



School Newsletter

Friday, 23rd May 2025

Welcome to Our Latest School Newsletter!

 **Flower Power School Disco is TONIGHT!** 

Get ready to boogie! Our groovy Flower Power-themed School Disco is happening tonight in St. Multose Hall from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

The children have been busy preparing decorations all week and the excitement is building!


 Entry:

- €5 for one child
- €8 per family

 Expect an evening of fun, music, and dancing!

 Sweets and snacks will be provided for all children.

 Children should bring their own water bottles to stay hydrated.

 For the grown-ups: teas, coffees, cocktail sausages, and crisps will be served.



Dress up in your best retro style and join us for a night of flower power fun with

DJ Declan on the decks! 

This week's news...

Belgooly Show Art Competition

Thank you to everyone for entering in the art competition for the Belgooly Show. All masterpieces will be on display at the show. The Show will be held on **Saturday, the 31st of May 2025**. The venue for this year's show is in Ballingarry, signposted from Belgooly village. It promises to be a great day of fun and entertainment!

Welcome Ameilia

This week, we were delighted to welcome a new pupil to 4th Class. Welcome, Amelia! We hope you settle in quickly and enjoy your time here at St Multose NS. We're so happy to have you and your family join our school community!

Standardised Testing Week

All our pupils from First Class upwards have been engaged in standardised testing this week. They have approached each assessment with great focus and resilience. We commend all pupils for their hard work and positive attitude throughout the process.

Teachers will now begin reviewing the results to help guide and support each child's individual learning journey. As always, we extend our thanks to parents for their continued support at home and at school during this period.

Standardised test results will be published on each child's end of year report card which you will receive via Aladdin mid-June. Closer to the time, I will give you a breakdown of what standardised test scores mean.

Breakfast Club

Sue O'Riordan, one of our SNAs facilitates Breakfast Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 8am. If you are interested in sending your child to Breakfast Club, please contact Sue on 087 8525798.

After School Club

It is with great sadness that we announce Margaret's departure, our valued After School Facilitator. Margaret has been an integral part of our school community, providing a warm, engaging, and supportive environment for our pupils each afternoon. We are extremely grateful for her dedication and the excellent service she has provided.

Margaret's last day with us will be Thursday, 5th June. She will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and families alike.

We are currently seeking a suitable replacement for this important role. If you know of someone who may be interested and qualified, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Once again, thank you, Margaret, for your invaluable contribution to our school.

Reminder – Jewellery in School

We have noticed that some children have been wearing jewellery to school. We kindly ask that all jewellery, except for small stud earrings be left at home. From a health and safety perspective, jewellery can pose a risk during playtime and physical activities. Your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe school environment is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Home-Based Summer Programme

Information on the Home-Based Summer Programme 2025 was sent to parents earlier this morning via Aladdin. Please see the notice for the relevant information documents. Please read the information carefully as it does not apply to all children. (Student Eligibility Criteria is contained in the Overview attachment). If interested, parents are required to complete the Application Form for Sanctioning for Parents and return it to principal@stmultosens.ie no later than **Friday, 30th May 2025.**

School Policies – Available Online and on Request

All of our school policies are available to view and download on the school website. If you would prefer a hard copy of any policy, you are welcome to request one at any time from Katie, our school secretary. You can contact her by email at secretary@stmultosens.ie or by phone on **021 4774106** from 9:30am – 12:30pm.

A Welcoming and Supportive Environment at St Multose NS

At St Multose NS, we are proud to have open lines of communication. If you ever feel the need to discuss anything — whether with your child's teacher or with me as Principal — please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can contact the school by phone on **021 4774106** or email me directly at principal@stmultosens.ie or you can arrange an appointment with your child's class teacher. We're always here to support you and your child.

A Gentle Reminder – 'Handle with Care'

We'd like to remind parents and guardians of our '*Handle with Care*' approach at St Multose NS. If your child has had a difficult morning, an upsetting evening, or just isn't feeling quite themselves, please feel free to write '*Handle with Care*' in their school diary.

This simple note lets us know to give your child a little extra patience, understanding, and support that day — no questions asked.

Tennis Fees

The cost of tennis lessons for this term is €25 per child. Tennis fees are now due, and you will receive a bill via Aladdin shortly. We sincerely apologise for the timing of this notice—it was our intention to inform you of the cost prior to the start of the tennis sessions. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Good News – School Meals!

We're delighted to share that our application for the School Meals Programme has been successful for the next academic year! This is a fantastic opportunity to support

our pupils with nutritious food during the school day. Our next step is to secure a healthy, reliable, and local supplier. If you know of any catering businesses in the Kinsale area who might be interested in providing meals to local schools, please get in touch. While the programme is allocated through a formal procurement process, we would love to see a local business involved—one that can help us provide fresh, healthy, and high-quality meals for our pupils.





Sustainability News – Solar Panels Coming to Our School!

We are very pleased to announce that we have been successful in securing a grant for solar panels for our school! This is a big step forward in our efforts to become a more sustainable and energy-efficient school. The solar panels are expected to be installed within the next few weeks, and we look forward to the long-term environmental and financial benefits they will bring. Thank you to everyone who supports our ongoing commitment to a greener future!

A Note on Financial Pressure

We understand that this is a busy time of year, and school-related costs can add up. If you are finding any of the bills or contributions difficult at the moment, please don't hesitate to get in touch in confidence. We will always do our best to work something out. Your child's full participation in school life is important to us.

Events and activities to look forward to:

-  **Beach Day** for 6th Class on Tuesday, 27th May. Details have been emailed to the relevant parents.
-  **School Tour Excitement!** The excitement is building as we look forward to our school tour on **Thursday, 29th May!** You will receive full details and important information via Aladdin today. Please keep an eye out for the message, and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions. We're looking forward to a fantastic day out!
-  **Transition programme** – Ms Hadden will facilitate a transition programme for our 6th Class leavers this term. This programme prepares them for secondary school.
- Reminder: we are taking an extra day off with the June bank holiday. We return to school on Wednesday, 4th June.
- **Interschool Sports Athletics – Thursday 5th June.** Over the coming weeks, we will be busily practising for this annual athletics event. You will have been notified by now if your child is participating. Please check their school diary to see which events they will be competing in. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to help out on the day. It is always a day of great excitement!
-  We're excited to announce that **Active Week** will take place from **16th to 20th June!** Our teachers have lots of fun and engaging movement activities planned throughout the week, including a special **gymnastics day**, inspired by our most recent professional development training. We'll be encouraging

active travel, giving children the opportunity to **teach a sport to their peers**, and enjoying a wide variety of ways to stay active and have fun. **Parents** – if you have a passion for a particular sport and would be interested in sharing your skills with the children, we'd love to hear from you! Your involvement can make the week even more memorable.

- **Our Annual School Table Quiz is on Thursday, 5th June at 7:00pm and will be held in the school.**

Get ready for a fun evening of friendly competition! This year's quiz will be held right here at the school. While parents and older pupils test their knowledge, infant children can enjoy a DVD in a separate classroom.

Entry Fee: €10 per adult; €3 per child.

All proceeds will go towards purchasing a new **interactive whiteboard** for the senior classes. Your support will make a real difference and is very much appreciated! Come along, bring your friends and family, and let's make this fundraiser a great success!

- **The Strawberry Fayre is on Saturday, 14th June** and will be held in St Multose Hall. This is a parish and school fundraiser. Please save the date and let us know if you are available to help out.
- 🏆 **Sports Day** is always a highlight of the school year, and this year it's scheduled for 16th June, weather permitting. The day promises friendly competition, teamwork, and plenty of fun for all involved. We warmly welcome parents to attend and join in the excitement—it's a great chance to support the children and even get involved in a few activities yourselves!
- 🎒 **End of year service – Tuesday, 24th June at 11am.**

Have a wonderful weekend!

Ms Horan