



Celebrating 40 years

in our current location

1986 – 2026

Newsletter 15th April 2026

Welcome back everyone!

Term three has come around very quickly. Only 50 days left and lots of things for which to look forward.

Calendar for 2026-2027

See calendar below. Also, attached for your convenience.

Second-hand Uniforms

We have a huge number of school uniform jumpers, jackets, trousers, school-t-shirts and shoes that have been donated over the years. These need to find homes. Please come in and take any number of items. If you wish to donate, feel free, but also, you are welcome to take the items for free!

Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE)

Please see email detailing content of the RSE Programme that will be completed by class teachers over the next number of weeks. The HSE have several very good resources for parents, details of which I have included with the email.

Concurrently, Ms Kingston will start to facilitate a transition programme called SMART MOVES with 5th and 6th class shortly.

Practice for Choral Festival

On Tuesday 28th April, the children in 2nd-6th class will be getting a bus to the City Hall, leaving punctually at 9am and returning at 2pm. On this day, they **WILL NOT HAVE SCHOOL LUNCHES PROVIDED**. Please supply your child with a packed lunch.

Parents' Association

A MASSIVE THANK YOU to the Parent's Association and all the parents, children and staff who came for our 'Big Spring Clean' day. The mural is stunning, the extensive pollinator friendly planting, the revamping of the toadstools in the outdoor classroom, the repurposing of the chicken coop, the establishment of the bug hotels, the repainting of the after-school/sensory room and the installation of an outdoor tap, is a testament to our wonderful community. I know there is still a blackboard, bird-table and water feature to come and the soccer goals are already in use! What lucky children.

The power-hosing of the back path and the preparation of the new flowerbed, which included four tons of topsoil and a few massive bags of bark mulch, were mammoth jobs; a special shout out to David, Sandra, Helga and Mirek for this grunt work! There have been many donations by parents and members of the community including time, skills and monetary contributions. Truly, we are blown away by people's generosity.

A special thank you to our garden designer from the parish who wants to remain nameless; Noel the 'digger man' who prepared the flowerbed by taking out all the overgrown shrubs; Jeremiah and Edward from Bandon Co-op for supplying the plants and for their advice, and to Elizabeth for arranging and paying for the plumber to install our new tap.

The school is looking so friendly and inviting, and the children are thoroughly enjoying the new garden space; like bees to honey!

Tuesday 21st April, Parent's Association Meeting in the School at 7pm, Zoom available. Plans for the 40th Celebrations will be discussed as well as Table Quiz and other upcoming plans for the autumn term.

14th May, Table Quiz. 7pm in the school. Rev. Eugene will be calling the questions, and it will be a fun filled night for all. Please come and invite your friends. Pop it in the diary!

Lion's Club

Another huge thank you to the Lion's Club in Kinsale who donated over €2000 toward a horizontal climbing frame and an outdoor games bench for playing chess/draughts and ludo.

Science in a Box

Jessica from Eli Lilly will be coming for six weeks to teach *Science in a Box* to the Senior Room on Fridays. We are looking forward to this partnership.

Polytunnel

There are lots of exciting things beginning to grow in our polytunnel and Grace does a wonderful job educating the children about growing, planting, tending, weeding and preparing beds. They love it and it is a wonderful time of the year to be out in the open!

We recently got two lovely composite plastic planters for beside our polytunnel to grow food outdoors too and we have just invested in a water irrigation system, all thanks to our ESD grant.

Meitheal (Meaning 'work party' in the Irish language) Sunday 3rd May - Adult Hands Needed!

As part of this work, we hope to plant pumpkins and squash outside the tunnel, along the side. Digging the sod is too heavy for children but many **adult hands** will make light of the work. The plants are growing already. Now we just need a few willing parents to help. Please email me if you are available on this day and we can come up with a time that suits everyone. Thank you.

Bike Week

To celebrate BIKE WEEK, we have received €150 from Cork Sport's Partnership toward Bike Lessons. Ullick will be joining us again this year for lots of bike related activities and learning. Bikes provided, but you are welcome to bring your own bike and helmet, if you like!

GAA

GAA will also resume this term for six weeks. Details TBC

Upcoming dates for your diaries:

Tennis with Maria Bolster for all classes: Tues 21st, Tues 28th April

Gardening with Grace for all classes: Every Monday

15th April Board of Management Meeting 7pm

16th April Curious Minds Aftercare Provision Meeting

17th April Science in a Box (Six weeks)

21st April Parent's Association Meeting in the School at 7pm, or via Zoom

23rd April 4th, 5th & 6th class will go to see musical 'Aladdin' in Bandon Grammar School 9.15am

29th April Choral Festival, City Hall (Middle and Senior classroom) 7.30pm

3rd May Meitheal at the Polytunnel. Turning the sod.

4th May May Bank Holiday

6th May CURRICULUM TRAINING DAY – No school or aftercare

10th May SEA SUNDAY in St Multose Church. Our Choir will sing at this event. 11.30am

SEA SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT with Bill Crosbie in aid of St Multose NS

14th May: Visit from Billy Kelleher EU MEP

Parents' Association Table Quiz, 7pm in the school

15th May: Beach Day with Gurraneasig and Ballinadee NS, as part of Creative Clusters

19th May CRANN Workshop (All about Trees) Middle Classroom

20th May HALF-DAY The school will close at 12:00 for Staff Epilepsy Training

21st May Cycling with Ullick

28th May: Cork Gaol, Lifetime Lab Experience & Bowling/ Soft Play at the Planet

St Multose NS School Calendar 2026-2027

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HOLIDAY LIST AND DATES FOR DIARY 2026/2027

- School Open: Thursday, Thursday, 27th August 2026
- Halloween Break:
School Closes: Friday, 23rd October 2026
School Reopens: Monday, 2nd November 2026
- Christmas Holidays:
School Closes: Tuesday, 22nd Dec 2026
School re-opens: Wednesday, 6th January 2027
- St. Brigid's Day Bank Holiday: Monday, 1st February 2027
- Mid-term Break: Thursday, 18th Feb – Friday, 19th Feb 2027
- St. Patrick's Day: Wednesday, 17th March 2027
- Easter Holidays:
School Closes: Friday, 19th March 2027
School Re-Opens: Monday, 5th April 2027
- May Bank Holiday: Monday, 3rd May & Tuesday, 4th May 2027
- June Bank Holiday: Monday, 7th June & Tuesday, 8th June 2027
- Summer Holidays: Wednesday, 24th June 2027
School finishes following End of Year Service