Scoil Mhuire



Newsletter September 2025

Hello to all Parents and Guardians of Scoil Mhuire.

I hope you are all keeping well now that everyone is settling back into the school routine.



Industrial Action:

John, Mary and Elaine would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the whole school community for their support during the recent industrial action.



School Dates:

The school calendar for 2025/26 is up on the website, smclon.com.

Presidential Election – This is on Friday 24th October and the school will be closed.

Parent/Class Meetings – These are taking place at the moment. Thank you for your attendance.

Parent/Teacher Meetings – These will take place in November.

School Walk - Our Parents Association have organised the school walk. This will take place on Friday, $10^{\rm th}$ October. This is our main fundraising event and we intend to use the funds to replace the blinds in the classrooms.

Nasal Flu Vaccine - The Nasal Flu Vaccine is being offered to all pupils of Scoil Mhuire on Wednesday 1st October at 9.00am by Newlands Cross Medical Centre in the school. An email was sent to all parents on 22nd September with a link to sign up for this vaccine.

School Photographer: The photographer will be in the school on Wednesday 15th October to take photos of our new Junior Infants. He will also be taking class photos for the calendar.

Halloween: Children can dress up for Halloween on Thursday 23rd October if they wish.

Parents Association

Parents Teacher Association:

Our Parents Association AGM is on Tuesday 14th October at 7.30pm in the school.

Our PTA are looking for new recruits. Ideally we would like to have a representative from each class. They offer great support to the school and endeavour to keep the parents informed of events



Attendance:

We will be monitoring attendance very closely again this year. We saw big improvements last year and are hoping to enhance that for this year. Please ensure your child is in school every day unless they are unwell. If they are absent, you are obliged to contact the school either through Aladdin Connect or by phone.

We would appreciate your support with this. Research results have proven that a child's performance in school is enhanced by attendance.

Collection of Pupils:

Junior and Senior Infants school hours: 08.50am - 1.30pm 1st - 6th Class school hours: 08.50am - 2.30pm

We encourage pupils to stay in school for the above hours.

If a pupil has an appointment the school needs to be informed in advance. Parents can do this on Aladdin or by phoning the office.

Parents/Guardians are asked not to collect pupils during break 10.45 – 11.00am and lunch time 12.35 – 1.00pm respectively.

Reminder: When collecting your child during school hours you need to go to the office and sign him/her out and if returning to school you need to sign them back in stating time returned.



School Lunches:

Cold school lunches have been provided for all pupils. Parents can change the lunches on the Carambola App if they wish. We have received no official date for the introduction of hot meals yet.

Swimming:

Swimming has commenced and 3^{rd} and 6^{th} class (Room 16) are enjoying their swimming lessons. 1^{st} to 6^{th} class will also avail of these lessons throughout the year.





Speech and Drama:

Ms. Anna Walker will return with Speech and Drama on Tuesday 30th September.

GAA:

David O'Callaghan GPO from Round Towers will be providing coaching skills for some of the classes this year.





ECA: Extra-Curricular Activities will be resuming. You will receive notification of them on Monday 29th September.

Sacrament Information:

First Holy Communion: 23rd May 2026 at 10.00am Confirmation: 22nd April 2026 at 11.00am



Online registration for parents to register their children is on the parish website.

Communion Introduction for parents is on Tuesday 7^{th} October at 7.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.

Confirmation Introduction for parents is on Tuesday $14^{\rm th}$ October at 7.30pm in the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



School Books:

All books have been provided by the Department of Education. We have requested €60 from each pupil to cover Pupil Insurance, Arts and Crafts, Drama, I.T. and Photocopying. It is important that this is paid to ensure we can deliver a full curriculum for all pupils.

Enrolment for 2026/27:

Enrolment for 2026/27 will open on Wednesday 8^{th} October. You can register your child on the website, smclon.com, under Admissions.





Registration for Coláiste Bríde Secondary School is <u>online</u> this year commencing on <u>Wednesday 1st</u> <u>October</u> for 3 weeks.

It is the responsibility of parents to apply for their children.

Best Wishes

Ms. McKiernan and the Staff of Scoil Mhuire