

Free Book Scheme

Most pupils are taking good care of their books. Please do not write or underline the textbooks. All Books are the property of the school and all books should be returned in the condition they were received.

Attendance

September 93.6% October 95.8
November 94.2% December 91.8%
January 91.2 %

Dates to Note:

February 5th	3rd/4th Olympic Handball
February 7th	Credit Union Quiz
February 11th	First Confession
February 11th	Girls 5 a side soccer
February 14th	Boys 5 a side soccer
February 20th and 21st	Mid Term Break
February 25th	Cumann na mBunscol Quiz
March 1st-17th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 17th-18 th	School Closed
April 11th	Closing at 12 for Easter Holidays
April 28th	Reopening at 9.10am
May 10th	First Holy Communion at 12pm

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Our web site is www.peterswellschool.ie

ST. THOMAS' N.S.

FEBRUARY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Mol an Óige agus tiocfaidh sí

Dear Parents,

In the opening newsletter of a New Year, I would like to welcome all our staff and students back to school. It has been a busy school year thus far with the children mixing their ongoing academic work with a range of extracurricular activities and community events.

Students voice is extremely important in St Thomas Ns and I would like to congratulate all our students who are working so hard on the various initiatives on going in the school. These include Students Council work, Green Schools Committee and Coiste Gaelach.

Our school bingo night was a tremendous fundraiser for our school this year. Thank you to all who bought tickets, sold tickets, contributed to our prizes and helped out on the night. We hope everyone enjoyed it.

We are looking ahead now with optimism to the coming months and look forward to seeing all of our school teams back on the field of play in the coming weeks and months. This year, we will be entering a range of teams in GAA, olympic handball and soccer events. Best wishes to all our teams.

Is mise le meas,

Michael Mulkeerrins

St Brigid's Day

All classes have been busy learning about St Brigid recently. Students from 2nd up also made their own St Brigid's crosses. Well done all.

Thanks from the SVP

The President of the St Vincent de Paul Johnny Kelly sent a letter expressing his thanks for supporting the recent Food Appeal. **One hundred** plus hampers were distributed in the community. Without your help they would not be able to do this. **Thank you.**

Thanks also for your contributions to our shoebox appeal.

Green Schools

Great News! Following a visit from Mark Molloy from the Environmental Department of Galway County Council in December, we have now submitted our completed application for our Flag Global Citizenship Food & Biodiversity. We await a positive response. The Award Ceremony will take place in Galway in early Summer and 2 or 3 Students from our Committee will attend with Ms Nolan.

Spring will be a time for planting as well as appreciating the growth of our Spring bulbs.

Credit Union Quiz

We are entering a senior and junior team in the upcoming Gort Credit Union quiz. Best wishes to both teams.

Our senior team will also be competing in the Cumann na mBunscol Connacht Sports Quiz in Claremorris on February 25th.

Coiste Gaelach

Táimid an bhródúil an mhí seo mar beidh Pól , peileadóir na bliana seo caite ag teacht chun an brat don Ghaelbhratach a ardú dúinn. Rinne na bunranganna corpoidachas as Gaeilge agus tá togh na Gaeilge le cloisteáil ar fud na scoile. Beimid ag cleachtadh amhráin agus ceoil mar beidh scoil eile ag teacht ar cuairt chugainn an mhí seo chugainn. Ba mhaith linn ár mbuíochas a ghabháil libh as bhur dtacaíocht agus an meon dearfach I leith na Gaeilge atá á chothú agaibh I bhur bpáistí.

Board of Management

Pupils need to be reminded of the need to be safety conscious when out and about during the winter period. If dark, please wear a Hi Vis jacket in the morning.

We are delighted to see the improvements in lighting on approach to our school and continue to liaise with the County Council and Safer Routes to School to move towards continuously improving safety approaching our school.

Awards

Student of the Month — December 2024

Congratulations to: Fern, Emily and Finn

Award Wall—December 2024

“Eco Warrior Awards”: Congratulations to: Fiadh, Michael and Culann.

Random Act of Kindness—December 2024

Congratulations to Kate, Stephen, Robyn, Sadhbh Devine, Tom Burke, Gia, Katie, Manus and Sarah.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do: Nathan, Conall agus Pádraig..

Student of the Month — January 2025

Congratulations to: Fiadh Lynskey, Caitlin and Sarah.

Award Wall—January 2025

“Best Starter 2025”: Congratulations to: Síomha, Sadhbh Devine and Noah

Random Act of Kindness—January 2025

Congratulations to: Niall, Kayden, Kate, Donagh, Tom Burke, Keeva, MJ, Ella and Eve.

Gaelgóir na Míosa

Comhghairdeas do: Páidí, Josiah agus Manus.

Events

First Holy Communion

Our 2nd are working very hard on their sacramental preparation. Our First Holy Communion will take place on May 10th at 12pm with First Confession on February 11th at 7pm. Thank you to Fr Roche for visiting all classes recently to share his thoughts during the Advent season.

Student Council

The student council continued to meet on a regular basis throughout the first term and were instrumental in running a very successful Christmas Junper Day fundraiser towards the building of homes in Africa. Well done all

Gort Community School Musical

2nd to 6th class were delighted to attend the Gort Community School musical 'Sister Act' recently. It was a fantastic show and we were particularly proud to see some of our past pupils on stage and in the school orchestra. Well done all.

Kilchreest NS Quiz

Well done to our two quiz teams who took part in the Kilchreest NS quiz. There were over 60 teams taking part. Our senior team of Finn, Jack, Joe and Noah performed excellently and we were extremely proud to see our junior team of Oisin, Caitlin, Oran and Charlotte take top prize in the U-11 category.

Sportstars

Congratulations to William Fitzgerald on representing the Ireland Cross-Country team in the recent European Championships in Turkey. What a super achievement for our past pupil.

Sport in St Thomas NS

Mr Mulkerrins will be taking JI-1st class for hurling during this term. Dates for this are February 6th, 14th and 25th. Students should bring a hurl and helmet on these days. Some spares are available in school for any children who may not have one.

Our U-11 students took part in the Galway Olympic Handball qualifiers on January 30th in Renmore. Both teams won all their matches and to advance to take part in the County semi finals in February. Both teams played brilliantly at the semi final stage, the girls had great wins over Craughwell NS and Gaelscoil Mhic Amhlaigh before losing out to a strong Oranmore team in the final match. Our boys started their day with a tough 2-2 draw against Knocknacarra NS before defeating Craughwell NS 4-3 in an amazing match. This meant we had to meet Knocknacarra again in the final where we won on a 3-2 scoreline. The boys now go on to the county finals in March.

Our 4th-6th boys and girls soccer team will be taking part in the FAI 5-a side competition in February. Girls event is in Kiltullagh on February 11th and boys event is in Kiltullagh on February 14th.

Enrolment Enrolments for Junior Infants for 2025/2026 are now open. If you are aware of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to email peterswell-school1944@gmail.com We will be hosting an induction day in May for all new entrants.

Enrolments are also being taken for Peterswell After-School & Montessori. Please email queries to ellemenopeatld@gmail.com