



Dear Parents/Guardians, welcome to term two in St Bride's NS. On behalf of the Board of Management and the staff, I would like to wish you and your families a healthy and prosperous new year.

**Go Raibh Míle Maith Agaibh!**

Thank you so much to the wider school community for their overwhelming generosity and support of our school, and especially to our hardworking PA for their recent fundraising efforts in organising fun events for the children throughout November and December. As you are all aware, prices for everything continue to rise and the Board of Management relies on this fundraising to cover the day-to-day costs of running our school. We also use these funds to subsidise activities the children love to take part in. Here is a breakdown of the €3,464.89 recently raised.

Church gate collection 15 <sup>th</sup> / 16 <sup>th</sup> November & Bingo 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	€1,326.99
Pyjama day 5 <sup>th</sup> December	€163.00
School Carol Service St Bride's Church 11 <sup>th</sup> December	€1,785.00
"Orange Bin" for bottles and cans	€189.90

## Christmas Carol Service St Bride's NS

Our children and staff recently took part in a Christmas Carol service in the beautiful St Bride's Church. We joined together with the local Church Choir for a wonderful evening of music and celebration spreading Christmas spirit throughout the village. Thank you so much to everyone who took part.



## Sport

This term PE will take place on Fridays for all classes. Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class are attending swimming lessons in Roscommon Leisure Centre for 7 weeks. The children who have passed all 8 swimming levels will undertake supervised circuit sessions in the gym, freeing up valuable space in the pool. Thanks to the parents and to RLC for facilitating this option.

## Santa Visit

We were delighted to find out that the children and staff of St Bride's NS were on Santa's good list! Below are some pictures from this magical visit where Santa took time to answer all the questions the children had. Thank you so much to the Parent's Association for organising this visit and for supplying the delicious treats!



## New school Website

We are in the process of designing a school website and hope that our new page will be ready by the end of January 2026, details on how to access our new site will follow shortly. Thank you so much to Karina for all her work behind the scenes. Our newly designed website will be an additional way for us to communicate with you, our parents, about school life here in St Bride's NS as well as keep you up to date on our policies and upcoming school events.

## **2026/2027 Enrolment**

Enrolment for September 2026 will open at the end of the month to coincide with the launch of our new website. We will also be hosting an open evening for new Junior Infants on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm to 7pm. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

## **Student voice St Bride's NS - Our new school crest**

Congratulations to Sophia Padian in 6<sup>th</sup> class who won our school crest competition. The standard was extremely high and Fr Julian had a very difficult job trying to pick a winner. He settled on Sophia's design which clearly illustrates that friendship, faith, learning and excellence are what we are all about here in St Bride's NS. Well done Sophia!



## **School Photos**

County Photos are scheduled to call to the school on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January to take the annual school photos. Could anyone who has a red school tie please wear it to school on this day.

## **School Closure**

There is an in-service training day on the new primary curriculum taking place for all teachers on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January and therefore there will be no school on that day.

## Christmas Panto

Pupils from 3<sup>rd</sup> class to 6<sup>th</sup> class finally got to attend Beauty and the Beast in the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January. As you can see from the pictures it was a most enjoyable day for everybody and was certainly worth the wait! Many thanks to the Parents Association for subsidising the cost of the bus through their fundraising.



### **Hot School Meals**

We are delighted to advise that the Hot School Meals programme will launch in St Bride's on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January. The Lunch Bag are our chosen provider. All parents will need to download The Lunch Bag app and add your children to the student list. Orders need to be placed at least 3 days beforehand to ensure delivery on time. Uneaten food will be sent home each day in a lunch box, which is provided, the lunchbox needs to be brought back into school each day. Further details have been sent home with each child.



### **St Brigid's Day/Grandparents Day**

We will have mass in St Bride's Church on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 10am to celebrate St Brigid's Day. Everyone is welcome to attend. The children will distribute the crosses they made on this very special day for St Bride's NS. All are welcome back to the school after, especially Grandparents, where they can visit their grandchildren's classroom and enjoy a cup of tea.

### **Credit Union Quiz**

West-midlands Credit Union will be holding preliminary rounds of the 2026 Credit Union Schools Quiz on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2026 at 1.30pm in Count John McCormack Hall, TUS, Athlone Campus. The school will be entering 2 teams of 4 from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> class, the selection process is currently underway! Best of luck to everyone.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Senior Christmas Trip (Gaiety)	08/01/2026
Swimming commences	09/01/2026
Commencement of Hot School Meals	12/01/2026
County Photos at school	14/01/2026
School Closure	19/01/2026
St Bridget's Day Mass/Grandparents Day	29/01/2026
Credit Union Primary Schools Quiz	08/02/2026
Open evening for new Junior Infants	11/02/2026
Parent's Association Children's Disco	Coming soon

Le gach dea-ghuí

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