

Provisional School Calendar

October 7th Garda Football in Gort at 10am 5th-6th

October 9th Mini 7s Camogie County Finals in Carrabane at 10am 3rd-6th girls

October 20th Grandparents Day at 11am

October 23rd Halloween Dress Up day

October 24th School Closure to facilitate election

November 3rd Reopening after Halloween

November 3rd Cash for Clobber Collection

November 10th-14th Parent Teacher Meetings

December 16th Christmas Nativity, Carols and Cake Sale at 11am in school hall

December 19th Closing for Christmas at 12pm



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ST. THOMAS' N.S.

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Daily Timetable

School opens at 9.10am (for 9.20am start) and finishes at 2.00pm for infant classes, 3.00pm for 2nd to 4th and 3.05pm for 5th to 6th.

The school will open to receive pupils at the hour of 9.10 am. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 am and the exterior door will be shut at 9.30 am. Pupils and parents can use the intercom to enter school after that time.

Dismissal

Classes 1st to 4th - Please collect at 2.58pm

Classes 5th-6th - Please collect at 3.05pm

September Events

It has been a very busy and productive first month back to school for all our students and staff. All students have been working very hard in all curricular areas. Students from 5th-6th spent a very worthwhile day visiting local historical sights in Kilcarrouraun and Lisadoyle. We have also experienced some excellent extra-curricular activities. Our 3rd-6th class boys and girls have been busy training to represent the school in the camogie, football and hurling Mini-7's competitions. Congratulations to our camogie team who have qualified for the county finals on October 9th.

All 5th and 6th class students visited Gort Community School for a hurling and camogie blitz during September. It was a most enjoyable day and it was very beneficial for our students to meet with children from other schools who they will be attending secondary with.

Well done to all 15 of our athletes who competed in the Galway Cross Country Championships in September. All students ran their hearts out and congratulations to Charlotte Mulkerrins on qualifying for the county finals.

Visiting Friends – The Nits!

It's that time of year again. The best advice is to tie back long hair, check weekly for lice and use the conditioner and comb method. If your child has head lice check everyone in your family and alert the school.

Parent Teacher Meetings

These meetings will take place from November 10th-14th. Your child's class teacher will be in touch with a specific time closer to that date. If you have concerns regarding your child's learning, please contact the class teacher via email

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Peterswell Montessori and Afterschool

Peterswell Montessori are now seeking expressions of interest from families who are interested in enrolling their children for their September 2026 class. Please spread the word amongst your neighbours and friends who might be in a position to enroll. They can contact Peterswell Montessori by email to ellemeno-pealtd@gmail.com or by phone to 0872761641.

Motorists

Please reverse to the path, which will allow the students to make their way into school via the path. As space is limited, there are serious Health and Safety Issues if recommendations are not adhered to.

Safer Routes to School

Our work with the SRTS scheme continues and while progress is slow, we hope to see a whole new traffic management system in place in 2026. This will include intermittent high friction surfacing, sharks teeth markings, increased additional road markings and clearly marked parking spaces. A plan has been approved by the school and is now with the council for review and approval.

Hot School Meals

The tender process has now been completed for our Hot School Meals Program and tenders are now being processed by the DES. Our target date for implementation is January 2026 but we can't guarantee that date at this point.

Cash for Clobber

We will be holding a cash for clobber fundraiser with collection on November 3rd. Items can be dropped at any point from October 21st.

Green Schools

New Approach to Green Schools This year

As we have covered all themes as part of our Green Schools Programme, this year we are going to work on a Project-based idea. Our students will be Climate Ambassadors. As of yet our committee has not been elected as Ms Nolan has to do some training in advance of the new approach. List of Committee membs to follow.

Coiste Gaelach

Is iad na baill den choiste Gaelach ná Oisín Ó Rathaille, Odhrán Ó Brádaigh, Caitlin Ní Chonaire, Gia Caccioptoi, Noah Ó Toirbhealaigh agus Cáit Ní Mhaoilchiaráin.

Tá foireann fáiltiú again ag an doras gach maidin ag beannú na bpáistí is iad ag teacht isteach. Cuirtear an cheist, Conas atá tú? ar na páistí.

Rinne na meánranganna ceardlann le hÁine. D'fhoghlaim said an t-amhrán "Gráinne." Ansin chuaigh said amach sa chlós ag lorg freagraí dona leideanna a tugadh dóibh sa rang. Thaitin an gníomhaíocht go mór leo.

Students Council

The members of the 2025/26 Students Council are Anna Burke, Ella Quinn, Caitlin Mulkerrins, Amy Carey, Tom Neylon and Tom Burke. This year the Students Council will be hosting a Christmas Cake Sale on December 16th.

School Website

Please don't forget to direct people to our school website who would like to find out more about our school. Our website now also contains all of our podcasts and videos which were created to mark our 80th anniversary in June.

<https://peterswellschool.ie/>

Please visit our school blog for further updates and pictures of school activities

<http://stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com/>

Awards



September: Student of the Month

Congratulations to: Fiadh Mulkerrins, Ava Burke and Ella Quinn

September Award Wall : Best Starter of the Year

Congratulations to: Kate Caicciapuotti, Dara Reilly and Daragh Gillard

September: Random Act of Kindness

Congratulations to: Jack Kelsey, Paudi Broughall, Mollie Regan, Grace Broughall, Emily Broughall, Robyn Blake, Grace Orford, Noah Curley and Cara Cacciapuotti

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Best wishes to our First Holy communion candidates Ava, Daithi, Fiadh, Grace Nathan, Robyn and Stephen, in their own going preparation for this sacrament.

Best wishes to our 5th and 6th class students preparing for Confirmation.

Mini 7's

Well done to our 3rd-6th class students on competing in the Mini 7s competitions in September. The boys were unlucky to come out on the wrong side of some tight finishes in both hurling and football.

Pride of place this year goes to our girls who have qualified for the years Mini 7s camogie county finals. They had super wins over Kilbeacanty/Ballyturn, Leitrim, GS Riabhach and Kilchreest to qualify.

Events

Operation Christmas Child



The school will again be partaking in the Christmas Shoebox Appeal this year.

We appreciate all of your participation in this activity and please remember the 4 W's when filling your shoebox: Something to Write with, to Wash with, to Wear and to make the children go Wow.

The closing date for receipt of boxes in the school is 10th November 2025

Friendship Fortnight

This has been a major success in the school, with children focusing on starting, developing and maintaining friendships. Activities included assemblies, Anti-Bullying Posters, Art, Random Acts of Kindness and Dot Art. Students in the senior room identified kindness, honesty and loyalty as the qualities they most look for in a friend.

All students in the school have now signed up to our Anti-Bullying Pledge.

