



Coosan National School May 2026 Newsletter



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Congratulations to the Coosan Girls GAA team on their fantastic victory in the Division 1 Cumann na mBunscoil final against Holy Family Monageer. After a thrilling and hard-fought game, the girls pulled away in extra time to secure a memorable win. A brilliant achievement by an outstanding group of girls. Well done to all involved!

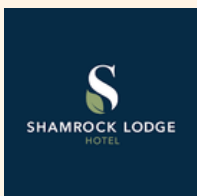


After a bit of a wait, it was the boys' turn to shine! Congratulations to the boys' Cumann na mBunscoil football team on winning the Division 1 title in Cusack Park. The team showed incredible grit and determination, battling through a tough opening half before producing a brilliant second-half performance to secure a convincing victory. The celebrations afterwards were unforgettable, topped off with a Garda escort back to the school! A massive achievement for this fantastic group of lads. Well done boys — memories to last a lifetime!

A huge thank you to the families of Coosan for supporting our players. The stand was a sea of red and black and the champions came home to a heroes' welcome, with so many people lining the roads and waiting at the school after such a long day. It was an amazing sight to see.

A big thank you for kindly funding the purchase of support flags for the evening and to Carl Proctor for taking excellent photos to remember the special occasion. These are available on the website.

A special word of thanks to Tom Silk (The Bounty) and Alan McCaul (The Shamrock Lodge) for generously supporting the teams with meals and food and to the parents who arranged the Garda escort for our players after their victory.



School tours

**JUNE
4TH**

Junior Infants

Playtown, Tullamore

**JUNE
9TH**

Senior Infants

Turoe Pet Farm

**JUNE
8TH**

1st Class

Let's Go! - NUIG Galway

**JUNE
5TH**

2nd Class

Let's Go! - TUS Athlone

**JUNE
10TH**

3rd Class

Wildlands, Galway

**JUNE
19TH**

4th Class

Just 4 fun, Longford

**MAY
27TH**

5th Class

Zip-it, Lough Key Forest Park

**JUNE
17TH**

6th Class

Bay Sports

**JUNE
11TH**

Special classes

Jump for Joy, Athlone

A word from the captains

As proud captains of the Coosan girls team, we would like to give a huge thanks to our coaches Mr. Keogh and Ms. Holloway, to the Coosan community who supported us all the way and lastly to our great teammates who put so much effort and hard work throughout the season. We couldn't have done it without you.

Aisling Fallon and Mia Bednarek
Captains of the Coosan National School girls team

As captain of the Coosan boys team, I would like to thank all the supporters who came to the match. Thank you to our coaches Mr Ronaldson and Mr Creavin for their help and bringing us to all of the matches and thank you to the players for their performances throughout the year.

Fionn Clarke captain of the Coosan National School boys team.

**School tour
payments
now due**

Well done to our players of the matches-

Adrian Hoti
(from 5th class)
Aishling Fallon
(from 6th class)



A huge thank you to Elaine Fitzgerald and Inga from King of Decor for our amazing balloon display outside to support the girls and boys in the Cumann na mbunscol finals. Thank you also to Derek for hanging all our wonderful flags!

**INCOMING
INFANTS**

**JUNE 17TH
INDUCTION
DAY**

WE ARE STILL ENROLLING FOR JUNIOR INFANTS

**SCHOOLS
OUT**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE
24TH @12NOON**



**BACK TO
SCHOOL**

**TUESDAY,
SEPTEMBER 1ST,
2026**

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**Graduation
ceremony**

MONDAY

JUNE 22ND

7PM

GP HALL

Fantastic Achievement for the Girls' FAI 5 Soccer Team



Our Girls' FAI 5 soccer team proudly represented the school at the Leinster Finals held on May 5th after qualifying as North Leinster champions. The girls competed against some of the strongest teams in the province, including the South Leinster champions from Wexford, a team from Offaly and two Dublin schools.

Throughout the tournament, the girls played outstanding football, displaying great determination, teamwork, and skill in every game. Against very tough opposition, they performed brilliantly and secured an excellent third-place finish in the Medium Schools category — a fantastic achievement at provincial level.

The entire school community is extremely proud of the effort, commitment, and sportsmanship shown by the team throughout the competition.

Congratulations and thanks to all of the players and to everyone involved in supporting the team.

Our warmest wishes to Ms. Whyte as she starts her Maternity leave. We look forward to hearing the news of your safe arrival. We would also like to welcome back Ms. Kennedy who is returning after the birth of her son Leo to teach our wonderful Senior Infants.



€ 2,945

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

money raised by the families of Coosan National School

As a result of the boys and girls of Coosan National School being a top fundraiser for Special Olympics Ireland, we have been chosen for a special visit from the Special Olympic torch.

The Special Olympic torch will visit our school on Thursday, June 4th accompanied by the Gardaí. We hope the weather will be fine and we will parade behind the Olympic torch and each class will get their photo taken with the torch.

We are so excited!

Coosan Communion - 16th May

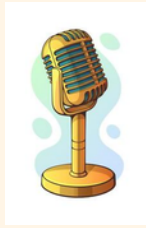


The boys and girls of 2nd class celebrated their Communion on Saturday, May 16th. We want to wish them all the best as they continue their journey in faith. A huge thank you to their teachers Ms. Walsh and Mr. Creavin who prepared the children so well for their special day. We know how much work goes on behind the scenes to support the children, a special thank you also to their SET teacher Ms. Kelly and SNA's Ms. Downey and Ms. Lee.

Ms. Lantry also put in a fantastic performance with the school choir, consisting of 4th and 5th class. The beautiful singing really added to the special day! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication for our pupils.

We would also like to thank Fr. Pat for a beautiful ceremony on the day.





◆ Singfest 2026 ◆

Singfest 2026 is a major choral festival that took place on May 14th in TUS Athlone. It hosted nearly 1,500 students from Offaly and Westmeath schools. This was an opportunity for young singers to work with professionals in a non-competitive and inclusive environment. All singers from 4th and 5th class in Coosan had a wonderful day singing their socks off! A huge round of applause to Ms. Lantry and Ms. Nolan for all their hard work in preparing the children for this enjoyable day. Thank you also to Ms. Lynch, Ms. Costello and Mr. Kelly for accompanying the children to the TUS.

COOSAN CAMOIGE



Our fifth and sixth class girls represented the school in a Cumann Na mBunscoil blitz on Monday, May 11th. They beat Scoil na gCeithre Máistrí and Ard na Grath in their first two games but unfortunately were beaten by Baylin in the final. Well done girls! You all did amazing!

COOSAN HURLING



Unfortunately we did not make it out of our group to progress to the Cumann na Mbunscol finals. We will have no more matches this school year. We will keep training on Tuesdays at lunchtime for another few weeks while the weather is good.

Tennis

Tennis continues with Clem for 3rd class on Fridays until June 12th



Sun safety

As the weather begins to get warmer, we kindly ask that you apply sunscreen to your child before school and ensure they bring and wear a hat for sun protection.

Children may also wear plain black shorts (with no logos) as part of the school uniform, along with their grey polo shirt. Please ensure that shorts are of an appropriate length and not too short.

SUN SAFETY IN SCHOOL

- ✓ **COVER UP**
Hats and sunglasses can be worn during break and lunch times.
- ✓ **APPLY SUNSCREEN**
Ideally SPF 30 or higher. This can be applied before school and reapplied during break and lunch time.
- ✓ **BRING A WATER BOTTLE**
Bring a refillable water bottle to school and even a spare if necessary.
- ✓ **SEEK SHADE**
Reduce UV radiation by sitting in the shaded areas around school during break and lunch time.

Credit Union Award

We are delighted to share that our Garden Project has won 1st place with West Midlands Credit Union Green Schools Sustainability competition in recognition of its contribution to sustainability, wellbeing and hands-on learning.

Our school has been awarded a further €500 towards garden projects. A huge thank you to our pupils, staff, parents and community volunteers whose support and enthusiasm helped make this achievement possible.



Poetry Competition

Student Council ran an in-house poetry competition with the theme of food waste. We had many fantastic entries from 2nd - 6th class pupils. We have some very talented writers in Coosan N.S! The winning poems were read out at our school assembly and each student won a homework pass and a prize. Well done to

- Robyn Mulvihill 6th Class
- Aisling Fallon 6th Class
- Tara Mc Loughlin 6th Class
- Lily Galvin 5th Class
- Charlie Lennon 5th Class
- Fiadh O'Connell 5th Class
- Kate Clarke 4th Class
- Alvina Manha Islam 4th Class
- Ella Fox 4th Class
- Chris Keane 4th Class
- Venisha Setiya 3rd Class
- Natalia Michalak 3rd Class
- Isabelle Mc Callon 3rd Class
- Patier Bertlla 2nd Class
- Amy Braiden 2nd Class
- Malak Ahmed Elhadidy 2nd. Class



Community Games

Congratulations to the U12 Girls footballers who participated in the Community Games U12 Girls County Final. The girls represented Athlone East Community Games with great pride and were part of the team that was crowned County Champions after a very competitive match. They go on now to represent Westmeath in the Leinster Community Games.

The whole school are very proud of them and wish them all the best in the Leinsters.



Dept of Education and Youth's ESD Newsletter

A huge congratulations to Ms. Beirne who entered our school into a sustainability competition run by the Department of Education and Youth.

We were lucky enough to receive a €500 One For All gift voucher to be used towards a sustainable development within our school.

We will keep you posted on what we do with our winnings!



Outdoor Adventure

We are delighted to welcome Mark Barrett to our school every Monday until the end of the school year. Mark will be working with 3rd, 4th and 5th Class, leading Outdoor and Adventure Activities as part of our sports programme.

He will also be facilitating a special Outdoor and Adventure workshop with 6th Class on June 23rd.

We would like to sincerely thank Mark and Our Lady's Bower for their excellent support and partnership in promoting sport, teamwork and active learning in our school.



SPORTS DAYS 2026

Sports Day was a fantastic success, with students showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Thank you to all the coaches who helped make the day such a success. Paddy Mullally from Athlone Basketball club, Megan from Rinka , Mr. Mark Barrett as part of the sport partnership with Our Ladys Bower, Clem Higginbotham from Tennis Ireland and Kiernan Martin from Westmeath GAA.

A special thank you also to all the staff who helped out, particuraly Ms. Eagney for all her hard work organising such a fun filled day.



Coosan N.S Parent's association updates



The PA held our annual Communion teas at the school after the Communion Mass. Thank you so much to the huge amount of parent volunteers, who were available for the evening before and the day itself. Baking, decorating, serving and clearing, thank you all! Also a big thank you for the goodwill we received from local business who are also part of the Coosan Family and are parents here in the school. We are very lucky!

**THANK
you!**



The PA are delighted to sponsor the ice-cream van for the whole school on both sports days. Ice cream this year is from Mr. Whippy.



Our Parents Association is putting together a **Uniform Exchange** this June!



Has your child outgrown their school uniform?

Let's support one another and promote sustainability in our school community!



Drop-Off Dates:

Monday 15th June
8:45 – 10:00 AM
& 2:00 – 3:15 PM

Pick-Up Time:

Thurs 18th June
8:45 – 10:00 AM
& 2:00 – 3:15 PM

A Few Things to Remember:

- Make sure clothes are clean, washed, and ready to wear
- Don't forget to remove name tags



This is a free event, but if you'd like to help out, we'll have a donation box for St. Vincent de Paul.



Let's share, care, and support each other in our school community!

Coosan N.S Parent's association



Table Quiz & Raffle
Thursday June 4th @8pm

Entry for each team of 4 is 40 euro per table. Our Monster Raffle! is 5 euro per entry. Raffle envelopes will be on the tables on the night. Doors open at 7pm with the quiz starting at 8pm sharp.

The Table Quiz is a lovely opportunity to meet our whole school community, our neighbours and friends and just have a great, fun evening!

This year we are hoping again for local businesses to sponsor us with spot prizes, (big or small!) for our raffle. Please contact Olivia (086)2679441 if you would like to be a sponsor or know anyone who would.