

COOSAN NATIONAL SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2026

BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to a brand-new school year! It is lovely to see the bright smiles, busy learning and vibrant energy once again.

As we settle into the term, we want to remind you that our school thrives on the incredible partnership we share with our families. We simply cannot do our jobs effectively without your ongoing support, trust and cooperation. Thank you for working alongside us to make our school community the best it can be—here's to a wonderful and successful year ahead!

— Ms. Fogarty & the School Staff

Introducing Coosan's Golden Newsbox!

Located right outside the Principal's office, you'll see our brand-new Golden Newsbox—a special place dedicated to celebrating the wonderful moments that make the children in Coosan shine.

Every adult in our school—teachers, SNAs, coaches, and staff—are invited to post a note of "Golden News" whenever they spot a student going above and beyond. We want to catch our children in the act of being brilliant! Whether it's an inspiring act of kindness, extraordinary hard work, showing true grit and resilience, making great personal progress, or simply applying themselves to a challenge, every positive effort matters.

These special notes will be read and the children's achievements, kindness, and progress will be acknowledged in some small way. Keep an eye out for our golden stars as we work together to recognise and applaud the fantastic character of our students



The template for the Christmas cards will go home early next week with pupils. If your child wishes to participate in this fund raising initiative please return the completed template by Wednesday 21st October. These will be processed during the Halloween break.



From Monday, October 5th, each pupil will receive 5 days of complimentary fresh fruit and vegetable deliveries in fully compostable packaging, along with exciting optional activity ideas for all levels to celebrate healthy eating in our school. We would ask you to encourage your children to try a variety of fruit and vegetables and bring them for their snack each day - check out the food dudes website for more info.

REMINDERS

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Scheduled for November 18th and 19th. Notifications will be sent out in due course. In the meantime, If you ever have a concern regarding your child, please reach out to the office to request a call or meeting with their class teacher. If your child receives learning support this year, you will be informed and a support plan will be updated accordingly. - Note these may not go ahead if industrial action is still ongoing.

Please continue to use Aladdin efficiently to update absences, late arrivals and early departures. If your child is feeling unwell, we kindly ask that they stay home. Children will be unable to stay indoors during breaktimes, they will be requested to go outside to sit on a bench. This allows them to enjoy fresh air while remaining safely supervised.

Thanks to everyone for your cooperation at drop-off times in the mornings. Please continue to use reverse parking in the car-park. However, a number of parents are not using the drop-off zone when they drop and go in the mornings. This is causing congestion at the front of the school. **Please refrain from using the staff carpark.**

DON'T FORGET

- First Holy Communion - Saturday, May 15th @11am
- Confirmation - Saturday, **April 10th @11am**
- School closure for teacher in-service - 17th November 2026
- School closure for teacher in-service - February 3rd 2027
- School closure for teacher in-service - May 26th 2027
- **Please note school calendar on the website has been updated!**

REMINDERS

We kindly ask that all pupils to continue wearing their full school uniform each day. As a reminder, shorts should be knee-length and in keeping with the school uniform. With the colder weather now upon us, please also make sure your child has a warm, suitable coat for school each day and encourage them to wear it when needed. Don't forget to label every item clearly. Please note that makeup and spray deodorants are prohibited in school. Additionally, smartwatches should be left safely at home. We really appreciate your support in helping us to keep our pupils warm, comfortable and ready for the school day. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

School commences promptly at 9:20 AM. We kindly ask that children use their designated entry doors. Doors will stay open (10 Minutes) for those running a little late, however be mindful that arriving on time helps your child start their day smoothly. Please note that the children are supervised from 9.10am-3pm each school day. The school grounds are open for staff to access the school. Children should not arrive too early. We cannot accept responsibility for children arriving before the official opening of the school or remaining on the grounds after school.

Our Board of Management has completed the annual review of the Bí Cineálta policy. This policy is available on our website or from the school office.

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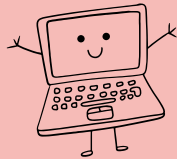
- Basketball - €25
- School expenses (including insurance) - €60 per child
- Voluntary contribution - €60 per child (capped at €120 if you have 2 or more children.)
- Tin whistle - €15 (3rd-6th class only)



Athletics

Last week, pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class headed to Belvedere to represent Coosan at the Schools Cross Country athletics event. They gave it their all, showing great effort, determination, sportmanship and team spirit throughout the day. There were some fantastic performances, with lots of medals making their way back to Coosan. We are incredibly proud of all children who took part, including all of those who tried out in the school heats!

Policies



We are currently in the process of reviewing our Electronic Devices Policy, Administration of Medicine Policy, Child Protection Policy, Acceptable Use Policy and CCTV Policy. Please feel free to send your thoughts directly to the school office via email, so they can be considered during this review



We would appreciate if birthday invitations were distributed outside of school hours to prevent upset. We also have children with a variety of allergies in our school, including severe nut allergies. In the interest of child safety, we ask that you refrain from sending in treats for the whole class as a birthday celebration. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Junior Mayor

The junior mayor elections were held in 6th class. Lots of people put themselves forward, but the winners were Sibeál Concannon and Fionn Kenny. The elections were very close, with only one or two votes separating the winners across both classes. We wish Fionn and Sibeál all the best in their new role and know that they will represent the school very well.



October 23rd will be Halloween dress up day in Coosan NS. Budget friendly costumes are encouraged. Participation is not mandatory. We look forward to seeing all the children's creativity.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW JUNIOR INFANTS

A very warm welcome to our two new Junior Infant classes! ☀️

We are delighted to welcome our newest pupils to the school community. They have settled in so well during their first month with their wonderful teachers, Ms. Brophy, Ms. Casey and Catherine our SNA. We hope you have had a fantastic first month of school and enjoyed making new friends, exploring your classroom and learning lots of new things! 📚✨

We are so excited to see all the wonderful things you will do as you grow, learn and make memories throughout your school years. We are delighted to have you as part of our school family! ❤️



INFANT Information

On Friday, 16th October 2026, the Junior Infant team will host an information afternoon at 2:10pm. This will take place in the GP hall.

The information session, for junior infants parents only, aims to provide parents and guardians with an opportunity to learn more about the Junior Infant curriculum, homework expectations, classroom routines and daily schedules for the year ahead.

School Grounds Update

We are thrilled to see the green grass shoot up in our new green play area. We will soon be able to enjoy this fabulous space!



Tin whistle

This year, as part of our school's music programme, children from 3rd-6th classes will be given tinwhistle instruction by Music Generation tutor Liam. This instruction will occur in blocks. 6th classes will begin the first block on Thursday October 1st, with other classes to follow throughout the year.

The cost of tinwhistle and tuition is €15 per child, payable on Aladdin. Each child will receive a whistle which they will keep and use each year until they leave Coosan NS.

Any tinwhistle which is lost during this time will be replaced for a fee.

We hope each child will enjoy discovering a new instrument and developing their musical proficiency,



Hurling

Hurling will be starting this term for 4th and 6th class. Please bring hurling helmet if you have one at home. 4th class will be starting Friday, October 2nd until the Halloween break.





Coosan NS. Parents Association



Welcome to a New School Year!

The Coosan NS Parents Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 15th September, where the following parents were elected to the Parents Association Committee for the coming school year:

- Chairperson: Caoimhe O'Connell
- Vice Chairperson: Yvonne Dalton
- Treasurer: Cathy Moran
- Vice Treasurer: Lorraine Joyce
- Co-Secretaries: Deirdre Flood & Paul Lenehan
- Class Liaison / Social Media Officer: Roisin Rizza
- General Committee Member: Hazel McHugh

We would like to thank everyone who attended the AGM and supported the Parents Association. We are really looking forward to a busy and exciting year of activities and events for all the children.

Parents Association WhatsApp Group

The Parents Association has a WhatsApp group where we share notifications, information and updates about upcoming PA events and activities.

If you would like to join the PA WhatsApp group, please contact Roisin on 085 714 5011.

Please include:

- Your child's name
- Your child's class
- Your child's teacher



Roisin will then add you to the group. We particularly encourage parents of Junior infant classes to join the WhatsApp groups for their child's class.

Halloween is Coming!

We are kicking off the school year with some exciting Halloween activities, including our Halloween Disco and Outdoor Halloween Display. More information will be shared with parents through the PA WhatsApp group.

We are looking forward to making this a fun and memorable start to the year for all the children! The outdoor Halloween display is a big hit every year - we are looking for extra helpers, new input and ideas for this year's display! Please contact Caoimhe via WhatsApp on 087 295 8341 if you have time to help with this.



Get Involved!

The Parents Association is always looking for new volunteers to help us make this a special year for the children. Whether you can help with an event, lend a hand behind the scenes, or simply have an idea you'd like to share, every contribution is greatly appreciated.

If you would like to get involved, please contact Caoimhe via WhatsApp on 087 295 8341.

We look forward to working together with all the parents and the school community to make this a fantastic year for the children of Coosan NS! Thank you for your continued support!