

DATES TO NOTE:

June 9th	2nd-3rd Thoor Ballylee trip
June 10th	Camogie County Final
June 10th	Bronnadh GaelBhratach
June 13th	Family Fun Day
June 17th	6th Class Graduation
June 18th	School Tours
June 20th	1st-4th hurling blitz in Beagh
June 25th	Closing at 12 noon for Summer Holidays!
August 29th	Reopening for new school year.



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

JUNE 2025 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents,

As we move towards the end of another school year, I would like to thank you all for your support this year.

Well done to all our students who represented our school in extracurricular activities this year. A special mention to our girls gaelic football team who have won the Roinn J County football competition and will compete in the 9-a-side camogie final this month.

I would like to wish our 6th class students every success in their future education in Gort Community School. It has been a pleasure to be their teacher over the past three years.

As one group leaves, another enters and we are looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants to St Thomas NS for the 2025/26 year.

We are looking forward to many special days this month including our Family Fun Day on June 13th from 1-3pm and our 6th class graduation on June on June 17th.

Thank you to all our staff and Board of Management who have worked so hard right throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you also to all the parents who have volunteered to help with school projects this year.

I would like to wish all members of our school community a safe and happy summer holiday and I look forward to welcoming you all back for the 2025/26 school year.

Míle Buíochas,
Michael Mulkerrins

Safeguarding of Children in our School

St. Thomas' NS , Peterswell is committed to the safeguarding of our children. Our Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment may be found on our website or there is a link on our blog. If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school.

Creative Writing School improvement Plan

Over the last three years, our school has formulated and implemented a School Improvement Plan for Creative Writing. We are delighted with the results of this plan and have seen a significant improvement in a number of literacy areas as a result of this plan.

Indoor Shoes 2nd to 6th

When purchasing black plimsolls shoes 2nd-6th for the coming year, we would ask parents to ensure that the shoes have non marking soles.

Peterswell Afterschool and Montessori

Services will be available throughout the summer months. Email el-lemenopealtd@gmail.com for more details.

Places remain available for Montessori students for September 2025. Please spread the word as it is vital that this service is supported.



School Reports

Parents who wish to talk to Teachers regarding the school reports may contact class teachers via email to arrange.

School reports will be posted on the week beginning June 9th.

Teachers e-mail addresses are :

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Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 12th 2025. (WILL NOT be collected until after the Summer. Payment link will be sent out at that time)

(24 Hour Pupil Insurance Cover €8)

Green Schools

Our Summer Growing programme is in full bloom. All classes have planted a variety of vegetables including potatoes, lettuce, chives, turnips and carrots and also some strawberries. Students are taking care of these raised beds, ensuring they are weeded and watered. The Green Schools Committee have planted an oak tree in the corner of the pitch near the bug hotel. Our window boxes are also encouraging the bees to come and visit. We encourage everyone to try to buy some local/Irish fruit and vegetables during the Summer. We were delighted to have members of our committee attend an awards ceremony recently in the Clayton Hotel where we were granted our 10th Green Flag. This flag will be raised as part of our Family Fun Day on June 13th.

Thank You

The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents, Board of Management, Committee Members and all others involved in the life of the school for the help, support and co-operation we have received in the past year.

Board of Management

The Board of Management wish the present 6th class, every success and know that they will be a source of pride to us in the future.

We are very conscious of how fortunate the school is to have such committed and hard working volunteers who have supported the school over the years. We thank all our volunteers. A special word for Mary Creaven who has been volunteering in our school for over 20 years now.

We would like to also congratulate the team in Peterswell After-school and Montessori on a very successful year and look forward to working with them for many years in the future.

Awards

Student of the Month — May 2025

Congratulations to:

Cillian Burke, Caitlin Mulkerrins and Jack Lynskey.

Award Wall—May2025

"Progress and Persistence" - were presented to :

Kate Cacciapuoti, Caitlin Connors and Gracie Orford.

Random Act of Kindness—May 2025

Certificates were presented to:

Iarla Burke, Stephen McSpadden, Fern Cacciapuoti, Amy Carey, Sadhbh Lynskey, Cillian McMahon, Joe Orford, Eva Fitzgerald and Holly Chapman.

6th Class Graduation

A Tour of the Parish will be held for our current 6th class students on June 17th leaving the school at 6:45 approximately.

A route will be emailed to all parents in advance and your support for our graduates would be greatly appreciated.

Please spread the word!

Tour

Tours will take place on June 18th. Senior tour will be leaving at 9am and returning at approximately 6pm.

Junior Tour will be leaving the school at 9:20am and returning at 2pm.

Sport in the School

Hurling and Camogie

Well done to all our teams who represented our school in Cumann na mBunscol competitions in hurling, camogie and gaelic football. There was great excitement as our girls were victorious in their Roinn J Gaelic Football County final against Eagles Nest NS. What an achievement for our school. Our boys competed very well in their Cumann na mBunscol competitions and were particularly unlucky in the football competition to lose out at the semi final stage.

As if that wasn't enough, our girls have qualified for the 9 a side Hurling County final against Cappataggle NS on June 10th.

Our younger classes will get the chance to represent the school during the month of June with 1st-4th taking part in a blitz in Beagh on June 20th.

New Junior Infants

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants Darragh, Ella, John, Mollie and Nicholas to St Thomas NS for the 2025/26 school year. Please note that Junior Infants should be collected at 12pm until September 12th and then can be collected at 2pm from the start of the following week.

Class Allocations

Class allocations will remain the same for 2025/26.

JI-1st—Ms Nolan 2nd-4th— Ms Moloney 5th-6th— Mr Mulkerrins
SET—Ms Marren

Sacraments

Our 2nd Class received their First Holy Communion during the month of May. Congratulations to Chloe, Donagh, Keeva, Michael and Vincent.

Thank you to all staff and families who helped in preparing the students for these important occasions and thank you to the 1st class parents who organised a fantastic party in the school hall after the First Holy Communion.

Thank you to Fiona Buckley and our choir for the beautiful music at both ceremonies.

Attendance

It is vital for your child's success and progress at St. Thomas's, especially in preparation for Secondary School, that your child's attendance is both regular and punctual.

Family trips/holidays should be organised to coincide with school holidays where possible, please.

Absences should be explained in writing to the pupils teacher at the back of the diary. Attendance for May 93.3%

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas an mhí seo caite:

Niall Ó Maoilchiaráin, Donagh de Búrca agus Sorcha Nic Aogáin.

Gaelbhratach: An mhi seo rinneamar tionól as Gaeilge. Rinne na meánranganna Tóraíocht focail sa chlós. Tá amhrán na gcupán á chleachtadh againn agus táimid chun é a thaifeadadh an tseachtain seo chugainn. Beimid ag freastal ar an mbronnadh don Ghaelbhratach an Mháirt seo chugainn I Ros Cré. Tá an iarracht curtha isteach ag na páistí I mbliana.

Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil libhse, na tuismitheoirí as an tacaíocht a thugann sibh don bhfeachtas seo.

Táimid ag súil go mór leis an lá mór seo.