

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 19th-20th	Mid term break
February 24th	First Confession
February 24th	Cumann na Mbunscol Quiz
March 3rd	Girls 5 a side soccer
March 5th	Boys 5 a side soccer
March 6th	World Book Day
March 13th	Confirmation at 11am
March 1st-17th	Seachtain na Gaeilge
March 16th-17 th	School Closed

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www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com

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ST. THOMAS' N.S.

FEBRUARY 2026 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 Mulberrins

St Brigid's Day

All classes have been busy learning about St Brigid recently. Students worked with representatives from Gort Arts ,Paula Gallagher and Suzanne Orford, to complete Brideog dolls and a St Brigid's cloak.

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

The 3rd-6th students were delighted to partake in the Explorers program with the Galway Atlantaquaria. The students received two full workshops from a representative of the Atlantaquaria and covered a variety of marine life with a focus on maintaining our oceans. All students completed Keynote presentations on chosen topics and presented to the wider school. Well done all.

Credit Union Quiz

Well done to our two teams who competed very well in the recent Credit Union Quiz.

Our senior team will also be competing in the Cumann na mBunscol Connacht Sports Quiz in Claremorris on February 24th.

Coiste Gaelach

Tá na bunranganna ag déanamh ionánaíochta as Gaeilge gach Aoine. Déanann said an iarracht an Ghaeilge a úsáid sa rang, sa chlós agus sa scoil; go ginearálta. Tá beirt ó rang a cúig ag beannú na bpáistí óga nuair a thagann said isteach ar scoil. Rinne beirt ó rang a sé beannú ag an bpríomhdhoras agus anois tá rang a ceathair á dhéanamh. Beidh tionól againn as Gaeilge an mhí seo agus beidh zúm ceoil againn. Beidh na páistí móra ag cabhrú leis na páistí óga sa chlós agus á moladh agus á gríosadh le greamáin. 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 our new traffic safety plan completed by Safer Routes to School and approved by Galway County Council. We look forward to seeing them implemented in the near future.

Say Yes to Languages

5th and 6th class will be starting a new program called Say Yes to Languages in March. This will be a module introducing a third language to our curriculum. Spanish is the chosen language and Ms Maureen Murphy will be delivering the 10 week program.

Awards

Student of the Month — January 2026

Congratulations to:

John, Emily and Conall.

Award Wall—January 2026

Best Starter 2026

Congratulations to:

Ella, Vincent and Katie.

Random Act of Kindness—January 2026

Congratulations to:

Jack, Mollie, Fern, Keeva, Ava, Tom N., Darragh, Sadie and Noah.

Gaeilgeoir na Míosa - Eanáir 2026

Comhghairdeas do:

Páidí Ó Bhruachaill, Míchéal Mac Floinn agus
Cara Cacciapuotti.

Events

First Holy Communion

Our 2nd class are working very hard on their sacramental preparation. Our First Holy Communion will take place on May 2nd at 12pm with First Confession on February 24th 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 Bake Sale fundraiser towards supporting Gort Resource Centre. Well done all.

Gort Community School Musical

2nd to 6th class were delighted to attend the Gort Community School musical 'Grease' 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 100 teams taking part. Our senior team of Noah, Oran, Oisin and Caitlin performed excellently and finished 5th while our junior team of Tom B, Tom N, Charlotte and Josiah finished a superb 2nd.

Sport in St Thomas NS

Mr Mulkerrins has been taking the junior room for hurling every Friday this term.

Our U-11 students took part in the Galway Olympic Handball qualifiers on January 30th in Knocknacarra. Both teams played very well with the girls progressing to the county semi final stage.

Enrolment

Enrolments for Junior Infants for 2026/2027 are now open. If you are aware of anyone who is interested in enrolling their child, please ask them to email peter-swellschool1944@gmail.com We will be hosting an induction day in April for all new entrants.

Enrolments are also being taken for Peterswell After-School & Montessori. Please email queries to: ellemenopealtd@gmail.com . Please be aware that plans are being submitted for an expansion of their premises and services to full day care from September 2026.