank you.

Policy Update

This month, the Board of Management will ratify our updated Acceptable Usage of the Internet Policy. A copy of this will be shared with all pupils and families.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Best wishes to the pupils of Mr Barry's 2nd Class, who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation in Wells Church on Tuesday, 24th March at 7:00pm. This is an important milestone in the children's preparation for First Holy Communion, which will take place on Saturday, 25th April.

 **Pancake Tuesday:** We are extremely grateful to the members of our wonderful Parents' Association, who kindly prepared delicious hot pancakes for all pupils on Pancake Tuesday. This is a significant undertaking and very much appreciated by everyone in Clonmoney NS. We also thank all families for their generous contributions on the day, with €320 raised towards school transportation costs and expenses.

 **School Sports Update:** Congratulations to Ella Kirby and Sophia Moroney, who were crowned Munster U13 Handball Doubles Champions on Sunday, 1st March, having also won the Clare Cumann na mBunscol title in February – a fantastic achievement. Well done also to Conall Earley and Jack Kirby, who won the U13 Clare Boys' Doubles title and were narrowly defeated in a tie-breaker in the Munster final. An outstanding performance by all four pupils. It has been a very busy month for hurling and camogie. Our Girls' Mini 7s Camogie team (5th & 6th Class) and Boys' Indoor Hurling team (3rd & 4th Class) have both qualified for the next stages of their competitions after winning all of their group games. We wish them the very best of luck in the next rounds. Hard luck to the Girls' Indoor Camogie team and the Boys' Mini 7s Hurling team, who narrowly missed out on qualification in their respective groups. Our lunchtime soccer leagues are also continuing for pupils in 2nd to 6th Classes, with great participation and enjoyment across the school.

Assembly Awards – February

Well done to all the pupils who were awarded by their teachers & principal for their outstanding work at assemblies in February. Congratulations and well done to John Heneghan, Aoise Liston, Noah Jones & Siún O'Neill (Juniors); Grace Nash, Theo Roberts Fitzgerald, Aoife Heneghan & Luke Barrett (Seniors); Jo McKeogh, Paddy Killeen, Áine McDonagh, Olivia Slattery (1st Class); Josh Hartnett, Mya Dunne, Clodagh Kirby, Danny O'Connor & David Malone (2nd Class) James Meehan & Rose Purcell (3rd) Ava McCarthy & Luke O'Leary (4th), Declan Kilker & Amber Lenane (5th) Oran McGahon & Henry Price (6th).

 **Quiz Winners 2026:** Congratulations to the class winners for our senior classes quiz challenge. The winners are Molly O'Connor (3rd), Eoin Murphy (4th), Michael Bon (5th). In terms of our overall highest scores for the weekly quizzes arranged in the last three months, well done to Olly Adams in 3rd place, Seán Barron in 2nd and for the third year in a row - Harry Meehan ! Congratulations to Harry & all our excellent quiz masters!

Robotics Competition

Best of luck to Noah Twomey, John Sheehan and Liam Boyce, who will represent Clonmoney NS at the Analog Devices Primary Schools Robotics Competition semi-final on Tuesday, 11th March in Limerick. The boys will design, build and programme a robot as part of this exciting event.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN MARCH & TERM 2/3 2026:

- World Book Day - **Thursday 5th of March**
- Book Swap Day - **Friday 6th of March**
- Boys Indoor Hurling Semis: **Thursday 5th of March in Cratloe GAA**
- Seachtain Na Gaeilge - **9th - 14th of March '26**
- St. Patrick's Public Holiday Weekend: **Monday, March 16th & Tuesday, March 17th.**
- First Reconciliation for Communion 2nd Class: **Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm** in the Wells.
- Ceremony of Light (6th Confirmation Class): **Wed. 25th of March @ 6pm, Newmarket Church**
- FAI Soccer 5 -a -side Competition - **Friday 20th March - Lees Road**
- Easter Break: **Fri. 27th March** - closing at **12:00**
- Easter Holidays: **Monday, March 30th – Friday, April 10th inclusive.**
- First Holy Communion for 2nd Class: **Saturday, April 25th at 11 am in the Wells.**
- School Closure for Curricular Staff Training: **Wednesday, May 6th**
- Confirmation Day for 6th Class: **Friday, May 22nd at 11am in NOF Church**
- Summer Holidays Begin: **Wednesday, June 24th at 12:00 noon.**



Conall & Jack - Clare U13 winners & Munster Runners-Up



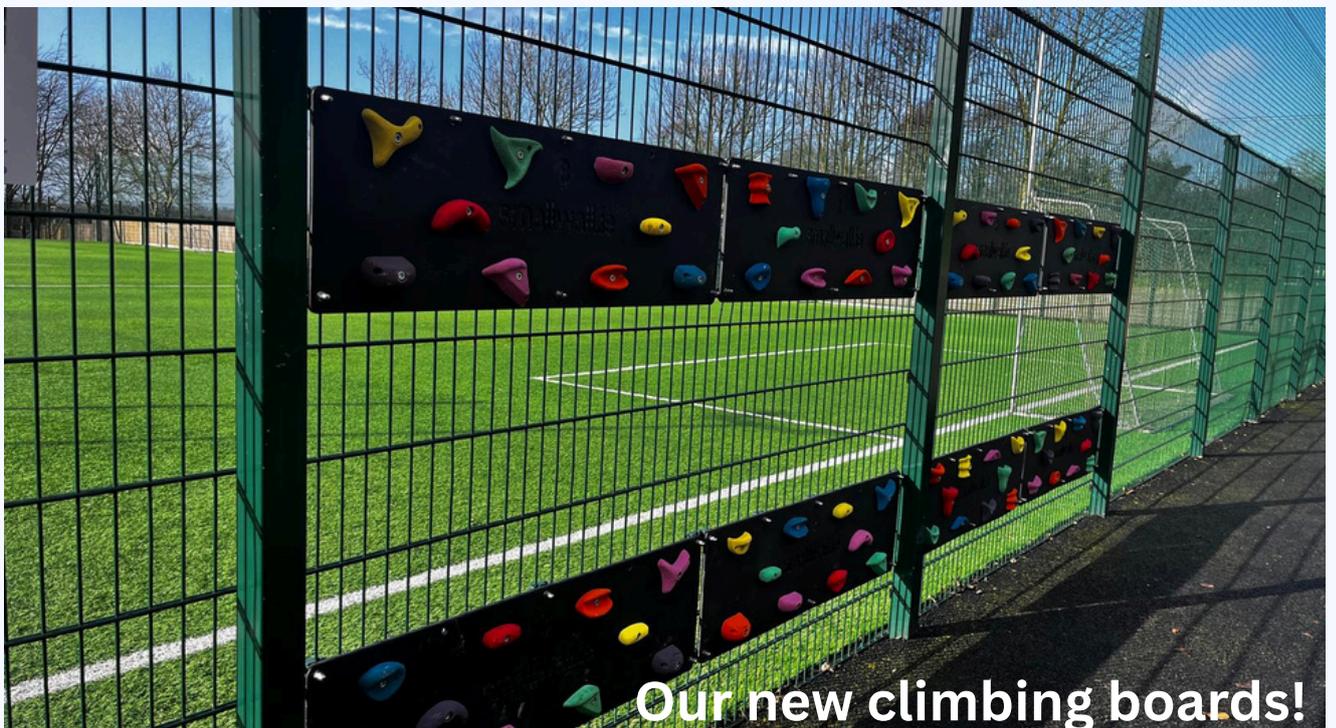
Camogie Mini 7s Group Winners



Boys hurling Mini 7s Group Runners-Up



Boys Indoor hurling Group Winners



Our new climbing boards!