

SAFETY NOTICES:

**SUPERVISION
STARTS AT
8:20AM**

**KEEP BUS BAY
CLEAR FOR BUSES**

**DRIVERS MUST
WATCH OUT FOR
CHILDREN WALK-
ING & CYCLING**

**NO PARENTS ON
SITE DURING
YARD BREAKS**

**ARRIVE NO
EARLIER THAN
1PM FOR 1:20PM
PICK-UP.**

**KEEP GARDEN
AREA CLEAR FOR
CLASSES**

**PARENTS ARE
NOT PERMITTED
TO PARK IN THE
STAFF CAR PARK**

**WE ARE A NUT-
FREE SCHOOL**

**ANY SAFETY OR
WELFARE
CONCERNS
CONTACT:**

**SHEELAGH MURPHY
(PRINCIPAL & DLP)**

**STEPHEN TERRY
(DEPUTY
PRINCIPAL & DDLP)**



One Week Left!

There is one week left to apply for a place in Junior Infants 2026 or in the Special Classes for Children with Autism. The closing date is next Friday 24th October. Application forms are available from the school office.



Halloween Fun

Don't forget to dress up in Halloween costumes next Friday, 24th October. We will have our Halloween Parade and a disco for all year groups!



Maths Week

We've had a great Maths Week with lots of fun activities including: maths stations in the hall for all classes, maths trails around the grounds and maths jokes and riddles! We hope the boys have enjoyed working mathematically this week!



Football Finals

We are very proud of our two football teams, who have made it to the finals of the Laois Cumann na mBunscol competition. Our two final matches will take place next **Wednesday 22nd October** in **O'Moore Park, Portlaoise**

Roinn 1 Championship 10am

St. Patricks BNS v Holy Family Senior School

Roinn 6 Championship 12pm

St. Patricks BNS v Gaelscoil Phortlaoise



Supporters

Our senior students will be offered the chance to attend the match as our supporters. The teachers are organising a bus for them. Parents are also most encouraged to attend, if they are free on the day. We wish our two fantastic teams the very best of luck in their finals.



Last Swimming Session

Next week is the last week of swimming.



Dates for Diary

Parent/Teacher Meetings—our annual Parent/Teacher meetings will take place on the **25th/26th/27th November**. Parents will be able to book their meeting slot through the Aladdin App after the midterm break.

Midterm - Closing on Friday 24th October (full day of school). School re-opens on Monday 3rd November

Wednesday 5th November—school will close for a half day at **11:50am**, to facilitate necessary whole staff First Aid training.



Student Surveys

This week we gathered some feedback from the children about changes made to yard time since the start of the school year. Overall the surveys confirmed that the boys are enjoying their breaks in the yard spaces and that the Bí Cineálta Action Plan is supporting better social interactions amongst the boys.