COOSAN N.S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2026

Welcome to our October Newsletter as we wrap up a wonderful and productive first half of the school term! We would like to express our gratitude to our Board of Management and Parents' Association for their dedicated hard work, as well as to all of our parents and guardians for your ongoing support and partnership.

As we head into the Halloween break, we wish all of our pupils and their families a restful, happy, and safe mid-term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the second half of term, which promises to be a busy and exciting run-up to Christmas filled with learning, fun, and plenty of festive cheer!

Warm regards

Mrs Fogarty and Staff





Reminders

Thanks to everyone for your co-operation 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, parking in wheelchair spaces or parking in EV chargin points. This prevents others from using them if neccesary.**

Industrial Action

Industrial Action is currently still ongoing. There will no morning supervision or Parent Teacher meetings if this goes on. We will keep you updated.

Upcoming Events

- Parent teacher meetings November 18th + 19th
- November 17th - School closure day for New Curriculum





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

Golden Newsbox

Golden newsbox entries this month were April And Eimear in 6th class, Jack in 5th and Niall in 3rd class. Some one spotted these children being good role models, responsible and doing good deeds





Thanks to all the parents/guardians who returned the template for the Christmas cards, designed by the pupils in our school. These will be processed during the Halloween break.

Thank you to all who paid outstanding fees. It is very important that these fees are paid for the day to day running of our school Please find a list below:

FEES

- 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)
- Swimming - €55 (including bus)

Junior Cumann naMbunscol



Boys from both 4th classes played in a Junior Cumann na mBunscol 4th class blitz which took place in Pairc Chiarán. The aim of this initiative was to give 3rd and 4th Class pupils the opportunity to represent their school, wearing their school colours, while gaining valuable experience that will help prepare them for future school competitions, including Cumann na mBunscoil competitions in 5th and 6th Class. Sixteen boys travelled and it proved to be a very enjoyable experience for all, culminating in a last match of the day between both Coosan teams.



Swimming Timetable

(2026/2027)

Swimming will take place on Tuesdays @12:00

Nov 3rd - Dec 15th 7 Weeks	6th Class	€55 each
Jan 12th - Feb 23rd 7 Weeks	3rd Class	€55 each
March 2nd - April 27th (3 weeks before Easter and 4 after) 7 weeks	4th Class	€55 each
May 4th - June 22nd 8 weeks	5th Class	€55 each





Please keep your child at home if they are sick to minimise the spread of infections.

Music Generation

Choral development with Andrew has started for one hour a week with 4th and 5th class. They are really enjoying it and we are looking forward to hearing some beautiful Christmas carols.
6th class are learning tin whistle with Liam. 6th class will continue with tin whistle until 10th of December. 4th Class will then start in the new year. A reminder that the cost for tin whistle and tuition is €15 per child, payable on Aladdin. Each child will receive a whistle which they will keep and use each each year untill the leave Coosan N.S. Any tin whistle lost during this time will be replaced for a fee.





Junior Infant Parent's afternoon

On Friday 16th October, Ms. Casey and Ms.Brophy were delighted to welcome our Junior Infant parents into their classrooms for a lovely, relaxed chat about life in Junior Infants and all things homework! It was a great opportunity for parents to step inside their child's classroom, get a little glimpse of their school day and enjoy meeting and chatting with other parents. There was a lovely atmosphere, and the gathering was a great success! Thank you to all the parents who joined us and helped make it such a warm and enjoyable occasion.



We are currently updating our Child Protection and safe guarding documents . New guidelines are mandatory and must be implemented by the Board of Management by Dec 31st 2026.



📣 Exciting News! We're on Instagram! 📸

We're delighted to announce that our school now has a brand-new Instagram account! 🎉

We can't wait to use this alongside our school website to showcase all the amazing things happening in our school, celebrate our pupils' achievements, and share the wonderful experiences, activities and special moments that make our school community so special. ❤️🖤

Be sure to follow us and keep up to date with all the exciting things happening in our school! We look forward to sharing our school journey with you! ✨



Parent Teacher Meetings

The parent teacher meetings for this school year are scheduled to be held on the 18th and 19th of November in the school. These short meetings are an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with his/her class teacher(s). Meeting times will be issued Wednesday 4th November afternoon via Aladdin. Pupils from 1st-6th will finish early at 2:45pm on both of these evenings to facilitate. Thanks for your support and co-operation.



At Coosan National School, we are very proud of our community and want to do our part in keeping it clean, tidy and litter-free.

We understand that many of our children walk home from school, and we fully encourage this. However, we have recently been made aware of litter, particularly lunch waste, being discarded along the roads near the school. We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.









Walk, cycle or scoot!

We encourage families to walk to school whenever possible, making use of the park and the safe footpath all the way from Coosan Church to the school. Cycling or scooting to school are also great ways to build physical activity into the daily routine. These small steps support our pupils' wellbeing, promote healthy and active lifestyles, and reflect the values of our Active Schools and Green Schools initiatives, while also helping to reduce traffic and our environmental impact.





Planting

6th class planted crocuses to remember the victims of the Holocasut after reading The Boy in The Stripped Pyjamas. We cannot wait to see these in bloom.

Fire and Road safety week

We had members of Athlone Fire Station and Garda Looby in to speak with the children from 2nd-4th over the dangers at this time of the year. The children learned some keys skills and even got a chance to help out! Maybe we have some future emergency services workers in our midst here in Coosan N.S!































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Coosan NS. Parents association

The Parents Association would like to send a massive thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who made this Halloween season so magical for the children.
We were completely blown away by the incredible creativity of our **outdoor display team** and the fantastic carving skills on show during the **pumpkin display evening**.

A special thanks goes out to:

- **Our disco volunteers:** The amazing parents who helped run the Halloween disco, as well as everyone who worked behind the scenes managing admin and shopping for treats.
- **DJ David:** A big shout-out for keeping the dance floor packed and making it an unforgettable night!
- **Pauline & Derek:** A special mention for going above and beyond to ensure the evening ran smoothly.

Stay Connected! 📱
If you haven't joined your Parents Association WhatsApp class group yet, it is a fantastic and handy way to stay updated. You can join anytime by texting **Roisin on 085 714 5011**.
Wishing all of our families a safe and wonderful midterm break!
Warm regards,
The Parents Association

