

Calendar

March 3rd to March 14th	Coicís na Gaeilge
March 14th	Closing at 12pm
March 17th-18th	Closed
March 20th	Garda Camogie in Ballindeerreen at 10
March 26th	U12 Handball in Ballinfoyle at 10am
March 27th	JI-1st Trip to Black Box
April 11th	Closing at noon for Easter Holidays.
April 28th	Re-opening at 9.10am
May 10th	First Holy Communion
May 19th	6th class RSE talk
May 19th-23rd	Numeracy Testing
May 26th-30th	Literacy Testing
June 13th	Tom McGarry Fun Day
June 16th-20th	School Tours
June 25th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays.

Our blog

Address is www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com

Our web site is

www.peterswellschool.com



ST. THOMAS' N.S.

MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



The school will close for the Easter Break
on April 11th at 12.00 noon.

*Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig
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AWARDS

STUDENT OF THE MONTH—FEBRUARY 2025

Congratulations to : Grace, Tom Neylon and Culann.

AWARD WALL—FEBRUARY 202

Congratulations to : Stephen, Oisín and Anna.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to: Edith, Fern, Cillian Burke, Cara, Caitlin, Sadie, Katie, Gracie and Eve.

GAELGÓIR NA MÍOSA

Comhghairdeas do: Robín, Séarlait agus Méabh..

SWIMMING

Swimming will commence in The Lady Gregory on May 9th for 1st-5th class. A payment link will be sent closer to the time. Price will be €54 per child and this includes transport.

SCHOOL TOUR

School Tours will take place on the week of June 16th-20th. Exact dates and activities will be finalised shortly. JI to 2nd will be travelling together and 3rd-6th will be travelling together.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board of management met at the school recently. The Board would like to thank the students, parents and staff for their hard work this school year and also thank Fr Roche for organising the 6th class trip to Dublin. The Board would also like to extend our sympathies to all those who have suffered bereavements during this school year. We would like to particularly offer our sympathies to all of the Orford family on Matthews sad passing.

The Board would like to wish Ms Hanley well in the sacramental preparation that they are undertaking with her class. The Board would like to thank Ms Marren and Fiona Buckley for their support in preparing our school choir for this years sacraments.

The RSE talk for 6th Class has been booked for May 19th and we will be joining with Kilbeacanty and Ballyturn schools for this. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all their volunteers who give so freely of their time. The Board would like to thank all our parents and students for their adherence to our many school policies such as our healthy eating policy in school.

The Board would finally like to congratulate our quiz and Olympic handball teams on their recent successes.

ATTENDANCE:

January 2024	94%
February 2024	96.5%

GREEN SCHOOLS

I hope that everyone is continuing to re-use and recycle at home. Some of you have brought in your old Christmas cards that we can use for crafts for Christmas 2025. The Junior Classes are still making wonderful art from items they have brought in from home. Mr Mulkerrins gave the Junior and Middle Classes a presentation on FairTrade. Students have brought in evidence of the FairTrade items their families have bought. We have definitely cut down on travel in the middle of a pandemic - so our carbon footprint is a lot lower this year, as we are all staying within our 5km radius. The Junior Room have planted seeds this week - coriander, beetroot, carrots, thyme, rocket, cress and aubergine in the classroom this week. We are all doing our bit for the planet so keep up the good work!

ROAD SAFETY

A reminder that all motorists should reverse to the kerb when parking outside the school.

We are also continuing to pursue funding with the Safer Routes to School Scheme to help with safety measures around our school.

GAEILGE

An mhí seo roinneamar an scoil ina dá leath, chuaigh páistí móra le páistí óga chun Gaeilge a labhairt leo agus a scríobh sa chlós. Freisin d'imir said cluichí beaga leo sa chlós. Bhí am do scéalta Gaeilge again le páistí móra ag léamh dona páistí beaga. Bhí siad ag cleachtadh damhsaí Gaelacha agus feadóg stáin. Beidh scoil eile ag teacht ar cuairt an Déardaoin seo chugainn chun gníomhaíochtaí Gaeilge a dhéanamh le chéile mar chuid den Ghaelbhratach. Beimid ag déanamh spóirt, ealaín, ceol agus cuis le chéile., Beidh picnic Gaelach ag na páistí óga. Beidh lá glas againn freisin.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child's uniform is clearly marked in the space provided. This eliminates confusion and helps to prevent loss of same. Reminder to wear sun block and hats if necessary in the last term. Please do not wear "flip flops"-only strapped sandals.

Quiz Success

Congratulations to our senior quiz team of Finn Hughes, Jack Lynskey, Manus Mulkerrins and Pdraig Neylon who competed in the Connacht Cumann na mBunscol Quiz in Claremorris recently. The team finished 3rd overall and have qualified to represent our school in the All Ireland competition in Tullamore this month.

SPORT

We are looking forward to our school teams taking part in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions during the final term.

After school training for 3rd-6th will commence immediately after the Easter holidays with girls training on Tuesdays from 3-3:45 and boys on Friday's from 3-3:45.

Well done to our teams who competed in the FAI 5 a side soccer competitions recently. They performed with distinction and had some great wins.

Well done also to our U11 boys who reached the Galway Olympic Handball County finals and played brilliantly on the day only losing out in the final match by 5-4 to Moycullen.

PUNCTUALITY

It is important that we develop, promote and maintain the habit of being punctual for school events and appointments. I would ask everyone to make a special effort to be on time for school this term both **before** and **after** school. Teachers are required to keep punctuality records in relation to children who are frequently late for school.

FREE BOOK SCHEME 2024-2025

Details on our Free Book Scheme for 2024/25 will be forwarded to parents when we receive further information on this years funding from the Department of Education.

ANTI-BULLYING POLICY

The Anti-Bullying Policy was reviewed, updated and ratified by the BOM recently. Please see notice below re :

Notification regarding the Board of Management's annual review of the anti-bullying policy

To: All members of St Thomas NS School Community

The Board of Management of St. Thomas wishes to inform you that:

- o The Board of Management's annual review of the school's anti-bullying policy and its implementation was completed at the Board meeting of 5/3/25 [date].
- o This review was conducted in accordance with the checklist set out in **Appendix 4** of the Department's *Anti-Bullying Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed Francis Walsh
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date 5/3/25

Signed Michael Mullerrens
Principal

Date 5/3/25