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NEWSLETTER – May/June 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Dates for your diary:-

Monday 1st June, Tuesday 2 nd June & Wednesday 3 rd June	School closed	Bank Holiday
Monday 15 th , Tuesday 16 th & Wednesday 17 th June	Early finish for junior infant classes to facilitate incoming junior infant meetings with teachers	Monday 15th June: Early finish for Room 2 @ 12:15 Tuesday 16th June: Early finish for room 1 @ 12:15 Wednesday 17th June: Early finish for room 3 @ 12:15
Monday 29th June	Start of Summer Holidays	Early Close as follows: 12:00 - Junior & Senior Infants 12:15 - 1 st to 6 th classes

Rag Day: Many thanks for your generous support on Friday 13th March when we held our Rag Day for our Parents Council. We raised €1,584.60 in total.

First Communion: A huge congratulations to all the children who received their First Communion on Saturday 23rd May. The children were so reverent and engaged in the Mass. Many thanks to the teachers, SNAs, secretaries, Kevin and Fr Robert for all their work in this regard. Well done to the children for all their hard work and enthusiasm.

School Books: This year school books are more expensive and therefore the school books grant will not stretch to cover all costs. Therefore some year groups will be asked to buy certain stationery items; a list will be sent to you.

Special Class: The Board of Management has written to NCSE stating its desire to open a special class in September 2027, once the proper accommodation and facilities have been put in place.

School Uniform: This is a reminder that children should be wearing the correct school uniform in school. Photographs of the correct uniform are on the school website at www.sallinsns.ie

Sun Safety: With the weather we are currently blessed with and in the hope that we will continue to have good weather, please do not forget to put sunscreen on your child before coming to school and encourage them to wear a sunhat.

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.

School Meals: If you know your child will be absent from school more than 48 hours before they are absent, please cancel their hot school lunch. This will save money and reduce waste.

Girls 5-a-side Soccer: What a truly fantastic year it has been for our school soccer teams and huge congratulations to our wonderful 6th Class girls on an outstanding and memorable season. Throughout the year, their commitment, teamwork, determination and enthusiasm were evident in every match they played.

Their first major success came early in the season with our talented 5th and 6th Class girls winning the FAI Schools Soccer League in Kildare. This was an incredible achievement and a proud moment for our entire school community. It marked the beginning of an exciting and successful soccer journey for the year ahead.

Building on this brilliant start, our 6th Class girls continued to shine, most notably by reaching the Leinster Finals in the 5-a-side competition and securing an amazing 3rd place finish in Leinster. To reach such a high level of competition and achieve this success was a tremendous accomplishment reflecting the girls' positive attitude, teamwork, determination and perseverance throughout the season.

Most importantly, the girls represented themselves and our school in the very best way. They showed excellent sportsmanship, supported one another at all times and were wonderful ambassadors and role models for our younger pupils. As a school community, we are incredibly proud of all our soccer girls in both 5th and 6th Class and everything they have achieved this year.

To our 6th Class girls, thank you for the memories, the excitement and the pride you brought to our school. We wish you every happiness and success as you begin your next exciting chapter in secondary school — we know you will continue to achieve great things!

Achievements Outside School:

One of our 4th class pupils, Dannii, took part in a European karate competition in Portugal on 19th April. She won a silver medal in Team Sparring (girls 8-10) and a bronze medal in Individual Sparring (girls 8-10).

Congratulations to our 5th class pupils Jamie, Alex, Andrew, Alex and Leo who play rugby with Naas U12s team and won the Blackrock Blitz recently.

Well done also to Lily Mae, 6th class, of Setanta Boxing Club, Co. Kildare for bringing home a silver medal in the Golden Girls 2026, Oslo, Norway.

Have a lovely long weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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Principal