



Nuachtlitis Mí Dheireadh Fómhair 2025



October 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardians,

The school will close for mid-term break this week on Thursday 23rd of October due to the Presidential elections. The school will remain closed next week from 27th-31st of October (inclusive). We reopen on Monday 3rd of November at the usual time of 9:20.

We wish all families a lovely Hallowe'en break. Thank you for your continued support, it is as always greatly appreciated.

Garda Visit:

Thank you to Garda Looby and Garda Hand who came to visit the children last week. The children were very happy to see the Garda car and experience what it is like to be in the back seat!

Dates for your diary:

Hallowe'en Disco: Thursday 23rd of October, 2025

Presidential Polling Day: Friday 24th October, 2025 (School Closed)

Paul Hensey Internet Safety Talks: Similar to last year, 5th & 7th November, 2025

Science Week: Sunday 9th November - Sunday 16th November, 2025

Child Protection In-Service for Staff: Friday 12th December, 2025 (School Closed)

Parent Teacher Meetings: Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th November, 2025

Christmas Holidays: Friday 19th December at 12 noon

School re-opens: Monday 5th January at 9.20am

****Confirmation:** Saturday 21st March, 2026 @11am in Coosan Church

****First Holy Communion:** Saturday 16th of May, 2026 @11am in Coosan Church

Standardised Tests: 4th - 15th May, 2026



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Junior Mayors:

Congratulations to our newly elected Junior Mayors *Bláthnaid Macken* and *Neil Boyle* !!

Music in Coosan NS:

Traditional Music recommenced this month for pupils in 4th and 5th classes. This year pupils in our 4th classes are learning the ukulele and pupils in our 5th classes have been offered the opportunity to learn the violin, guitar or banjo!! A sincere thank you to the music teachers from Music generation and Mr. Kelly for supporting.

Appreciation Days in Coosan NS:

This year in Coosan NS we celebrated all of our staff here in Coosan NS on special SNA, Teacher, Secretary, Caretaker & Bus Escort Appreciation Days. As a school community, we are so lucky to have such talented, committed professionals supporting all our pupils each and every day in our school-thank you all!



Derek our Caretaker & Pauline our Secretary! Kathleen & Joan our Bus Escorts!



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Assemblies:

School assemblies continued this month in our school. Our new assembly format which places more emphasis on pupils' participation and inclusion for all is going really well.

We continue to practice our school rules and have learned new lámh signs such as "welcome back" and "thank you" this month.

Our new Student Council will be introduced at assemblies after midterm.

6th class visit to Our Lady's Bower:

Our Sixth Class girls had the opportunity to visit Our Lady's Bower on Tuesday, 14th of October. The girls had the chance to explore the school, as well as experience some of the classes that are on offer. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip and we would like to thank Ms. Beades, the staff and students for their hospitality and kindness shown.



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School Self-Evaluation:

Our school's current focus for SSE this school year is Wellbeing. More information will be provided by the school in due course. A special thanks to the Wellbeing committee.

After School Activities:

After School activities will recommence again after Mid-Term thanks to the generosity of some of our wonderful teachers and coaches. More details will follow soon.

Swimming:

Swimming returns on Tuesdays after Hallowe'en. A fee of €55 per pupil will apply.

November 4th - December 16th	7 weeks	6th Classes
January 6th - February 17th	7 weeks	3rd Classes
February 24th - April 28th	7 weeks	4th Classes
May 5th - June 23rd	7 weeks	5th Classes

Please ensure your child brings the necessary gear.

Sporting Achievements:

Gaelic Football Boys: Well done to our boy's Gaelic Football Team who played St. Coleman's last week and had a great win! Congratulations to the boys!

Mini 7's:

Well done to the boys and girls football teams who qualified for the mini 7's county finals which is a fantastic achievement.



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A special congratulations to the girls mini 7's team who won the Mini 7's county final!!!



A sincere thanks to Mr. Keogh, Mr. Kenny, Mr. Creavin, Mr. Ronaldson, Ms. Brophy, our GAA coach Paul McManus, Darren Magee, and our local GAA clubs Garrycastle and Athlone GAA-ní neart go cur le chéile.



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School Fees:

- Swimming: Pupils from Coosan NS will attend swimming lessons similar to last year. The charge per pupil will be €55.
- Art & Craft: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €60 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.
- Basketball: We would like to thank all who have paid the fee of €20 per pupil and remind any family who has not done so to please do so at your earliest convenience.
- Voluntary Contribution: In Coosan NS, we are very privileged to have such a wonderful new school building and fantastic grounds. The challenge the school faces both now and into the future will be in maintaining these wonderful facilities as well as running the school in the normal manner each school year. Last year some of these funds were used to support with the painting of our school. For this reason, the school is asking for a voluntary contribution from each child of €50 capped at €100 per family. This is not compulsory and any contribution will be very much appreciated-thank you!

Payment for all of the above can be made on the Aladdin Connect App or to the office.

Health & Safety:

In the interests of all pupils health and safety we kindly ask everyone to remember:

If pupils are unwell, please do not send them to school, consult your GP, follow public health advice and inform the school so that we can support your child in the case of a long period of absence and when they return to school.

We have children with a variety of allergies attending our school. The school kindly asks that treats are not sent in for the whole class as a birthday celebration and wish to remind everyone that foods with trace elements of nuts are not allowed due to severe nut allergies in our school.

Chewing gum is not permitted in Coosan N.S.. The school would appreciate the support of parents/guardians in ensuring that it does not come into school-Go raibh maith agaibh.



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Morning Supervision:

- There are staff on the yard from 9.10 am every morning to allow parents/guardians to leave promptly after dropping their children to the yard. We would appreciate your full support and cooperation in order to keep everyone as safe as possible, to provide the children with ample space to walk to their lines in the mornings and continue to develop their sense of independence.
- On very wet mornings, pupils are admitted at 9.10am.

Aladdin:

It is most important that addresses/emails and phone numbers of all our students are up to date. If your address/phone number/email has changed, please update details on Aladdin Connect or inform Pauline, our secretary, as they are required for correspondence purposes. Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Aladdin Connect, if you haven't please contact the office and we can resend access codes.

Absences/Appointments:

Please document all of your child's absences using the Aladdin Connect app or inform the office, to avoid any unexplained absences.

Goal Jersey Day:

GOAL Jersey Day 2025 took place on Friday, October 10th. Coosan National School Community raised an incredible amount of €855. Thank you for your support with this fundraiser. Pupils & Staff wore their favorite jerseys and colours on this day to support this great cause.

Christmas Cards:

Christmas Card Templates for your child/children were returned to the printers and we are awaiting the order cards/forms after the Mid-term. Well done supporting this fundraising initiative.



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Healthy Eating:

Food Dudes (3rd November) - We will be participating in the Food Dudes initiative. Children in Junior & Senior Infants will receive 16 days of fresh fruit & vegetables. This is to encourage fruit and veg consumption. 1st - 6th classes will receive 5 day of Fruit and vegetables starting on November 17th. After this is the implementation phase. Children will receive a food dudes lunchbox and will be encouraged to bring in a variety of fruit and vegetables into school with them as part of their daily snack.lunch. PLease note we also have apples and oranges available daily as part of the Lunch Bag hot meal programme.

We also advise parents to be mindful of our healthy eating policy. Treats are only permitted on Fridays. This is a small treat for your child, not to share with other class members. This can be difficult to manage with allergies etc. Thank you for your continued cooperation on this item.

Mid-Term Break:

Our school will close today at 3pm for our Mid-Term Break.

We will reopen on Monday, 3rd November at 9.20am.

Thank you for your continued support, the school sincerely appreciates it- *Ní neart go cur le chéile.*

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Hallowe'en Break

Gach Beannacht

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal

Coosan National School





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Parents Association:

Halloween is off to a terrifying start with our beautiful Halloween displays at the school. Thank you all the parents who helped and to all the families who created the spookiest and scariest pumpkins to add to our display! It's always wonderful to see our community come together for these events.

Next up is the biggest event of the year for the PA; the Annual Halloween Disco. The PA is busy getting everything ready for this evening and looking forward to seeing everyone in their scariest costumes!

Thank you to all the management and staff and families and Coosan Community, who every year without fail put so much of their time, talents and creativity (and even sandwiches!) to make it such an unforgettable night for all.

Please come to our next PA meeting on Tuesday the 2nd of December. Have a cuppa and a chat and see what we have planned for the rest of the school year! All welcome.

Please contact Olivia on 0862679441 if you have any questions about the PA, just want to be updated want to join the volunteer list.

We wish everyone a Happy Halloween!