

Provisional School Calendar

October 10th	Mini 7's Hurling
October 11th	Mini 7's Boys Football
October 24th	Garda Football Tournament
October 25th	Cash for Clobber Collection
October 27th	Closing for Halloween @ 2pm and 3pm
Nov. 6th	Reopening
November 14th-16th	Parent Teacher Meetings
December 22nd	Closing for Christmas at 12pm

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Our web site is www.peterswellschool.com



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

OCTOBER 2023 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 1st to 3rd and 3.05pm for 4th 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 1 st to 3rd	Please collect at 2.58pm
Classes 4th-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. 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 upcoming camogie and hurling Mini-7's competitions. Well done to the girls on their super performances winning two matches and only losing out to eventual winners Bullaun NS.

Best of luck to the boys teams in their upcoming hurling and football competitions.

Well done to all 16 of our athletes who competed in the Galway Cross Country Championships in September. All students ran their hearts out and congratulations to medal winners Caitlin Mulkerrins, Alex Hughes and Evan Lynskey. A special word for our senior boys team of Alex, Evan, Manus and Finn who finished 4th overall and also qualified 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 14th-16th. 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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Sport Stars

Congratulations to all of our past pupils who were part of the St Thomas team that won the County U-20 B1 title recently. It was a tremendous match and the team showed an abundance of skill and character to carry the day.

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.



Welcome Frizzi and Joanne

We are delighted to have an extra pair of hands in the school every Friday. Frizzi is a German student who will be spending each Friday with us completing her work experience this year.

Joanne O Halloran will also be joining us for teaching practice in the junior room from October 9th to November 17th. She will be observing and assisting Ms. Nolan before taking a number of lessons herself.

Welcome Frizzi and Joanne.

Cash for Clobber

St Thomas NS will be taking part in Cash for Clobber this month. Collection is October 25th and bags can be dropped off from Monday October 16th. Please spread the word.

Green Schools

The members of our Green Schools Committee are:

Keeva Lynskey, Michael Glynn, Patrick Deely, Sadhbh Lynskey, Sadhbh Devine, Caitlin Connors Noah Curley, Darragh Gillard, Cullann Piggott, Méabh Stanford Kilkenny, Grace Mulkerrins and Evan Lynskey. We are encouraging students and their families to continue to reduce re-use and recycle and to focus on saving energy at home and at school.

Gaelchoiste:

Tá na baill :Séarlait Ní Mhaoilchiaráin, Eimíle Ní Bhruachail, Cillian Mac Mathúna, Odhrán Ó Brádaigh, Cáit Ní Mhaoilchiaráin, Gráinne Orford, Sorcha Nic ghr5t5terAogáin, Pádraig Ó Nialláin, Alastar O'hAodha agus Aoibheann Nic Mhathúna.

Students Council

The members of our Students Council are:

Ella Quinn, Anna Burke, Eve Carey, Manus Mulkerrins, Ronin Carey and Aaron Carey.

School Website

Exciting news. We are delighted to launch our brand new website recently. Staff have been working hard on this over the summer months and we are very proud of the results.

It gives a great overview of life in our school and the many academic, social and sporting initiatives that take place here.

We have also included a comprehensive history of our school and parish section which will be of interest to Peterswell people living all over the world. We hope you find it informative and we will be adding to it regularly.

<https://peterswellschool.ie/>

School Blog

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: Donagh Burke, Sadhbh Lynskey and MJ Fahy.

September Award Wall : Best Starter of the Year

Congratulations to: Chloe Mulkerrins, Emily Broughall and Pádraig Neylon.

September: Random Act of Kindness

Congratulations to: Grace Broughall, Michael Glynn, Daithi McMullan, Tom Neylon, Sadie Neylon, Dara Reilly, Alex Hughes, Eva Fitzgerald and Aaron Carey.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do: Stiofán McSpadden, Tomás de Búrca agus Sórcha Nic Aogáin.

First Holy Communion

We will have 7 candidates for First Holy Communion this year. Best wishes to Caitlin, Charlotte, Dara, Emily, Sadhbh, Tom B and Tom N.

The date for First Holy Communion is 11th May 2024.

Calf & Cuckoo

4th-6th class will be taking part in Burrenbeo's Calf & Cuckoo events this year. The school will receive two visits by Burrenbeo staff - one visit prior to the Burrenbeo Trust's Winterage Festival (27-29 Oct 2023); honouring the movement of Burren cattle by local farmers from the valleys to the winterage grounds, and one visit coinciding with Burrenbeo Trust's Burren in Bloom Festival (weekends in May 2024); celebrates the return of the wildflowers to the Burren meadows as a result of the winterage farming practice. There will also be a field trip in term 3 for the students.

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 2023

Primary Maths Curriculum

All teachers are enjoying familiarizing themselves with the new Primary Maths Curriculum due for full implementation in 2025. Mr Mulkerrins and Ms Moloney will be attending a training day for this on October 13th.

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.