



Allen National School Newsletter

2025/2026 Issue 1

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Welcome Back



A very warm welcome to our first newsletter of the new school year. We're delighted to welcome all our pupils, parents and childminders back to school for what we hope will be a happy and successful year of learning and fun!

A special warm welcome to our new Junior Infants and our new teachers, Ms Fitzpatrick and Mr O Connor, who have started their school journey with us - we are so excited to have you and your families join our school community.

We are delighted with all the work that was undertaken during the summer more details are provided below.



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**EU Pathfinder REPower Programme invests over €2.2 million
in Allen National School during July and August.**



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The Board of Management is delighted to report all planned construction and energy upgrade works to our school building were successfully concluded within the agreed timeframe. In total, over €2.2 million was invested in the building. The works undertaken included:

Energy Retrofit:

The programme funded significant energy improvement works to make our school more energy-efficient and reduce its carbon footprint, for example, walls were pumped, attics were insulated, all lighting systems were replaced by more energy efficient and sensor operated systems

Decarbonisation:

Key works included installing a low-carbon heating system and other energy efficiency upgrades.

Replacement of Windows and Doors

All pre-2010 windows and doors were replaced.

Increased Comfort:

By improving energy efficiency, the upgrade works create a more comfortable and modern learning environment for students and staff.

It was a huge achievement to complete all the works in the holiday restricted timeline. Teams had to be co-ordinated and work exceptionally fast. The Board wishes to acknowledge and thank all who worked on the project, in particular, the design teams, the primary contractors CJK and O' Rourke's and all subcontractors who helped in any way. We hope the significant improvements made, will serve many generations of children into the future.



Sacrament Dates

Children in 2nd class will receive the **Sacrament of First Holy Communion** on **Saturday, May 16th 2026 at 11am in Allen Church.**

Bishop Denis will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in Allen Parish in 2026. Once the Bishop has finalised his diary and the date is set we will publish it in this newsletter.

School Fees

Parents are reminded that the school fees for 2025/2026 are €44 which includes pupil insurance. Payment can be made via the Aladdin E payment facility. All parents are asked to ensure fees are paid by September 30th.



Budget 2026: Please Help Our Primary School Community

The Irish National Teachers' Organisation (INTO) has launched its Budget 2026 campaign, calling for essential investment in primary and special education. The campaign outlines four key priorities that aim to improve conditions for pupils, teachers, and schools across Ireland.

We encourage families and school staff to learn more and support the campaign by emailing their TDs: into.ie/campaign/budget-2026

OUR CHILDREN OUR FUTURE Support primary and special education

Key priorities for primary and special education in Budget 2026

A pre-budget submission from the Irish National Teachers' Organisation



Scoil na Tríonóide Naofa – Allen National School
 ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE
 in respect of admissions to the 2026-2027 school year
 ADMISSION POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM



A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2026-2027 school year is available as follows: –
 To download at: www.allennationalschool.com
 On request: By emailing admissions@allennationalschool.com or writing to The Principal, Allen National School, Allen, Killeague, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 AX9g

PART 1 - ADMISSIONS TO THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR

Application and Decision Dates for admission to 2026-27 school year
 The following are the dates applicable for admission to Junior Infants

The school will commence accepting applications for admission on	2 nd October 2025
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission on	23 rd October 2025
The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is	14 th November 2025
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission is	21 st November 2025

NOTE: The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.

*Failure to accept an offer within the prescribed period above may result in the offer being withdrawn

NUMBER OF PLACES BEING MADE AVAILABLE IN 2026-27 school year

The number of places being made available in junior infants	28
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Admission to Junior Infants September 2026

In line with the Department of Education Guidelines, applications for enrolment to Allen NS for September 2026 will commence on October 2nd this year.



SNA Appreciation Day

On Thursday September 25th schools celebrated the incredible work of Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) in our primary schools. Their dedication and commitment truly makes a difference in the lives of many pupils and their families. In Allen NS we acknowledged and thanked Ann, Stephanie and Nina our permanent SNAs, and Deirdre our substitute SNA, with a staff lunch and the presentation of bouquets of flowers to say 'Thank You' for their support, care and kindness throughout the year – ladies you are all valued members of our school community.

U11 Football

Training for the U11 Cuman na mBunscol Competition kicked off on September 11th. The U11 Boys Team had their first match away to Ballymore Eustace with Captain Jack Coyne, on Tuesday 16th. It was a fast paced game but alas, was not to be our day. Our second match was at home to Kildangan, on Tuesday September 23rd. Allen played a skilful game and Captain Ava Browne lead the team to victory at the full time whistle. We were all very proud of their excellent sportsmanship, team spirit and positive attitudes.



Training continues for those with parental permission on Thursdays at lunch time – gum shields are essential.



Allen Soccer

Training began this week for our senior girls' and boys' soccer teams. Our Boys' Team had a home game against a strong Monasterevan side on Friday.

Upcoming fixtures:

Girls: Away to Kilcock on Thursday 2nd October

Boys: Away to Derrinturn on Friday 3rd October

Teams and subs will be announced the afternoon before the match and a notice and payment link will issue for those travelling to the match.



Performance Music Education

We are delighted to welcome back Music Generation Kildare with an extended programme this year. Pupils from J1 to 6th class began their performance and instrument lessons this week.



New Primary Mathematics Curriculum

Staff have commenced implementation of the New Primary Mathematics Curriculum. Over the summer the Board invested in excess of €5,000 in a new maths programme – Maths My Way - for the pupils, to best support their learning. The New Curriculum does not change much of 'what' children learn, but it improves 'how' children learn maths. This includes more learning through play and problem solving. It also provides more opportunities for children to be creative, take risks and be challenged. They will engage with concrete and digital resources and will be encouraged to make connections between maths and the world around them. Parents can support their children's learning by highlighting the importance and usefulness of maths in everyday life.



Bí Cineálta

The Bí Cineálta (Be Kind Procedures) are new national guidelines for Irish primary and post-primary schools to prevent and address bullying behavior. They are effective from the 2025/2026 school year. Key aspects include a whole-school, child-rights-based approach involving the entire school community, enhanced supervision in high-risk areas, clear follow-up procedures for reported incidents, and comprehensive professional learning supports for staff.



Gaeilge

The rollout of the Primary Language Curriculum continues across the school, with a particular emphasis, this term, on improving the use of Gaeilge in everyday conversations. Pupils from Junior Infants to 6th Class are engaging in daily oral language lessons to build their confidence and improve their fluency.



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Reminder of School Procedures

School begins at 8.50am for all pupils and ends at 1.30pm for Junior and Senior Infants and 2.30pm for all other classes.

Parents are asked not to park in the Church Carpark at any time during drop-off and pick-up.

Junior and Senior Infants enter via the main gate, while pupils in 1st – 6th class enter via the gate from the Church Car Park having been dropped. Parents are asked to ensure all children only exit the cars from the passenger side.

Parents are advised not to drop their children to school before 8:40am. Children entering the school grounds before 8:40am are not insured and parents are reminded that they remain responsible for their children until 8:40am when the Board of Management provides supervision.

All late arrivals and absences are recorded by class teachers and will appear on End of Year School Reports.

Parents are reminded all pupils from Junior Infants – 6th Class are required to wear their school uniform i.e. light blue shirt/blouse/polo shirt, blue jumper/cardigan, grey pinafore/skirt/trousers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and their school track suit on Wednesday and Friday.



Aladdin Connect



In Allen National School we communicate with all parents and guardians through Aladdin Connect. It is an efficient, cost effective, sustainable way for the school and parents to keep in touch. If you are not connected or are having some difficulty with your connection please contact the office and Colette can offer advice on how to solve your problems.

You can use Aladdin to update your personal details, change address, phone number, read school notices, complete permission slips, make payments to the school, see your child's test results and reports and also let the school know the reason your child may be absent etc.

If you are a new parent and have downloaded the app, please complete the process and validate your mobile number. If you do not validate your mobile number the system will try to send you messages but you will not receive them.

We have also been notified that there has been an increase in the number of emails to parents going into their spam folder. Could you please check your spam folder and mark any emails from Aladdin as safe. Aladdin have recently made a setting change to decrease the number of spam emails but it appears to have had the opposite effect on our school. Colette has spoken to Aladdin to have this rectified so it should correct itself in the coming days.

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School Closure

The school will close for all pupils on Friday October 25th to facilitate the Presidential Election.

Witches and Wizards Walk 2025

This years spooky sponsored walk will take place on Thursday October 24th. Pupils are allowed to dress up but parents are reminded no masks are allowed.



2nd Level Open Evenings

ST FARNAN'S POST PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN NIGHT
THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER
5PM - 7PM
ALL WELCOME

info@stfarnans.ie
St Farnan's Post Primary School

SCHOOL ADMISSION

SCOIL MHUIRE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CLANE

OPEN EVENING 1ST OCTOBER 2025

ST. CONLETH'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE
STATION ROAD, NEWBRIDGE
OPEN EVENING 2025

Multi-Denominational
Excellence in Education
Respect
Care
Community
Equality
CO-EDUCATIONAL

We warmly invite
6th Class Pupils
and their
parents/guardians to our
annual open evening.

Thursday 25th September
5:30pm - 7:30pm

Save the Date

Our Facilities
 Sports Hall
 Student Canteen
 School Library
 Extracurricular Activities
 Full Suite of Senior Cycle programmes
 AEB Unit
 Further Education Centre

For More Information
www.stconlethsc.ie

Instagram Facebook Twitter

Patrician Secondary School
Open Night

Open Night for 1st Year 2026
takes place on
Tuesday 16th September 2025
6.30pm- 8.30pm
Looking forward to seeing you on the night.

Open Night

Details

- ✓ Incoming 1st Years 2026
- ✓ Thursday 2nd October 2025
- ✓ 5pm to 7pm

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Newbridge College

Open Evening Tuesday 30th September
08-September-25

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SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

6:30pm to 8:30pm
Call to College Theatre @ Tuesday 30th September

www.newbridge-college.ie 045 467200

HOLY FAMILY SECONDARY SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING & TY EXPO 2025

Thursday 2nd October
4pm-6:30pm

- Guided tour of our school and building facilities
- Display of TY work in a variety of different subjects
- Music performance, demonstrations & much more!

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