



# St. LAURENCE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dates for your diary:-

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Early Close	Start of Easter Holidays/ <b>early close</b> Children will leave as follows:- <b>12:00</b> – Junior & Senior Infants <b>12:15</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> classes
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April (inc.)	School Closed	Easter Holidays – School reopening on Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Early Close Staff Meeting	Children will go home as follows: <b>1:45 pm</b> – Junior & Senior Infants <b>2:00 pm</b> – 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> classes
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> May	School Closed	Bank Holiday Weekend
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	School closed <b>for all pupils</b>	In-Service on new Primary Curriculum Framework
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	First Communion	<b>10:00</b> – Ms Kenny– Rm 25 <b>11:30</b> - Ms Carey – Rm 13 <b>13:00</b> – Ms Hartnett – Rm 12
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> , Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> & Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School closed	Bank Holiday Weekend
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of Summer Holidays	<b>Early Close</b> Children will leave as follows:- <b>12:00</b> - Junior & Senior Infants <b>12:15</b> - 1 <sup>st</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> classes

**Book Fair:** A big “Thank You” to our Parents Council for organising and running the annual book fair. Your support of this event has ensured that each class got €76 worth of new books in its class library. Many thanks for your kindness and support. Also, many thanks for supporting our used books sale at the same time.

**Rag Day:** Many thanks for your generous support on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March when we held our Rag Day in aid of the Parents Council. We raised a total of €1,572.10.

**Seachtain na Gaeilge:** Is ceiliúradh idirnáisiúnta í Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026 a reáchtálfar ón 1–17 Márta 2026, ag cur chun cinn ár dteanga agus ár gcultúr dúchais. Is é seo an fhéile Ghaeilge is mó ar domhan, a thugann deis do dhaoine ar gach leibhéal – ó chainteoirí líofa go foghlaimoírí – an teanga a úsáid agus taitneamh a bhaint aisti.

Bhí réimse leathan de imeachtaí ar siúl againn i Scoil Naomh Lorcáin, ó ceolchoirmeacha ceoil sa hall spóirt agus i Donard, céilithe sa halla spóirt, ciorcal comhrá sa rang agus sa seomra foirne, ceardlanna ó Cill Dara le Gaeilge agus go leor eile! Bhí an-chraic againn! Thug an féile deis dúinn taitneamh a bhaint as an Ghaeilge. Bhí sé thar barr! Tá na páistí ag tnúth go mór le Seachtain na Gaeilge 2027!

Seachtain na Gaeilge 2026 is an international celebration taking place from 1–17 March 2026, promoting our native language and culture. It is the world's largest Irish language festival, providing an opportunity for people of all levels – from fluent speakers to learners – to use and enjoy the language.

We had a wide range of events going on in Scoil Naomh Lorcáin, from music concerts in the sports hall and in Donard, céilí in the sports hall, conversation circles in the class and in the staff room, workshops from Kildare with Irish and many more! We had a lot of fun! The festival gave us the opportunity to enjoy the Irish language. It was great! The children are really looking forward to Seachtain na Gaeilge 2027!

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the children of 6th class who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 28<sup>th</sup> February in the Church of Our Lady and St. David in Naas. The event was a spiritual celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the children were excellent. A huge thanks to the sixth class teachers, support teachers, SNAs, secretaries and caretaker for their work in order to help the children to have such a wonderful ceremony.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Congratulations also to the children in second class who made their First Confession on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March. The children and their teachers are now busily preparing for the First Communion, which takes place on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**RSA StreetSmart:** For this week the RSA are in the school with StreetSmart, a pretend streetscape mat and props, where pupils will get an opportunity to carry out everyday road safety tasks in a fun way. Each class will get time to learn safety on our roads while engaging in different activities.

**Park n Stride:** 'Park n Stride' was launched on 18<sup>th</sup> March. Many thanks to our Parents Council, staff and Green Schools Committee for all their work in organising this green and active initiative. Thanks to Kildare County Council and the Gardaí for their support also. We hope the 'Park n Stride' will promote safer roadways, increase road awareness and promote healthy life habits going forward.

**Walking Bus:** The Walking Bus will resume from 24<sup>th</sup> March, five days a week, on a trial basis. Many thanks to the volunteers for making this initiative possible. Last year it operated on a Friday and was very well supported.

**Our World Inclusion Fair:** Our Parents Council organised Our World Inclusion Fair for our second and third classes. Maynooth Access Group lent us their inclusion dolls along with information on the difficulties that each doll encountered. The children were given an opportunity to engage with the dolls and offered insightful observations on what they saw.

**Green Schools:** We are currently in the second year of our two-year journey towards achieving our 7th Green Schools Flag for Global Citizenship Energy. There has been an incredible effort across all classes to reduce energy use and promote awareness of environmental issues. From switching off lights and devices when not in use, to leading campaigns and classroom discussions about sustainability, our students have shown real leadership and responsibility. As we work towards our Global Citizenship Energy flag, we are continuing our work to maintain our Litter and Waste, Water, Travel and Biodiversity flags.

A special mention must go to our Green Schools Committee, which includes enthusiastic representatives from 1st to 6th class. In addition to this, every class has Green Schools Prefects. We were delighted to recently welcome an assessor from Kildare County Council, who visited the school to review our progress. He was very impressed by the knowledge, confidence and commitment shown by the committee members, as well as the whole-school effort behind our energy-saving actions, and in the maintenance of our previous themes.

We held our Green Action Day on Wednesday 18th March, to coincide with the very exciting launch of the Parents Association Park and Stride initiative. We are delighted to see so many families availing of Park and Stride. We are looking forward to seeing children availing of the walking bus. These initiatives help to improve our school environment by reducing traffic congestion and pollution around the school, while promoting a healthier lifestyle, independence and social interaction among students.

*Show the world you care,  
Save energy everywhere.*

### **Active School Committee**

**Feet on Friday:** It's wonderful to see so many children making an extra effort to walk, cycle, and scoot to school each Friday as part of our *Feet on Friday* campaign. Each week, the classes that make the biggest effort are awarded a star. When a class collects 10 stars, they earn an active prize. A few classes are very close to reaching 10 stars now, and we're really looking forward to celebrating and rewarding their achievements!

**Easter Hunt:** We are so excited for our annual Easter Hunt on Thursday, 26th March! Classes will take part in a range of fun and active challenges along the way, including counting Easter bunnies and eggs, cracking codes, performing exercises at different points, and solving Easter riddles. It promises to be a fantastic day full of fun, teamwork, and activity for everyone involved!

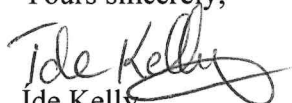
**School Meals:** The hot school lunches are being well received by many of our pupils at the moment. If you know in advance that your child will be absent, please cancel your child's lunch for the days they will be absent. This will help to reduce waste.

**School Uniform:** This is a reminder that children should be wearing the correct school uniform in school. Leggings, branded tracksuit bottoms, flares or sports shorts (GAA/soccer) are not part of our school uniform.

**Safety:** It is getting to that time of year when even more children are walking, cycling and scooting to school. If your child is cycling or scooting to school, please remind them to go carefully if on footpaths with pedestrians and to dismount before entering the school. We want everyone to get to school safely.

*Finally, wishing you and your family a lovely break this Easter.*

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ide Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Ide Kelly  
Principal