

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



ST. THOMAS' N.S.  
MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER



The school will close for the Easter Break  
on Friday March 22nd at 12.00 noon.

*Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig  
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## AWARDS

### STUDENT OF THE MONTH—FEBRUARY 2026

Congratulations to Siomha, Sadhbh and Cillian.

### AWARD WALL—FEBRUARY 2026

Congratulations to Jack Kelsey, Caitlin Connors and Patrick Deely.

### RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

Congratulations to Niall, Fiadh M, Jack Kelly, Dara, Stephen, Daithí, Anna, Katie and Gracie.

### GAELGÓIR NA MÍOSA

Comhghairdeas do Iarla, Josiah agus Cáit..

### ENROLMENT 2026/27

Enrolment forms remain available from the school for any new entrants.

### SWIMMING

Swimming will commence in The Lady Gregory on April 24th 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 17th. JI to 2nd will be visiting the Atlantaquarium and other sites in Salthill and 3rd-6th will be attending the Adventure World Camp in the University of Limerick. Prices will be finalised closer to the date.

### SAY YES TO LANGUAGES

5th and 6th class students have begun their 10 week Spanish module with our visiting teacher Victoria Natalizio. They have really enjoyed their opening lessons and this will be very beneficial to them in their transition to secondary school.

## Calendar

March 2nd to March 13th	Coicís na Gaeilge
March 10th	U12 Olympic Handball
March 11th	6th Class Trip to Dublin
March 13th	Confirmation
March 16th-17th	Closed
March 27th	Closing at noon for Easter Holidays.
April 13th	Re-opening at 9.10am
April 17th	6th class RSE Talk
April 28th	Girls Soccer Finals
May 2nd	First Holy Communion
May 18th-22nd	Numeracy Testing
May 25th-29th	Literacy Testing
June 16th	6th Class Graduation at 6:30pm
June 17th	School Tours
June 25th	Closing at noon for Summer Holidays.

### Our blog

Address is [www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com](http://www.stthomaspeterswell.blogspot.com)

Our web site is [www.peterswellschool.com](http://www.peterswellschool.com)

## 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.

The Board would like to wish Mr Mulkerrins and Ms Moloney well in the sacramental preparation that they are undertaking with their classes. 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 6<sup>th</sup> Class has been booked for April 17<sup>th</sup> 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 girls soccer team on their recent successes and wish them well in the county finals.

## ATTENDANCE:

January 2026	94%
February 2026	96.5%

## GAEILGE

An mhí seo roinneamar an scoil ina dá leath, chuaigh páistí móra le páistí óga chun Gaeilge a labhairt leo. Shiúil siad timpeall lena chéile sa chlós ag labhairt agus ag imirt cluichí beaga as Gaeilge. Rinne siad é seo cúpla uair. Do Choicís na Gaeilge beidh muid ag léamh leabhair Ghaeilge, ag foghlaim damhsaídon Chéilí, ag foghlaim frásaí agus á scríobh sa chlós, ag déanamh cuis as Gaeilge, biongó , cluichí clóis agus póstaer, Beidh lá glas again freisin.

## 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 2026. 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 gardening and planting. Students now have a variety of vegetables planted in school and will be looking forward to their harvest. The junior room also worked with Mary on planting our window boxes. We are all doing our bit for the planet so keep up the good work!

## 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.

### Soccer Success

Congratulations to our senior girls soccer team who recently won their FAI 5 a side competition. They will now go on to compete in the county finals in Mervue on April 28th.

Well done to our boys team also who won 2 out of their 3 matches in the same competition.

### Sport

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

All students from 4th to 6th should have hurling gear in school on Tuesdays and Fridays. 2nd-4th students should have hurling gear in on Wednesdays'

Our U12 Mixed Olympic Handball teams will be competing the Galway championships on March 10th in Ballinfoyle.

### 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.

### Road Safety

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

We are continuing to communicate with the Safer Routes to School team in advance of our new traffic management system being implemented.

### Peterswell Montessori Expanded Services

Our Montessori team are in the final stages of preparing plans to apply for planning permission for expanded services from September 2026 which will include full day-care for pre-school students. If you know of anybody who is interested in this service, please ask them to contact Samantha at [ellemenopealtd@gmail.com](mailto:ellemenopealtd@gmail.com)

### FREE BOOK SCHEME 2026-2027

Details on our Free Book Scheme for 2026/27 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 BOM annual review.

The Board of Management of *St. Thomas NS* confirms that the board of management's annual review of the school's *Bí Cineálta Policy to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour* and its implementation was completed at the board of management meeting of *3/2/26* [date].

This review was conducted in accordance with the requirements of the Department of Education's *Bí Cineálta Procedures to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour for Primary and Post-Primary Schools*.

Signed: *Francis Wall*  
(Chairperson of board of management)

Signed: *Michael deKerrins*  
(Principal)

Date: *3/2/26*

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Date of next review: *February 2027*

