



# *Scoil an Tamhnaigh*

*Toonagh, Fountain, Ennis,  
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14<sup>th</sup> of May 2026

Dear Parent(s),

There are a number of items I would like to bring to your attention in this May School Newsletter.

## **School Calendar 2026/27**

Please see our school calendar for 2026/27 attached to this newsletter. School will reopen on Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> after the summer holidays. The school will close for a week in May 2027.

## **School Attendance update**

Term 3 of the 2025-26 school year will conclude at the end of June. The daily attendance rate in our school continues to be very high at 94% (this time last year the attendance rate was 94.5%). Naturally, some pupils will have a higher absence rate if they suffer an illness during the course of the year. A reminder that schools are obligated and required to notify Tusla Welfare Board if any pupil misses over 20 days during the year, regardless of the reason(s). Please note if Tusla do follow up on a pupil's absence, it is very important that the reasons for absences are accurately recorded daily on our school Rolla. We thank you for providing this information via a note or via email to the class teacher for every absence.

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation**

Congratulations to our boys and girls who made their Holy Communion on Saturday. The children were excellent throughout and they participated in readings, music, singing and bringing up gifts. Our school choir and musicians really added to the ceremony and thanks to Ms. Barry and Ms. Griffin for their work in preparing our choir and musicians. After the ceremony the 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Parents provided a beautiful spread of home baking and refreshments in Toonagh Hall and the Parents Association provided personalised cup-cakes for each child. Thanks so much to the staff in the school who helped in any way with the preparations and ceremony. Well done Ms. Garrahy for all their hard work and dedication with the preparations.

Congratulations to our pupils who made their Confirmation before Easter. The children were a credit to the school and their families. Thanks very much to Éadaoin McGinley for all her hard work with the preparations for the pupil's Confirmation day. Thanks to all the staff who helped out with the sacrament and thanks to the parents who donated very nice treats for the Confirmation breakfast which was organised by the 5<sup>th</sup> class parents.

## **Active School's Week**

The pupils had a great Active Schools week and they tried many different sports and healthy activities. There were specialist guest coaches every day including Clare GAA Coach Mark O'Donnell, Boxercise teacher Shane O'Brien, gymnastic teacher Monika Hynder, local GAA coach Anne McMahon and Dan Garrihy from Clare Sports Partnership. Another healthy activity during Active Schools week was the annual Toonagh Mile run where all children from Junior Infants to 6<sup>th</sup> class took part. You can see photos of Active Schools' week on our Instagram page. Thanks to Seán Eustace for organising Active School's Week and the school will be applying to renew our Active Flag.

## **National Spring Clean-up**

On Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> all classes in the school took part in a clean-up of our community. We registered with an Taisce and received supplies. Pupils and staff took an area each to collect litter and waste around the school environment and community.

Ms. Browne's class cleaned up all around our school grounds, Ms. Garrahy's class cleaned up in the Beech Grove Estate, Mr. Eustace's class and Ms. McGinley's class cleaned all back along Toonagh road from the school to the cross. The children really enjoyed taking part in this clean-up and were delighted to help our local community.

## **Standardised Testing**

Standardised Testing is taking place over the coming weeks in English and Maths. Your child's results in these tests will be communicated through end of year report cards which will be posted to you.

Standardised tests are only one method used by the Department of Education and teachers to assess your child. The class teacher uses a broad range of assessment tools to evaluate learning and celebrate the achievements of your children. When evaluating and monitoring progress and attainment we do not focus solely on a test score.

## **Fleadh Nua**

Our school band and music group will perform tunes, singing and dancing at the Fleadh Nua Street sessions on O'Connell Street just above Brogan's Lane on Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. They have been doing very good practising and they are looking forward to their performance on Wednesday. Parents and families are welcome to attend.

## **School Garden**

This term the children are planting and enjoying the school garden. The school garden gives the children practical gardening skills and helps promote life-long healthy eating habits. Thanks to our caretaker John, Mr. Eustace and Lourda for their work in developing a school garden which the children enjoy using.

## **School Tours**

The teachers and Noelette have organised very nice school tours for each class.

Juniors and Seniors: Moher Hill Liscannor, Monday June 15<sup>th</sup>.

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ailwee Caves, Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>: Bay Sports Athlone, Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>: Bay Sports Athlone, Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks very much to the Parents Association who are making a donation towards the cost of the buses to the tours and this has helped to reduce the cost of the school tours. The cost of buses has become very expensive and with the help of the Parents Association the cost of the tours has been reduced for each child. I realise that the cost of school tours may be difficult for some families, in this case please contact me and I will give financial help in the strictest confidence. You will receive an epayment request soon for the school tour and more details about each tour will issue in due course from the class teacher.

## **School Sport**

- **Hurling and Camogie**: Our hurling and camogie teams are competing in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions at present. Our boys' team are competing in division 3 and the girls are competing in division 1. We wish them well in their competitions. Training continues each week after school on Monday for camogie and Thursday for boys' hurling. Thanks to Ms. Garrahy, Ms. McGinley and Mr. Eustace for training our teams.
- Well done to our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class who have enjoyed taking part in fun hurling and camogie blitzes in Ruan GAA and in the Fairgreen, Ennis.

## **Parents Association News**

- **Gymnastics Lessons**: Thanks to the Parents Association for funding the cost of the gymnastics lessons in Term 3.
- **School Tours**: Parents' Association funds are helping to reduce the cost of Buses for our school tours again this year.

## **Important Dates coming up**

- **Wednesday May 20<sup>th</sup>**: Fleadh Nua Music performance at 11.30 in O'Connell Street
- **Tuesday May 19<sup>th</sup> – Thursday May 21<sup>st</sup>**: Standardised Testing English.
- **Tuesday May 26<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**: Standardised Testing Maths.
- **Thursday June 18 or Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>**: Sports day TBC. Parents can attend from 1.00pm.
- **Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup>**: 6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation at 3.15 pm in our GP Hall.

*Best wishes for the rest of the month of May.*

*Gearóid Roughan*

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# Toonagh N.S. School Calendar 2026-2027.

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School starts: Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> August 2026.	School Closed March 17 <sup>th</sup> 2027. St. Patrick's Day.
Mid Term Break 26 <sup>th</sup> October - 30 <sup>st</sup> October 2026.	Easter Holidays. 22 <sup>nd</sup> March - 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2027.
Christmas Break: School Closes on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December '26 and Re-opens Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan '27.	School Closed May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> 2027.
School Closed February 1 <sup>st</sup> 2027. February Bank Holiday.	School Closed June 7 <sup>th</sup> 2027. June Bank Holiday.
February Mid-term. 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026.	School Finishes on 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2027.