



A Message From Our Principal



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Dia daoibh a cháirde agus fáilte go dtí an nuacht-litir, 'Scoil AntoNews' Summer edition 2025

As the 2024/25 school year draws to a close, we reflect with pride on the growth, learning and memories created here at St. Anthony's BNS. It has been a fantastic year filled with achievements, laughter and wonderful opportunities and moments. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to making our school community such a special, welcoming, caring, inclusive and happy place of learning. St. Anthony's BNS is a very unique and special place which fosters and celebrates the different strengths, achievements and efforts of each child. We are so lucky to have such amazing pupils here in our school.

As you read through 'Scoil AntoNews', I hope that you will get a flavour of some of the many and vast opportunities, experiences, successes, achievements, occasions and happiness that have taken place in our school. I thank everyone who has contributed to them and hope that you enjoy this Summer edition.

To the boys of 6th Class, who are graduating after eight wonderful years at St. Anthony's BNS and those who joined us along the journey – congratulations! You have grown into thoughtful, talented and kind young men, and we couldn't be prouder of you. Thank you for your contribution to the life and ethos of our school – through sports, music, arts, science, drama, projects, performances, and your everyday leadership and kindness. You leave behind a legacy and a great example for the younger boys to follow. As you transition on to secondary school with confidence and respect, we wish you every happiness and success in the years ahead. Enjoy this new chapter of your life.

Believe in yourself, achieve, be brave, stand on your own two feet, have fun, make mistakes and learn from them, be happy and do your best.

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We look forward to welcoming you back in the future to share in your memories and stories. Remember that you will always be a St. Anthony's boy, part of a strong and proud tradition and community, the red & black of Ballinlough. You are mighty lads. Comhgháirdeas!

As a school community, we are so fortunate to have teachers, SNA's, secretaries and caretakers who work as a dedicated team and who's commitment, care and creativity have made this year a joyful and successful one for our pupils. A sincere thank you to our Parents' Association for your tireless work, generosity and support throughout the year in creating memorable and special occasions. Míle buiochas daoibh go léir!

A special congratulations, thank you and heartfelt farewell to members of our staff who are retiring this Summer, secretary Ms. Ann Webster after 33 years service and to teacher Ms. Liz Dwyer after 28 years teaching in St. Anthony's BNS. Your years of dedication, commitment and service have left a lasting impression on generations of pupils. We wish you happiness, health and relaxation in this new chapter of your life.

We also congratulate teacher Mr. Kieran Lynch who will be taking up his new role as principal of St. Patricks BNS in Mallow. Congratulations Kieran, Thank you and the very best of luck.

Wishing you all a very happy, healthy and safe summer. Be careful in the water and on the roads!

Bain taitneamh as na laethanta saoire.

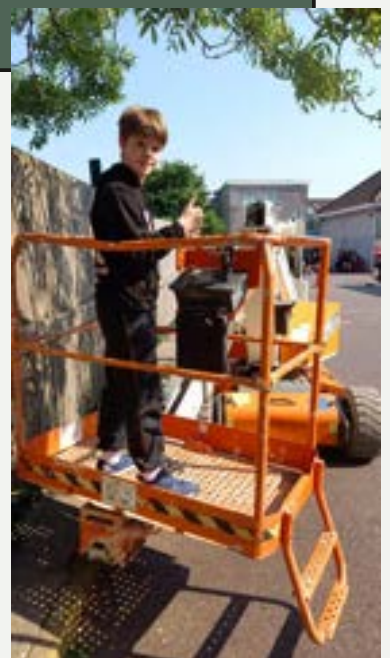
Le gach dea-ghuí,
Seán Lyons



GYM-TASTIC!

Conor, Senior Infants

Congratulations to Conor in Ms Feehely's Senior Infants on achieving a very important award in gymnastics! Conor has shown continuous hard work and dedication every week during his gymnastics sessions. Well done, Conor — we are all very proud of you!



Sam, 6th Class,
lending a helping
hand!

Kindness Matters

Generous Donation to Marymount Hospice

The sixth class boys presented Enid Conway from Marymount Hospice with a cheque for an incredible donation of €2,447.65. The cheque was presented by Con, Lachlan and Alex. Well done!



Home store Gives More!

Thank you to Home Store + More for their very generous donation of €1000 towards the continued development of our sensory garden.

Where We Sported & Played ...



Congratulations to the Green Team on their epic 4-0 win over Walterstown Cobh in the Munster Tennis Final.



Well done to St Anthony's Athletics Team at the Primary Schools City Sports at MTU in May.

...By the Banks of My Own Lovely Lee.



Congratulations to the Boys Ballinlough Community Games Table Tennis Teams and their brilliant coach Gemma Tobin on becoming All Ireland Champions in Meath.



Congratulations to the boys who took part in the U12 and U13 Cork Schoolboys League United teams.



Our chess team who finished 4th in the All-Ireland Primary Schools Chess Championship in Dublin. Thanks to our fantastic coaches Richard Pardi, Sarah Allen and Damien Ryan.



Louis, Luke and Ruairí showcased their talent at the County Football Skills event in Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Summer Holidays Around the World

With a helping hand from Ms Hennessy, some of our boys share how they say 'summer holidays' in their home language.



Vacances
D'été

France



വേനലവധി
(venalavadhi)

Malayalam

Felices Fiestas!



Spain



गर्मी की छुट्टियाँ
garmee kee
chhuttiyaan

Hindi

Vacanze
Estive



Italian

Pushime Vere



Albanian

Letnie Wakacje!



Polish

Derry O'Mullane Hurling Tournament & Sports Day



HURLING TOURNAMENT & SPORTS DAY

2nd & 3rd Classes took part in a special day held each June in memory of our beloved caretaker Derry O'Mullane. Some of the boys took part in friendly hurling matches while others enjoyed a range of fun activities.



On Your Bike!



Thank you to Mark O'Donoghue, founder of Cycling for All Cork, for providing the bikes for Ms. O'Connell's class to enjoy a cycle around the Marina. Cycling for All Cork is a volunteer-led adaptive bike service that supports individuals who, for any reason, are unable to cycle independently. Ignacio and June thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A TOUR OF EUROPE

South of Ireland MEP, Billy Kelleher, visited St Anthony's on 9th May for Europe Day.

Europe Day marks the anniversary of the Schuman Declaration in 1950—a key moment in European history that laid the foundation for the EU as we know it today.

The boys' projects on all 27 EU countries were displayed in the gym.



Sciath na Scol

On 21st May there was great excitement in Páirc Uí Chaoimh as St Anthony's took on Gaelscoil Uí Riordáin from Ballincollig in the Sciath an Scol Hurling Final. The victorious team then had the honour of doing a lap of honour at half-time during the Cork v Kerry Munster Championship. Inspiring hurlers of the future! Watch this space!



Climate Action Day

A big thank you to Ms. O'Connell for organising a fantastic Climate Action Day on 18th June. Here is a selection of photos showcasing some of the activities, projects, and guest speakers from the day.



Climate Action Day

A special thank you to our guest contributors: Frances McCarthy (Planetary Climate), Mair Kelly (ECO-UNESCO) for her interactive sustainability workshops, Frances Judge for her insights into Environmental Engineering, Kieran Dwane for his talk on Biodiversity: Land & Sea, Daniel Carr (UCC) for sharing his expertise in climate research and action, and Deaf Enterprise for leading engaging bike maintenance workshops.



“Your students were an absolute pleasure to spend time with, I was super impressed particularly with their empathy on some of the key issues we see in Ireland and globally - from supporting farmers, to racism, sexism, workers’ rights, biodiversity loss and more- they were so keen to put themselves into the shoes of others.”

Mair Kelly (ECO-UNESCO)

Our Resident Artist Spreads Summer Vibes

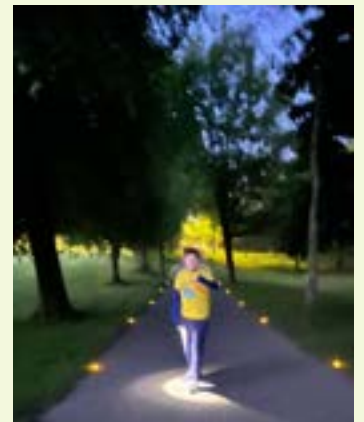


Congratulations to Ignacio on the successful completion of his second art gallery display, Summer Vibes!

This vibrant and inspiring collection captures the warmth and energy of the season and is proudly on display at Ballinlough Credit Union.

Make sure to stop by and check it out!

Darkness Into Light



The Darkness into Light walk was held at the school in May, raising €600 for Pieta House. Thank you to the teachers and Parents' Association who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to prepare the local park for this meaningful walk. It was heartening to see the extended school community come together to support such a great cause.

Canon Michael Crowley Cup



HURLING COMPETITION

Canon Michael Crowley was fondly remembered at the annual hurling competition named in his honour, held at Ballinlough Park on the Seandún GAA field. Boys from 6th Class were organised into teams named after places Canon Crowley had lived and served.



Team Aghabullogue won the cup. Canon Crowley was born in Aghabullogue.



Team St Anthony's. Their team was named after our school where Canon Crowley regularly visited, leading the boys in prayer and religious instruction.



The 3 teams including Team Peru. Peru was where Canon Crowley worked on the missions.

Adventures in Learning



The boys from Ms Lynch's 1st Class officially launched their very own Recipe Book on 30th May. Family and friends attended the event and enjoyed sampling a variety of delicious recipes. Special guests included Ruairí (of Ruairí's Kitchen, Turner's Cross) and his mum, Jean.



A big thank you to Éanna's mum, who works at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Ballincollig. Along with some of her students, she taught the boys in Ms Lynch's class the song 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars using Lámh sign language.

Watch out, Mr Lyons—Sam Philpott from 1st Class might be coming for your job! He took on the role of the principal in the class's performance of 'The Principal's New Clothes'. A thoroughly enjoyable, five-star performance!

Kavanagh Cup

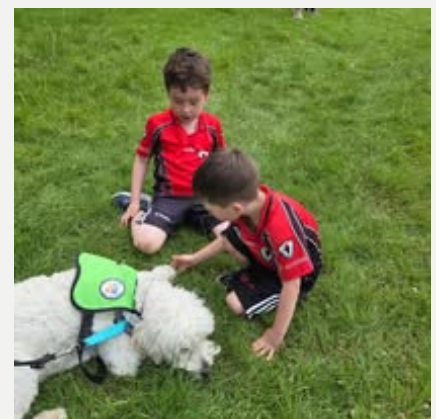
The annual Kavanagh Cup was held in Pairc Ui Caoimh. Over 130 boys from our 4th and 5th classes took to the field, forming eight competitive teams and playing with heart and determination. The final saw Cork claim victory over a dogged Donegal side in a thrilling clash!



Sports Days

Sacks, spoons and eggs (or potatoes) at the ready! It was that time of year again - Sports Day!

Pupils took part in a wide range of activities, including sack races, egg-and-spoon relays, obstacle courses, tug-of-war and more! Mr. O'Leary's 6th Class boys were at hand to organise the Junior Infant activities. Check out a small selection of photos from some of the classes.



A Fond Farewell

Farewell to all the boys in 6th Class as they move on to the next chapter of their educational adventures. We will miss their presence around the school and wish them every success in their bright and exciting futures.



Mr Brick's 6th Class



Mr O'Leary's 6th Class



Mr French's 6th Class



Present from
Mr French's Class to
Mr Lyons.

Procedural Writing



Hello! My name is Cearúil Stevens and I'm in 2nd Class. Here's how I made my own disc launcher by Mark Rober.

How to Make a Disc Launcher

Step 1: Get your wooden base. Attach the battery to it, then connect the motor to the battery, connecting black to black and then red to red wires.

Step 2: Attach the blue circle to the motor (push down hard).

Step 3: Attach the yellow foam to the wooden base. This directs the discs as they are launched.

Step 4: Add a wooden blue lever. This is attached by a nut and bolt as well as an elastic band that acts as a spring.

Step 5: Add a small yellow wooden piece of wood. It sits next to the lever to stop the lever going too far back.

Step 6: Add two wooden rectangular pieces into the pre-made holes on the wooden base. That way the blue barrel can sit in between these wooden pieces.

Step 7: Add the blue barrel with an elastic band. This sits between the two rectangular wooden pieces. Make sure the blue barrel is on above the base so you can put the disc in the barrel.

You can then have fun launching the discs.
Hope you liked my project!

Polaska Party!



Ms Hennessy organised a special meet-up for our students who speak Polish, giving the boys a wonderful opportunity to chat together in their home language.

Kali's Corner



DON'T GO! ONE LAST BELLY RUB!

Written by My Canine Companion Kali

Thursday was a bit ruff at St. Anthony's as we said goodbye to three pawsome humans. Ann, our lovely secretary and my bestie, is retiring after 33 years of keeping everything running smoothly — always with a smile and a kind word. I'll miss the belly rubs and that cosy spot under her desk where I went for my naps. Liz, an amazing teacher and leader, is retiring too after 28 years (that's A LOT of dog years!). She helped so many young pups grow, developing their love of reading and critical thinking among many other talents. And Kieran is off on a new adventure as Principal in Mallow! We'll miss his big heart and playful spirit, but we know he'll be pawsitively brilliant. Mr. Lyons gave some lovely speeches and there were lots of tail wags (and maybe a few tears). We'll miss them all so much — thanks for everything, friends!



Kali's Corner



Wear Red &
Support Kali's
Charity



Join us in raising funds
for My Canine Companion

Friday 20th June

PAINTING THE TOWN RED & COIN FOR KALI

The boys of St Anthony's donned their Cork Jersey's to support the All-Ireland Cork Senior Men's Football Championship in the quarter-final on Friday 20th June. They also raised €750.00 for My Canine Companion Charity, the incredible charity that trained Kali and continues to train therapy dogs for schools and families. This organisation plays a vital role in helping children with autism reach their full potential through the support of their specially trained dogs.



Some of my best buds in 6th Class.



PA SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

As we wrap up the final events of the school year the parents association committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped create wonderful memories for our boys this past year.

This school year we held 17 events helping our school community in numerous ways.

- Together we helped welcome new parents to our school with our traditional first day reception.
- We helped introduce the school to potential pupils and parents during our first ever open morning.
- We helped our 2nd and 6th class boys & their families celebrate milestones such as Communion, Confirmation & Graduation.
- We helped support worthy charities in our communities such as Cork Penny dinners, SVP and Pieta House
- We helped celebrate our fantastic school staff with treats and thank yous on staff appreciation day.
- We helped parents save money on uniforms with our environmentally friendly preloved uniform sales including one "Give away" event.
- We raised over €4,400 in book credit during our book fair to help restock the class libraries.
- Last but not least we ensured our boys had lots of fun during the school year with Halloween games & treats, Santa visits, pizza parties, prizes for world book day and medals/treats on sports days !!

None of this would be possible without your support - Thank you all!!



PA SUMMER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2025

We are always looking for new ideas for ways to create special memories for our boys while ensuring that as many parents as possible get involved.

If you are interested in helping create memories for your boys next school year please consider becoming an active PA member by coming along to our AGM and meetings; keep an eye on your class whatsApp group and school emails to sign up to help with events or email us at any time with any ideas and queries @ stanthonypa@gmail.com

We hope everyone has a wonderful summer holiday!! In particular we would like to wish our 6th class boys the very best with their move to secondary school. We hope they will look back fondly on their time in St Anthony's BNS.

Kind regards

Your Parents Association 2024/2025 Officers
Máire, Dawn, Kate, Mary and Aoife



PA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SCHOOL YEAR 2024/2025

JUNIOR INFANTS
WELCOME
RECEPTION

1ST SCHOOL
OPEN MORNING

PRELOVED
UNIFORM
EVENTS X 2

SVDP GIVING TREE

IN SCHOOL ZOMBIE WALK
FUNDRAISER - PRIZES &
TREATS FOR ALL

SANTA VISIT (&
GIFTS) FOR INFANT
& ASD CLASSES

CHRISTMAS
JUMPER SALE
FOR CORK

DARKNESS INTO
LIGHT WALK

SPONSORED NEW
CONFIRMATION BLAZERS
& OUTDOOR SCHOOL
STORAGE

PENNY DINNERS CONFIRMATION
RECEPTIONS

CONTRIBUTION
TOWARDS 6TH
CLASS HOODIES &
YEARBOOKS

RAISED €4.4K IN BOOK CREDIT
WITH OUR BOOK FAIR TO
RESTOCK CLASS LIBRARIES

COMMUNION
RECEPTION

ROOM 18/19
COFFEE
MORNINGS X 2

WORLD BOOK
DAY PRIZES FOR
ALL CLASSES

STAFF
APPRECIATION
DAY

JUNIOR INFANTS
SPORTS DAYS -
MEDALS & TREATS

ROAD SAFETY
WEEK

6TH CLASS LEAVERS
PARTY - PIZZA
& TREATS

GRADUATION
RECEPTION



PA 2024/2025 events

St Anthony's BNS Parents Association

Welcome To St Anthony's
**COFFEE MORNING
FOR NEW PARENTS**



**Thursday 29th August
School Gym - 9:45 - 11:00 am**

It's look forward to welcoming you with some light refreshments once your son has gone to his classroom
Hosted by the Parents' Association

St Anthony's BNS Organised by the Parents Association

Free pre-Loved uniforms
Voluntary cash donations- welcome
Friday January 31st 2025
School Gym 08:30-09:30



Donations

- Please drop uniform donations to the gym door entrance on mornings from 27th -30th Jan.
- As we have surplus stock we will ONLY be accepting track suit bottoms, school, jersays and school shorts.
- These will need to be clean and in good pre-loved condition.

When & where can i pick up a spare?

- School gym on Friday Jan 31st 8.30 to 9.30

ST. ANTHONY'S Road Safety Awareness Week



October 7th to 11th

Notice to parents and guardians.

Please avoid parking on the double yellow lines outside the school gates. Thank you.

**Parents Association
AGM
Oct 10th 8pm**

Calling ALL Parents
Your Parents Association needs your help!

- Learn about how you can get more involved this coming school year & help your school community.
- Opening address from school Principal Mr. Sean Lyons
- Learn more about school events & plans.
- Meet other parents and their representatives.
- Help create wonderful memories for all our boys & watch their school experience.

Thursday October 10th 8-9 pm
Room 1
Tea/Coffee from 7.45 pm
email: stanthonyspa@gmail.com

Halloween Zombie Walk

St. Anthony's PA Fundraiser

St Anthony's BNS Parents Association are excited to launch this years Zombie Walk!!

Oct 25th

- Friday October 25th
- In-School event for all boys
- Primary PA Fundraiser for 2024/2025
- Sponsored walk in Halloween costumes with your class
- Treats for all boys
- Best costume prize per class
- Halloween Hamper Raffle for all returned cards

Treats & Spooky fun! In conjunction with other fun & spooky activities running in school that day!!

Costume Prizes

Sponsor cards & IDonate details etc to be sent shortly!
Thank you all for your continued support!!

St Anthony's BNS Parents Association
Christmas events

**Christmas Jumper Sale
Nov 28th**

Give last years your jumpers a new life by donating to our charity sale. Or purchase a preloved jumper. All thanks to Cook, Penny, Dianna

A long standing St Anthony's tradition - pick a tag from the Sign Giving Tree & purchase a gift for those less fortunate in our community.

**The Giving Tree
Dec 2- > 12**

A Special Visitor! Give, reflect & and a lesson will have a special visit towards the end of term - keep an eye out for signs up on a parent wall for this fun event!

Keep an eye on your class whatsApp group and email for signups & updates.
email: stanthonyspa@gmail.com

BOOK FAIR

Evening: Thursday March 6th during school hours for boys.
Junior and senior boys parents welcome to buy 5pm-7pm on Thursday 6th.

Day: Friday 7th March during school hours for boys.
Junior and senior boys parents welcome to buy 5pm-7pm on Friday 7th.

Evening on Friday 7th: Cash
Card (boys are asked not to bring parents cards. Children's debit cards only e.g. kids money cards)
Boys can use 1 World Book Day token (£1.40) per book purchased. Each boy will get 1 token from school.

St. Anthony's BNS Parents' Association cordially invite our confirmation boys and parents to share in some light refreshments directly after your confirmation mass.

Confirmation

25th February 2025

REGISTRATION: 11.20 to 11.50 (approx)
Looking forward to helping the boys & their families celebrate this milestone.

SCHOOL GYM

A big thank you to all St Anthony's Staff for your ongoing work supporting our boys!!

**Staff Appreciation Day
February 14th 2025**

Made with PosterMyWalls.com

**Darkness Into Light
17th May 2025**

(Please note later date due to Communion in St Anthony's BNS on May 10th)

**4:30 am -> 7:00am
St. Anthony's BNS**

Walk from St. Anthony's BNS carpark to the Japanese Gardens where you can walk four laps, at any time, between 4:30 and 7:00am.

On 17 May 2025, dawn (first light) may be around 5:35, and sunrise (sun up) around 5:45

All staff, pupils, parents, friends and neighbours are welcome. No need to register in advance.

Light refreshments and chats in the school gym after your walk.

Help raise awareness of mental, emotional wellbeing and health

Help raise funds for Peter's House with collection buckets in school gym

HOLY COMMUNION RECEPTION

12:00PM
10th May 2025
SCHOOL GYM

volunteers needed



Thank you all for helping !!

St Anthony's BNS Parents Association



Sláir agus beannacht!



GO RAIBH MÍLE MAITH AGAT!

Sincere thank you to all who contributed to this issue. We wouldn't have a newsletter without you!

CALLING ALL BUDDING JOURNALISTS!

Do you have a story idea you think parents and students would like to read? Why not write a draft, hand it up to your teacher and you too could be in the next issue!



For more news..

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and checking out our website
www.stanthonys.ie