

Provisional School Calendar

- October 3rd Mini 7s Camogie St Thomas pitch 11am
- October 4th Mini 7's Girls Football Woodford 10:30am
- October 10th Mini 7s Boys football finals
- October 18th School Closure to facilitate teacher training in Primary Maths Curriculum
- October 25th Closing for Halloween @ 2pm and 3pm as usual.
- Nov. 4th Reopening
- November 11th-15th Parent Teacher Meetings
- December 11th Christmas Show at 6:30pm
- December 20th Closing for Christmas at 12pm



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

OCTOBER 2024 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 3rd-6th spent a very worthwhile day visiting our local turlough and exploring the rich flora and fauna. 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.

All 5th and 6th class students visited Gort Community School for a hurling and camogie blitz on September 15th. 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 16 of our athletes who competed in the Galway Cross Country Championships in September. All students ran their hearts out and congratulations to Caitlin Mulkerrins, Cillian McMahon, Ella Quinn and Manus Mulkerrins on qualifying for the county finals. On county final day, we were thrilled to see Caitlin finish 2nd overall and qualify to represent the school in the upcoming Connacht championship.

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 11th-15th. 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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teachermsnolan@gmail.com

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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 2025 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 ellemenopealtd@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.



Welcome Ms Hanley

The BOM would like to congratulate Ms Hanley on her appointment to cover Ms Moloney's maternity leave. We hope she enjoys her time here in Peterswell.

We would like to wish Ms Moloney well during this special time for her.

Green Schools

The members of our Green Schools Committee are: Keeva Lynskey, Michael Glynn, Patrick Deely, Cara Cacciapuotti, Sadhbh Lynskey, Sadhbh Devine, Caitlin Connors, Noah Curley, Darragh Gillard, Eva Fitzgerald, Culann Piggott and Méabh Stanford Kenny:

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.

Coiste Gaelach

Seo na baill: Sadie Ní Nialláin, Amber Ní Cheannmúir, Conall Ó Maoilchiaráin, Fionn Ó hAodha, Cuileann Chapman, agus MJ Ní Fhathaigh.

Students Council

The members of this years Students Council are Amy Carey, Caitlin Mulkerrins, Anna Burke, Eve Carey, Ella Quinn and Manus Mulkerrins.

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/>

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

Páidí Broughall, Oran Brady and Eve Carey.

September Award Wall : Best Starter of the Year

Fiadh Lynskey, Amber Kelsey and Eva Fitzgerald.

September: Random Act of Kindness

Fiadh M, Robyn, Niall, Chloe, Emily, Amy, Darragh, Gracie and MJ.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa

Cillian de Búrca, Donagh de Búrca agus Cáit Ní Mhaoilchiaráin.

Mini 7's

Well done to our boys hurling and gaelic football teams who competed in the Mini 7s competitions recently. The boys had great victories over Gaelscoil Riabhach and Kilbeacanty NS in the hurling competition before bowing out to eventual winners Lough Cu-tra NS by a single point after extra time (2-09 to 3-05).

The boys quickly put this disappointment behind them to win the football competition this week. They played superbly all day and were victorious over our neighbours Kilchreest NS in the final on a score line of 5-05 to 4-05. They will now go on to compete in the Mini 7s county finals on October 10th.

Best wishes to our girls teams in their upcoming Mini 7s competitions.

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 18th November 2024

First Holy Communion

Best wishes to our First Holy communion candidates Chloe, Donagh, Keeva, Michael and Vincent in their on going preparation for this sacrament.

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.