



# CLONMONEY NS BEALTAINÉ '26 newsletter



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## † First Holy Communion

Many congratulations to the 26 pupils of 2nd Class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 25th April, having also received the Sacrament of Reconciliation in March. This is always a very special milestone in the life of our school and parish community.

Sincere thanks to Mr Barry, who prepared the children so well throughout the year, along with Mrs Crimmins (choir) and Mrs McCarthy (musicians), whose contributions greatly enhanced the ceremony. We are also very grateful to our Parents' Association for organising the celebration in the school afterwards, and to the parents of 1st Class for providing refreshments for the Communion families. It was a truly memorable occasion for all involved. We're very proud of all the children involved.

## 🏃♂️ Great Limerick Run - Fundraising Update

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all families for the fantastic support shown for our recent Great Limerick Run fundraising initiative. We are really looking forward to this event, as part of Riverfest over the upcoming May Bank Holiday weekend. Our raffle will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of May for all pupils/families who have completed their cards. First prize is a €200 voucher for Smyths Toys, with lots of other prizes also. Our online donation page remains open and can be shared with family and friends:

<https://eventmaster.ie/fundraising/school/clonmoney-national-school>

We are also very grateful to the parents and members of our wider school community who are taking part in the run events on Sunday, 3rd May, representing our school so positively.

We will keep you updated with photos of the run and also how much we raised towards our new building project from this event.



## School Meals Update

A reminder that the school meals programme remains available to all pupils. *If any family wishes to opt out indefinitely from the programme, please contact the school office by phone or email and we can update the spreadsheet to Obair.* We ask that any changes are communicated in advance to ensure accurate ordering and to minimise food waste.

## Policy Updates

The following policies have recently been reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management: Acceptable Usage of the Internet Policy; Digital Learning School Plan; School Tours Procedures Policy

These policies support the safe, effective, and well-organised running of our school. Copies are available on the school website or from the office on request.

## Enrolments - Junior Infants 2026/27

Thank you to all families who have returned their registration forms for Junior Infants 2026/27. We are currently finalising enrolments and look forward to welcoming our new pupils and their families to Clonmoney NS in the coming school year. Details are below on the the parent information night & new infant class visit in June.

## School Tours

Planning is currently underway for our school tours, which will take place over the coming weeks. Details of venues, dates are below, with costs & logistics to be communicated to parents shortly via Aladdin/email. These tours are an important part of the school year and always provide enjoyable and memorable experiences for our pupils

## Book Swap

Our recent Book Swap, held just before the Easter break, was a great success & many thanks to the Parents Association for arranging this. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed selecting new books to take home and share. A total of €283.50 was raised, which has been used to purchase new titles for our school libraries. Thank you to all families for their generous support of this initiative, which helps to promote a love of reading across the school.

## Community Games Events & Report

Well done to all pupils who have represented the school and local area in recent Community Games events. Participation, teamwork, and enjoyment are at the heart of these activities, and we are proud of all involved. In the Art event, well done to medalists Mason Gilligan, Aimee Conway, Olive Purcell, Leonard O'Keefe, Emily O'Shea and Charlie O'Shea. For the Athletics, Michael McInerney, Fiadh O'Neill, Ella McNamara and Luke Barrett will represent their parish in the county finals day in May. Liam Boyce in 6<sup>th</sup> Class is part of the boys U13 Futsal team who will be play in the national finals in May. Harry Meehan & Sophia Moroney, also in 6<sup>th</sup> class are part of the county title winning quiz team, with the national finals taking place in July in Kilkenny. Sophia will also compete in the county Puc Fada competition soon. Congratulations to all and the very wishes in the next phases. Handwriting entrants will also be collected in the coming days for any pupil who wishes to enter.

## Student Council & Pupil Wellbeing

Our *Friendly Fridays* initiative continues this term, promoting kindness and positive relationships across the school. Recently, we held a *"Let's All Be Kind"* week, where each pupil was secretly assigned a classmate to show kindness to through small thoughtful actions. At the end of the week, pupils enjoyed guessing their "kindness buddy" based on the kind gestures they experienced. It was a simple but very effective way of building empathy, inclusion, and a positive school atmosphere. This week, we are also introducing *Buddy Board Games* to support pupils in developing turn-taking, communication, and teamwork skills in a fun and structured way.

## Assembly Awards - March & April

Well done to all pupils who have been recognised at our recent assemblies for their hard work, positive attitude, and kindness. We are very proud of their efforts and achievements. Those recognised & rewarded include Sally o'Donoghue, Colm McDonnell, Diarmuid Kirby, Ella McNamara, Alex, Byrnes, Cadán Keogh Jaspar, Leonard O'Keefe, Jaxon O'Brien, Rebecca Carmody, Leo Kearns, Andrew Coyle, Corey Ryan, Ezra Healy, Cian Earley, Caoimhe Corry, Ruby Ryan, Lauren Quinn, Ailbhe Meehan, Cian O'Brien, Hugh O'Keefe, Nicole Twomey, Clive Slattery, Eoin Murphy, Zoe Adams, Oisín McMahon, Ibrahim Waraich, Gemma Moran, Cara Fitzpatrick, Clara Dennis, Adam O'Dea, Jack Kirby, Daniel Coyle, Conall Earley, Noah Twomey, Ciarán Quish, Liam Boyce, Leighton Quinn, David O'Neill & Alex McLoughney Sheedy.

## SCHOOL TOUR DETAILS & UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY & JUNE 2026

### Tours Dates/Details

- **Junior & Senior Infants Tour - Free Range Kids in Croom - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> Class Tour - Turoe Pet Farm, Loughrea - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of June.**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Class - Ailwee Caves & Birds of Prey Centre - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> of June.**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Classes Tour - Surfing in Spanish Point - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> of June.**
- **5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Classes Tour - Burren Outdoor Activity Centre - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June**

- **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May-** Great Limerick Kids Fun Run - UL - 3:00 - 4:30pm
- **Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> May** - National Public Holiday
- **Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>:** School Closure for Curricular Staff Training
- Confirmation Day for 6th Class: **Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11am in NOF Church**
- **Fri. 29<sup>th</sup> May** - School closed (& Mon 4<sup>th</sup> - public holiday)
- **Thurs. 4<sup>th</sup> June @7pm-** Parent Info. Night for new Junior Infant Class (*Class visit Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> June @11*)
- **Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> of June @7pm** - 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation
- **Wednesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 12:00** - Summer Holidays Begin

It has been another very active period for school sport.

- **Indoor Hurling:** A huge congratulations to our team on becoming County Champions – an outstanding accomplishment. Captained by Cian Earley, our team had a great win over Ballyea NS in the final, held in Cratloe, just before Easter. Well done to all 24 players.
- **Clare Primary Game Hurling & Camogie teams** - The very best of luck to Conall Earley & Sophia Moroney on being selected for their respective teams in the Primary Game half time matches taking place this month, as part of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship Round Robin. Conall will play on the Clare team Vs Tipperary on Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> of May in Semple Stadium, Thurles and Sophia will line out in Páirc Uí Chaoimh on Sun. 24<sup>th</sup> of May Vs Cork. A huge honour & we are very proud of you both!
- **Mini 7s Camogie & Hurling:** Strong performances across both competitions, with great skill and teamwork on display. Our boys team won many games in their blitz but were narrowly defeated by the eventual county winners Sixmilebridge NS. The girls reached the latter stages of the 7s also, with good wins over Knockanean & Crusheen on the finals day. They lost out to Broadford who also went on to win this event.
- **FAI Soccer:** A special well done to our girls' soccer team, who were victorious in their competition and now progress to the Munster stages. They performed really well & defeated Cratloe NS in a penalty shootout in the final. Caitlin, our goalie made two super saves! We wish them every success in Cahir, Co Tipperary next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of May. Hard luck to the boys squad who missed out this year, losing a semi final on penalties also to the eventual winners, Clarecastle NS.
- **The Cumann na mBunscol Hurling & Camogie** games start this month - The girls will compete in Division 1 Vs Newmarket, Kilkishen & Clonlara schools. Our boys will play in Division 2 against Kilkishen, Tulla & Scariff schools. Best wishes to both panels.
- **Hurling & Camogie Skills Competition** - This event took place recently in St Flannan's, with Caitlin O'Grady, Ella Kirby, Sophia Moroney, Leighton Quinn, Conall Earley & Seán Barron representing us. All 6 did really well and the boys have qualified for the county final of this event taking place this month.
- **3rd & 4th Class Blitz:** Well done to all pupils who took part in the recent hurling blitz in Sixmilebridge, representing the school with great enthusiasm.



**FAI Soccer Co. Winners!**



**Primary Game Players '26**



**Cumann na mBunscol Indoor Hurling Winners 2026**