

Nuachtlitis Meán Fómhair 2025



September 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Principals Address:

On behalf of myself and all school staff, I wish to welcome all pupils back to school for the school year 2025/2026. A special welcome to our new Junior Infants and new entrants to other classes. We wish you many happy days with us, in Coosan National School.

Appointments:

Mainstream:

Mr. Creavin (2nd Class A), Mr. Kelly (SEU B), and Ms. O'Flynn (6th Class A).

Special Education Team: Mr. McLoughlin and Ms. Glynn (Shared SET).



Congratulations:

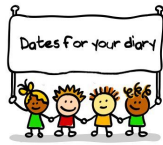
We would like to congratulate Mr. Keogh and his wife Aisling on the birth of their daughter Pippa in August, 2025.

We would like to congratulate Ms. McGrath and her partner Cathal on the birth of their daughter Saorla in September, 2025.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Crowley and her partner Bobby on the birth of their son Senan in September, 2025.

We would like to congratulate Ms. Kennedy and her husband Gearóid on the birth of their son Leo in September, 2025.

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Dates for your diary:

HSE Junior Infant Immunisation: Monday 21th & Tuesday 22nd October, 2025

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

In Service Training: School Closed Friday 12th December, 2025

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

In Service Training: School Closed Wednesday 11th February, 2026

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

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

In Service Training: School Closed Tuesday 26th May, 2026

Standardised Tests: 4th - 15th of May 2026

Swimming: Nov 4th - Dec 16th (Every Tuesday) 6th Classes swimming begin

Appreciation:

We wish to sincerely thank you for having the children so well prepared for school and for the effort you have put into getting new uniforms ready, labelling items, ensuring children have healthy lunches and getting children to school on time etc.

School Self-Evaluation:

Continuing on from last year our school's focus for SSE this year is Wellbeing. The school intends to organise further wellbeing activities and events this school year similar to last year. More information will be provided by the school in due course. A special thanks to the Wellbeing committee.

Assemblies:

Our school assemblies have recommenced again this school year. We have junior and senior assemblies and on special celebrations whole school assemblies and these take place every fortnight on Fridays in the GP Hall. We have revised our assembly format again this year after reflecting on last year and will provide further opportunities for pupils' participation and inclusion for all. At each assembly we will be practising a new school rule and focus on it as a whole school. Classes will be rewarded based on school yard rules. We will also practise our LÁMH signs at every assembly which will help us all to communicate better with one another. Pupils will be encouraged to speak at

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assemblies and we will be hearing from our student council. Our Assemblies also provide a lovely opportunity for pupils to meet together, to share important information and to celebrate special events.

SNA Appreciation Day:

We extend our heartfelt thanks to our wonderful SNA Team members: Marie, Doreen, Teresa, Denise, Tina, Clare, Martin, Helen, Caroline, Ruth, Michelle, Keith & Adrian for your support and dedication to all the pupils in Coosan NS. Thank you for your kindness, compassion, patience, understanding and hard work. It is valued beyond words. You are the heart of our school, providing not just support but also encouragement and kindness. Your professionalism and generosity of spirit truly make all the difference to pupils in our school. We would be lost without you. Thank you for everything you all do.



We are all very grateful to have such a great SNA Team in our school!!! ❤️

Goal Jersey Day:

This year we will be celebrating Goal Jersey Day on Friday, 10th of October, 2025. Pupils and staff are asked to wear their favourite jersey or colours to school, and make a small donation to GOAL. You can wear any jersey you want — GAA, soccer, rugby, basketball, hockey, or even your own creation!

Christmas Card Templates:

Templates for your child/children Christmas cards were issued last week to all pupils. Please complete and return to the class teacher by Wednesday, 15th of October 2025. A huge thank you to our school secretary Pauline for her support with this initiative.

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Solar Panels:

The school recently installed a 6kwh solar panel system. Engineers and electricians demonstrated the solar panels and spoke to the pupils at our assemblies also before installing the panels on our school roof. The school is very appreciative of MySolar for their support, advice and expertise in installing our solar panel system.

School Works:

The school is currently completing works to make an area of our school pitch safer for everyone. We are all very proud and appreciative of the wonderful facilities we have in Coosan NS and we thank everyone in our school community for caring and respecting all the facilities in our school.

Internet Safety Talks:

Guest speaker Paul Hensey will facilitate internet safety talks with the pupils from our 3rd to 6th classes again this year in November in Coosan N.S. Paul will also host an information session on online safety for parents to support their child following talks with the pupils. Further information regarding this will be provided by the school in due course.

Sporting Achievements:

Athletics: Congratulations to the Coosan NS athletics team who recently took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country competition in Belvedere House, Mullingar. The team competed very strongly winning lots of medals and stickers! Sincere thanks to their teachers and coaches Ms. McElvaney and Ms. O'Carroll.



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Outside Coaches:

This term we are re-introducing basketball and GAA coaching. All pupils in the school will receive basketball, Gaelic Football and hurling coaching at different intervals throughout the school year. We are also introducing RINKA and Tennis in some classes. These coaching programmes are delivered by experienced, highly skilled coaches and sessions are designed to support and complement the P.E. Curriculum lessons being taught by your child's teacher every week.

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 all necessary items.

Morning Supervision:

There is supervision of pupils in the morning from 9.10am to 9.20am. It is great to see so many parents/guardians 'drop and go' at this time. We would encourage all parents/guardians to continue to 'drop and go' in the mornings.

On very wet mornings, pupils will be 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/eircode/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 yet please contact the office and we can resend the access codes.

Absences:

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

"Bus Set Down Only" & "Set Down Only" Areas in Coosan National School:

The "bus set down only" and "set down only" areas in Coosan National School are clearly marked for everyone. Bollards are also in situ for health and safety reasons.

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There is no parking permitted at any time in these areas.

The "bus set down only" area is for buses only.

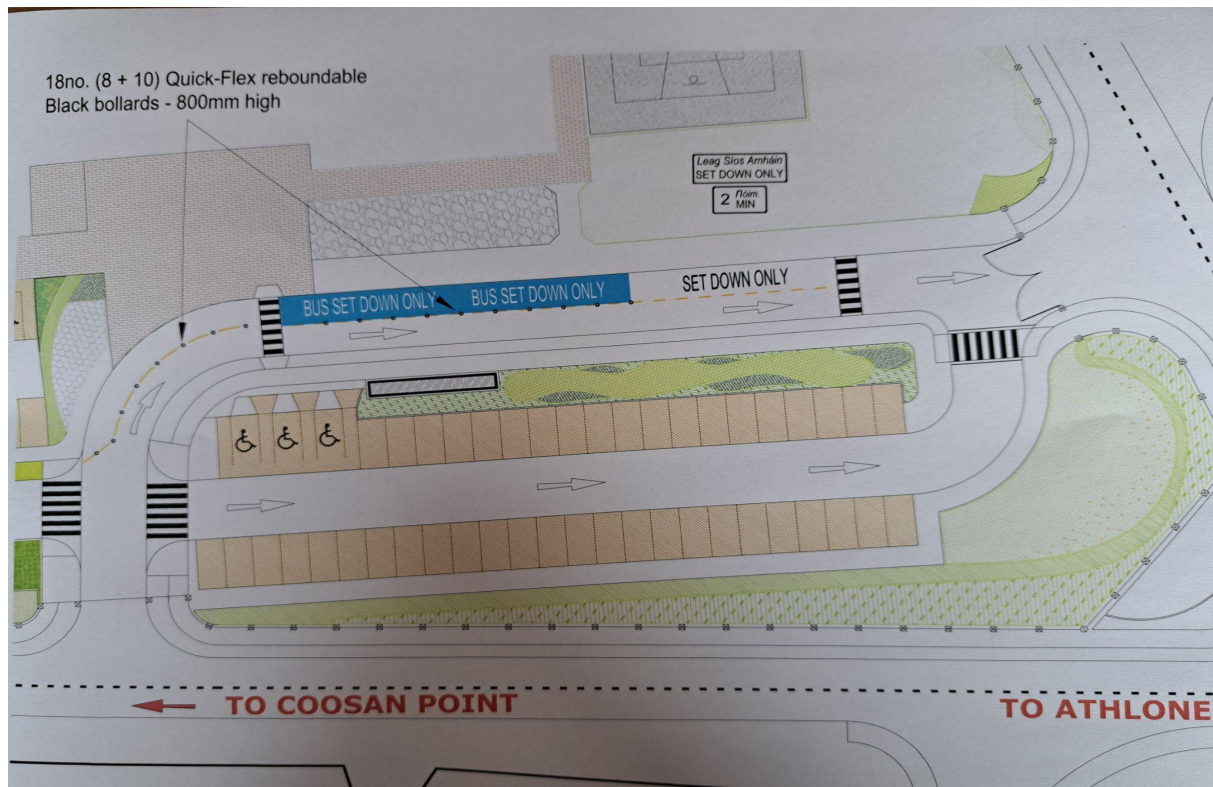
The "set down only" area is for cars and for parents/guardians who wish to drop their child to school.

The new footpath can be used to support access to the rear of the school campus from these set down areas.

The school car park is available for any parents/guardians who wish to park and walk their child to school. Everyone is asked to make use of the pedestrian crossings.

This arrangement came into effect at the end of the last academic year.

The Board of Management would like to thank all parents/guardians for their continued support as this new arrangement will make these areas safer for everyone, especially the pupils attending Coosan National School.



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Coosan National School Uniform Commencing School Year 2025-2026:



The Board of Management would like to thank all parent(s)/guardian(s) for their support with ensuring their child wears their full school uniform to school each day. More information including our school uniform policy is available on the school website.

School Fees:

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. Last year we painted our whole school as well as completing other remedial works such as to the sloped area at our pitch.

The challenge the school faces both now and into the future will be in maintaining these wonderful facilities for the pupils in our care now and future pupils as well as running the school in the normal manner each school year.

For this reason, the school is asking for a voluntary contribution from each child of €50 capped at €100 per family. This will support the school hugely with this aim.

It 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.

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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.

The Lunchbag:

The Lunchbag is the Coosan NS hot meals provider. If any parent(s)/guardian(s) has any concerns they can contact the lunchbag team directly using the following email address: Northwest@thelunchbag.ie

Invitations/Gifts/Treats:

The school kindly asks that no invitations or gifts are distributed on the school premises this includes before and after school time. This is in order to prevent any unnecessary upset to any child in our school community and also due to a number of pupils in our student body having severe allergies. 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. We thank everyone in advance for their support and co-operation with this.

Le gach dea ghuí,

Ms. S. Cunningham

Principal
Coosan National School

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Parents Association Update:

The Parents Association held their AGM on the 16th of September, 2025. We outlined last year's events and elections for the 2025/2026 committee were held. Many thanks to all those who attended.

Coosan National School Parents Association 2025/2026:

Chairperson:	Olivia Caffrey
Vice-Chairperson:	Hazel McHugh
Secretary:	Deirdre Flood
Assistant Secretary:	Sarah Clarke
Treasurer:	Cathy Moriarty
Assistant Treasurer:	Lorraine Joyce
Class Liaison Co-Ordinator/Social Media Officer:	Roisin Rizza

Coosan Parent's Association was so happy to welcome the new Junior Infant parents with teas and a chat in the GP room on the first day of school.

We are delighted to hit the ground running with another great year of events for the children and parents/guardians of Coosan NS!

First off this year we have the ever popular fancy dress Halloween disco on the 23rd of October. This is a massively popular event for every child in the school, made possible with the generosity of the school and parent volunteers every year! Get your costumes ready for a spooktacular event again this year!

The PA is also busy planning our Halloween display for the front of the school. Beautiful pumpkins are always a gorgeous feature, beautifully created by Coosan NS families every year. Please have your pumpkins ready by Friday 17th October or drop them by on the 18th as we set up the display!

Please contact Olivia on 0862679441 if you have any questions about the PA, or if you would like to join the volunteer list. Being on the volunteer list keeps you informed of events that the PA are busy with at Coosan School throughout the year. There is no obligation; you can be involved as little or as much as you want. All help is greatly appreciated.

The next Parents' Association meeting is in the GP hall on Tuesday the 7th of October at 8.30pm.