

Thank You

The staff would like to take this opportunity to thank pupils, parents, Board of Management, Committee Members and all others involved in the life of the school for the help, support and co-operation we have received in the past year.

DATES TO NOTE:

May 7th	Garda Hurling Boys 4th-6th
May 7th	Swimming starts 1st-5th
May 8th	New Infants Induction Day
May 9th	Camogie Cumann na mBunscol
May 10th	First Holy Communion at 12pm
May 13th	Hurling Cumann na mBunscol
May 16th	Girls Football Cumann na mBunscol
May 19th	6th Class RSE Talk
May 21st	Boys Football Cumann na mBunscol
May 19th-23rd	Literacy Testing
May 26th-30th	Numeracy Testing
May 29th	CAT4 Testing 6th Class in GCS
June 10th	2nd/3rd Visit to Thoor Ballylee
June 17th	6th Class Graduation
June 18th	School Tours
June 25th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays

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MAY 2025 NEWSLETTER



Enjoy the last term everyone!

Board of Management

The Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment was recently updated, approved by the Board of Management and may be found on our school blog. Our Anti-Bullying Policy was also updated and our new Bí Cineálta policy is in the final draft stages. This is to be implemented from September 2025 and will be forwarded to all parents in the coming weeks.

The Board of Management would like to wish all of our school staff and children well as they begin the final term of this school year. A special word of our 6th class students who are now in their last term attending Peterswell NS. We hope they enjoy this term and leave with many fond memories of their time here.

6th Class Graduation

An end of year graduation will be held for our 6th class students on Tuesday June 17th at 6pm. A tour of the parish will follow after the graduation at 6:45pm. It would be great if as many people as possible could come out and give our super 6th class students a well deserved send off on the night.

First Communion

First Holy Communion will take place at 12pm on Saturday May 10th. Best wishes to Chloe, Donagh, Keeva, Michael and Vincent on their Communion. Thank you to Ms Hanley, Fiona and all our staff who are working hard with preparations. Thank you also to Fr Roche for arranging practises for the class.

We are looking forward to a wonderful day.

Safeguarding of Children in our School

St. Thomas' NS Peterswell is committed to the safeguarding of our children. Our Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment may be found on our website.

If you have any suggestions/comments please contact the school.

School Reports

School Reports will be posted on the week beginning June 9th. Parents who wish to discuss the school reports with teachers may request to do so via email.

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Green Schools

We are delighted to have been awarded our **8th Green Flag** this year. Well done to all our Green Schools committee members. Three members will attend the presentation ceremony on May 8th in the Clayton Hotel.

Our school has been busy caring for and learning about our environment. The Junior Classes have planted some wild flowers—primroses and cowslips. The Middle Classes will attend a Flora and Fauna workshop in the Thoor Ballylee area which tied in with our creative writing module. We encourage everyone to get outside to walk and observe nature in your local area as we enjoy the warm weather.

We have also recently set up our May altar and would encourage students to bring in wild flowers throughout the month of May to decorate it.

Gaelbhratach

Tá cluichí á dhéanamh again sa chlós agus sa rang trí mhéan na Gaeilge.

Tá an coiste Gaelach chun Scéal an Lae a dhéanamh leis na naíonáin taobh amigh.

Tá sraith iománaíochta ag na meánranganna agus ag na hardranganna agus beidh sé á reachtáil i nGaeilge.

Tá coiste don Ghaelbhratach an sásta leis an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag na páistí sa scoil seo. Táimid an bhródúil as iarracht na bpáistí go dtí seo agus bheimís fíor bhuíoch dá mbeadh deis ag na gasúir pé Gaeilge atá acu a chleachtadh sa mbaile.

We are playing games through Irish both in class and outside.
The Coiste Gaelach are going to read Irish stories outdoors for the infants.

There will be a hurling league run through Irish for the senior and middle classes.

Finally, having spoken to the Gaelbhratach committee, they are very impressed, as are we, with the work done by our students so far. We would really appreciate if parents could encourage their children to practise their Irish at home.

Insurance Premium

Insurance premium €8 due by Sept. 12th 2025

A link for this payment will be sent via Aladdin.

(24 Hour Pupil Insurance Cover €8)

Indoor Shoes 2nd to 6th September 2025

2nd to 6th classes are required to wear plimsolls in class.

Classes Junior Infants to 1st **DO NOT** need to change their shoes.

Awards

Student of the Month — March 2025

Jack Kelsey, Dara Reilly and Ella Quinn.

Award Wall—March 2025—"Labhairt na Gaeilge"

Ava Burke, Vincent Ramanauskas and Joe Orford.

Random Act of Kindness—March 2025

Páidí Broughall, Daithí McMullan, Jack Kelly, Amy Carey, Tom Burke, Chloe Mulkerrins, Manus Mulkerrins, Finn Hughes and Darragh Gillard.

Gaeilge

Bronnadh teastaisí Gaeilgeoir na Míosa ar na páistí seo a leanas:

Mí Márta:

Gráinne Ní Bhruachaill, Odhrán Ó Brádiagh,
agus M. S. Ní Fhathaigh.

Wellness Week

Ms Hanley and the Students Council will again be organising a Wellness Week for our school from May 26-30th. We are looking forward to this week.

Class Allocation 2025/26

The following will be the class groupings for next year:

Junior Infants—1st: Ms Nolan
2nd-4th: Ms Moloney
5th-6th: Mr Mulkerrins
SET: Mrs Marren

Tour

The Annual Educational Tour for 3rd to 6th class will take place on June 18th. The class will visit Portumna Castle, the Famine Workhouse Museum in Portumna and the Meelick Weir Walkway with a stop off at Supermacs on the way home.

The Junior Tour for JI-2nd will take place on the same day and they will be visiting Moher Hill Open Farm and Leisure Park .

Fire Brigade

We were delighted to welcome four members of our local fire service to the school recently. This proved a very informative lesson on fire safety for the students. Thank you to Caoimhe in Peterswell Montessori for arranging. The Montessori students were also lucky enough to have visits from Ugly D's Pizza and Sergeant Padraig Broughall as they studied the local community. Thank you to all.

Sport in the School

We are right in the middle of a very busy sporting season in school.

This month our school teams will take part in county championships in camogie, hurling and Gaelic football. We wish them every success in these competitions. Well done to Finn Hughes and Padraig Neylon who represented our school recently on the Galway Cumann na mBunscol hurling and football teams.

We recently entered two teams in an U12 Mixed Olympic Handball tournament in Knocknacarra. Both teams had some great wins on the day and eventually met in the final match with one progressing by a single goal. Unfortunately, this team lost out to Trinity NS at the semi-final stage of the county competition.

3rd-6th classes will be taking part in in-school summer leagues for hurling/camogie during the months of May and June and we hope that all children enjoy these activities. We are grateful to St' Thomas' GAA club for also providing us with coaching this term.

"Sport teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose - It teaches you about life."

6th Class RSE

The 6th class RSE talk will return to an in-person format this year. We are grouped with Kilbeacanty and Ballyturn schools for this and this year Kilbeacanty are hosting on May 19th from 9:30-12:30. If you have a child in 6th class, please arrange for them to be taken to and collected from Kilbeacanty on this day.

Attendance

It is vital for your child's success and progress at St. Thomas's, especially in preparation for Secondary School, that your child's attendance is both regular and punctual.

* Family trips/holidays should be organised to coincide with school holidays where possible, please.

* Absences should be explained in writing to the pupils teacher at the back of the diary. (Medical Certs may be required). We also now require a completed **Return to Educational Facility** form to be completed after any absences.

* The National Educational Welfare Service is notified in the event of a child being absent for 20 days or more, in the course of any one school year.

To promote attendance we will award Certificates to our pupils for attendance before the Summer and we publish these names in the September Newsletter for attendance before the Summer and we will publish these names in the September Newsletter.

<u>Attendance</u>	March 2025	96.1%
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