

School News...



The Diocesan Service 25/09/2025

Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th Class at the Diocesan Service. The Diocesan Service was a fabulous occasion; five hundred children, teachers, SNAs, clergy and parishioners packed St Peter's Church in Bandon to praise, pray and listen to God's Word together. The singing is always extra special with the involvement of choirs from various schools, tutored by Mr Breen and Mr Stobart. Massive thanks to them once again. This year, as it was Bishop Paul's final service, he sang the Peruvian Gloria, as a call and response with the congregation. It was beautiful. There was the traditional school bell ringing, banner parading, collection toward Liloma in Sierra Leone and the myriad colourful uniforms representing each of the schools. However, from the children's point of view, the highlight was the fun and singing on the bus each way!

Mrs Buttimer



Anthony Galvin from Heritage Schools

Anthony Galvin from Heritage Schools came back to visit us again this year. He is a gifted story teller and a fascinating historian. This year he regaled the senior classroom with the story of *Donal Cam O'Sullivan Beare and the Battle of Kinsale*. It was absolutely fascinating. At the end of the day Mrs Buttimer gave the class a quiz and it turned out they really had been listening, given their very high scores! The other classrooms enjoyed his story telling and costumes too. We are all hoping he comes back again with more fabulous tales.

Acknowledgement and thank you, Parents!

We would like to sincerely thank you for your contribution of €80 per pupil towards the school charge this year. Your continued support has made a significant difference and is greatly appreciated by the Board of Management in helping to balance the school's finances.

Your investment in your child's education directly enhances their daily school experience, and we are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment to our school community. Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support.

Superhero Dress-Up Day for Special Olympics Ireland!

We're excited to announce a Superhero Dress-Up Day on Friday, 10th October in support of Special Olympics Ireland! We are asking all pupils to dress up as their favourite superhero – or create your own! Please bring in €2 per child. All proceeds will go directly to Special Olympics Ireland to support their incredible athletes and programmes. Let's be heroes for inclusion, teamwork, and fun! Thank you for your support!



Open Day – Tuesday, 14th October at 7:00 PM

We are excited to announce that our Open Day will take place on Tuesday, 14th October at 7:00 PM. All prospective and current parents are warmly invited to attend. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff, learn more about our school community, and see what makes our school special. Feel free to bring along family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you!

Recent Board of Management Meeting.

The following policies were reviewed and ratified by the Board of Management on Wednesday, 24th September:

- a) Music Plan
- b) Visual Arts Plan
- c) Playground Policy
- d) Code of Behaviour
- e) Sexual Harassment Policy
- f) Substance Misuse Policy
- g) Health Issues Policy
- h) Prevention of Workplace Bullying for Staff
- i) Equality Policy
- j) Green Code
- k) Practices and Procedures
- l) Sustainability Policy Statement
- m) Extra Personal Vacation Days

Most of these are available to view on the school website, however, if you would like a copy, please don't hesitate to request one from the office.

Say Yes to Languages 2025-2026

We are delighted to share that the children in 2nd and 3rd Class will be learning French in Term 2! We're very fortunate to have a proficient French-speaking teacher on staff – Ms. Hadden – who will be delivering these lessons after Christmas. This is a wonderful opportunity for the children to be introduced to a new language in a fun and engaging way.

In addition, we're pleased to let you know that the school has secured a small grant to invest in new school resources, further supporting our commitment to enriching the learning experience for all students.

School packed lunch

Children must bring a healthy lunch to school – no fizzy drinks, no sweets, no frubes, and no crisps allowed. We are a Plastic Free and Healthy Eating School, so we expect re-usable lunch boxes and drink bottles. No plastic straws. Children should bring water to drink – no juice/smoothie cartons please. Milk is available to order daily through the school.

We would appreciate your cooperation with all of the above in helping to maintain a healthy school environment.

Absences

If your child is unwell or unable to attend school, please record the reason for their absence using the Aladdin app. To be marked present for the day, a pupil must attend school for at least 2.5 hours. By law, the school is required to report any unexplained absences, frequent absences, or

regular late arrivals to the Education Welfare Office, which may lead to further investigation.

Communication

News and upcoming events and all key information about school will be posted on our Aladdin app. Please check your Aladdin app regularly to keep up to date with school/class events. Information for the wider community will be shared on our school website. We are currently setting up an Instagram page and our Facebook page will eventually be linked. Our staff will share regular updates here once it is set up. We are no longer posting on 'X' or Twitter.

After School Club

We're delighted to let you know that our After School operates Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1:30pm to 5:30pm.

If you would like more information or wish to book a place for your child, please contact the After School facilitator Ms Jayne O'Leary on 087 4610007.

Breakfast Club

Ms Sue O'Riordan, one of our fantastic in-house SNAs, facilitates Breakfast Club every weekday morning from 8am. For more details and to reserve a spot, please get in touch by contacting her on: **087 8525798**.

Adult Coats for Cork Penny Dinners

Reverend Eugene is kindly collecting warm coats throughout the month of October to donate to Cork Penny Dinners. If you have a good-quality coat that you no longer wear, please consider sending it into school during October. Your generous donation will help keep someone warm this winter. Thank you for your support!

A note from the Parents' Association

Dear Parents,

As you know, our Harvest Fair is on Saturday 18th October. This is our most significant fundraiser of the year and funds many things for our children: 6th class hoodies, Sports Day barbecue, school tour bus, etc...

The PA are appealing for any help you can provide:

- Set up in St. Multose Hall from 6.30pm on 17th October.
- Homemade baking and home preserves or produce - the following sell especially well:
 - Tea bracks, loaf cakes, apple tarts, jams, marmalades and chutneys. Please label ingredients.
 - We will need some biscuits and tray bakes for the cafe too.

- Shopping bags and boxes.
- Books and toys or teddies – clean and in good condition. We currently have none at all for these stalls!
- Any raffle prizes you can donate.

In the coming days, each family will receive a package with 2 posters and 6 raffle tickets. We would appreciate your help with putting up posters in shop windows/community notice boards around the area and selling the raffle tickets.

We will also be holding a pumpkin carving/decorating competition – this will be set as homework for the children in advance. Please drop your entry to the school by Friday 17th. Prize for the best pumpkin!

To conclude - all and any help is very gratefully received!

Many thanks,

Parents' Association

Dates for your diary:

- Mental Health Day – 4th, 5th and 6th Class trip to Sáile – Monday, 6th October
- Superhero Day – Friday, 10th October
- Friendship Week – 6th – 10th October
- Superhero Dress Up Day - Friday, 10th October
- Parent Teacher Meetings Week – 13th – 17th October.
- Maths Week – 13th – 17th October.
- Open Day – Tuesday, 14th October at 7pm – 8:30pm
- School Closure due to power outage – Wednesday, 15th October
- Harvest Fair – Saturday, 18th October.
- School Closure due to facilitate Inservice training day on Child Protection Procedures – Tuesday, 4th November

Some photographs of the last while in school...



















