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May 7th 2025

Dear Parents,

Please see the calendar below which outlines the remaining school closures this year and some other important dates.

Bí Cineálta Anti-Bullying Inservice Training Half Day Closure	Friday 16th May The school will close at 12.30pm
First Communion	May 10th at 11.30am in Raheen Church
June Bank Holiday	Mon 2nd June
Junior School Tour	Tuesday 17th June
Senior School Tour	Friday 20th June
6th Class Graduation & End of Year Celebration	Tuesday 24th June
Summer Holidays	School closes on Thursday 26th June at 12.30pm

First Communion

First Holy Communion takes place on Saturday May 10th at 11.30am in Raheen Church. 3rd to 6th Classes are taking part in the choir and while I know everyone won't be available I hope as many as possible will be able to attend. Thanks in advance for your help with this.

6th Class Graduation & End of Year Celebration

You are all invited to a graduation ceremony for 6th Class and our end of year celebration at 1pm on Tuesday 24th June. We plan to hold this outside and for the whole school to be in attendance. There will be some refreshments in the school afterwards.

Please note that if the weather is bad we will hold the ceremony inside and attendance will be limited to 6th Class and their parents.

2025/26 School Calendar

School reopens after summer	Monday 1st September
Hallowe'en Mid Term	Mon 0ct 27th-31st
Christmas	School closes on Friday 19th December & reopens Monday January 5th
St. Brigid's Day Public Holiday	Monday 2nd February
Mid Term Break	Thursday 19th & Friday 20th February
St. Patrick's Day	Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th March
Easter	School closes Friday 27th March & reopens Mon 14th April
May Bank Holiday	Mon 4th May
June Bank Holiday	Mon 1st June
Summer Holidays	School closes on Thursday 25th June

Wellness Week & Active School Week

This week is Wellness Week and Active School Week. All classes are taking part in a variety of activities. Well done to our student council and active school committee for helping to organise the week. Keep an eye out on Class Dojo and on our website for more information.

Standardised Testing

Standardised tests are being carried out in English and Maths in 2nd, 4th and 6th Classes in late May and early June. Results will be included in school reports. Results also have to be reported to the Dept of Education. More information on standardised tests can be found <a href="https://example.com/here.co

School Reports

School reports will be sent home on Monday 16th June. If you have any concerns about your child's progress - be it academically, socially or emotionally, please feel free to get in touch with your child's teacher or myself before the holidays.

School reports will also include your child's attendance record. As you know, if your child has been absent for 20 days or more, they will be included in the end of year Annual Attendance Report which schools have to submit to Tusla. It is therefore important that you continue the good practice of sending a short explanation of any absence to the class teacher. This can be done via Class Dojo or in a note.

Class Allocation 2025/26

I will send home information on teachers and classes for next year before the end of May.

School Tours

Click on the links below to read the information on the school tours which I originally sent home in April.

Junior Tour

Senior Tour

Payment can be made to the class teacher or online.

Free Books Scheme

The free books scheme for primary schools will continue next year. School books, workbooks, copies and some other resources will be provided free of charge for all classes.

Hot Lunches

We have recently been approved for the provision of free hot lunches. We aim to have this in place for the start of the new school year in September.

Board of Management

Our latest board meeting took place on Wednesday 9th April. You can read a report of the meeting <u>here.</u>

Tractor Run

Thanks again to you all for supporting our Tractor Run so enthusiastically last month. A special word of thanks to our Parents' Council for all the hard work preparing beforehand and on the day itself.

And Finally

Remember you can keep in touch with the many activities going on in the school by looking at Class Dojo, our website www.geashillns.ie and our Parents' Council Facebook page.

Yours sincerely

Micheal Olyland

Principal