



Newsletter

October 2026

Dear parents,

Can you believe that we are into October already! The children have settled into school remarkably well, and we are in full swing here at St Multose NS.

Industrial Action

The school gate will open at 9am from Monday 5th October. Pick-up will be as normal. See email sent via Aladdin for more detailed information.

KYSS Mental Health Day in Sáile 5/10/26

The children in the senior classroom will leave school at 9.15am to walk down to Sáile where we will take part in the annual Mental Health Day and associated workshops. We will return to school at about 2pm. Children will bring their lunches with them. Please wear suitable shoes and bring a coat.

BiaÓg

Please speak to your children about eating all of their lunch. The food is excellent quality. We encourage all children to finish their flask of food, unless there is very good reason. Obviously, we take into account the age of the children, but there really should not be food waste. Let's all work to encourage healthy eating habits. If you and your child choose to opt-out, please do so on the App. Otherwise your child will be expected to eat the food.

Curious Minds Aftercare

Curious Minds functions, in theory, entirely separately to the school, only that it uses our building.

It is imperative that you update the TeachCloud App if your child will be absent; we want to ensure the safety of all children.

It is also very important to change/update the hours your child will attend the service on the

App, otherwise, you will be charged for the hours of which you don't avail.

The **NCS (National Childcare Scheme)** portal also needs you to validate any changes to the hours, so that you can get the supplementary payment. Keep an eye on this.

If your child has a medical condition, it is your responsibility to share this information with Curious Minds and to establish a care plan with them.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club with Sue O'Riordan. If you need childcare between 8-9am of a morning, please get in touch: **087 8525798**.

Bandon Grammar School

Vice-principal Jennifer Walsh visited us to speak to the children about the school and invite them to the Open Day.

Kathy Kirwan – Blast!

Thanks to Blast funding, the children in the middle room are busy working with the flax that they grew in the polytunnel over the summer. They are learning lots about the flax industry and there are some very interesting displays popping up outside their classroom. I am really looking forward to seeing the finished art installation.

Creative Schools

We have secured more funding through the Creative Ireland initiative and our sincere thanks to Ms. Hilary Whitley for taking this project on this year. More details to follow.

Parents' Association

Harvest Fair

On Saturday, 17th October 3-5pm, our PA will host our Harvest Fair. All proceeds go towards the school. Please save the date!

We need parent helpers, so please offer your services if you are available to help.

Drop any donations to the hall Wednesday or Friday mornings at drop-off time. Children can also bring donations into school. Donations of home baked goods should arrive on Friday 16th October. Contact your class representative if you have any questions.

Children are invited to run a stall if they wish, to sell their own products. 50% of their income will go towards the school and they can keep the rest!

Raffle Tickets

Every family should have received an envelope with raffle tickets to sell or buy. Please return these with the money, by Friday 9th October. Ideally write your family name on the envelope too, to help the teachers.

Pumpkins

Children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin to school on Friday 16th October. These will be displayed in the hall and there will be prizes for the most creative!

Scarecrows

These will be created by each classroom next week. These are just for fun and to add to the Harvest Farm produce theme!

Dress Up Box

Find your next dress-up outfit! Please donate any fancy-dress outfits you may have and please help reduce fast fashion. We will sell outfits for €5 at the Harvest Fair in aid of our school, and using our new-found Climate Literacy knowledge to help save the planet in our own small way!

The **AGM for the PA** will be on Tuesday 20th October 7pm in the school.

Dublin Trip

Wednesday 11th November 2026
6.15am-10pm.

To mark this special year of the EU Presidency in Ireland, 4th, 5th and 6th class will take a bus to Dublin to visit the Ombudsman for

Children's Office to do a workshop on children's rights. We will avail of a bursary of €650 to support the cost of the bus. To dovetail with this, we have arranged to visit the Dáil in conjunction with minister Christopher O'Sullivan's Office, which is very special indeed. We also hope to visit the Natural History Museum and if time allows the National Art Gallery too. BiaÓg will give the children a muffin, mandarin and flapjack for their journey. Children will bring a packed breakfast and lunch from home. We will stop on the way home in Junction 14 for a hot meal, which children can pay for themselves, as a way of developing independence. All the activities are free. **The cost of the whole trip will be only €20.** (excluding cost of hot meal to be paid for by the child)

Team Hope Shoebox Appeal

Leaflets with details will be sent home this week. Fill a shoebox according to the leaflet and return to school, if you wish to participate. It is a great way for children to learn about altruism.

Dates for your diary:

- **School Closure for Training: 13/10/26**
- **Potential Strike – 14/10/26**
- **Parent Teacher Meetings** – details to follow, as this will be affected by Industrial Action.
- **Harvest Fayre** – Saturday, 17th October, 3-5pm.
- **PA AGM** - Tuesday, 20th October
- **Diocesan Schools Service** in Bandon – Thursday 22th October.
- **Team Hope Shoebox Appeal** –Collection after Halloween Midterm break.
- **Dublin Trip** – Senior classroom, Wednesday, 11th November 2026 6.15am-10pm.
- **School Play** – Mystery a Magpie Manor, 1.30pm, Friday 18th December 2026