



# LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

## Easter 2026



**Dear Parents,**

Welcome to our Easter newsletter! It's been a lively and enjoyable few weeks at Lisnagry NS, with plenty of activities happening across the school. As always, we truly appreciate your ongoing support. Wishing you all a safe, happy, and hopefully sunny Easter holiday. Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh go léir!

### School Highlights

**Peace Proms** On March 7th, our school choir had an incredible day performing at the Peace Proms concert in UL, Limerick. It was a wonderful opportunity for our 5th and 6th class students to take to the stage and perform for such a large audience alongside the Cross Border Orchestra. We are so proud of all the children for their dedication and hard work over the past few months—learning the songs, perfecting the dance moves, and giving it their all on the day. A huge thank you to all the teachers who supported and guided the children every step of the way, ensuring they were fully prepared for such a special event. It was truly an inspiring and unforgettable experience.

**Sacraments:** Our 6th Class pupils are eagerly looking forward to their Confirmation on Friday, April 17th. This marks an important milestone in their faith journey and promises to be a very special and memorable celebration.

Meanwhile, our 2nd Class pupils are busy preparing for their First Holy Communion, which will take place on May 9th. Their First Confession was held on Tuesday evening. We wish them every success as they continue their preparations for this special occasion.

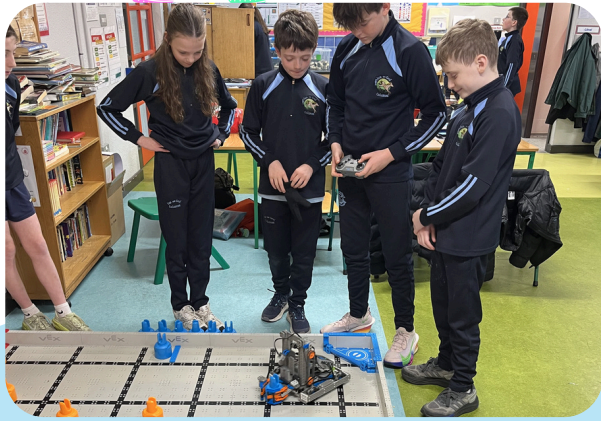
**Debating:** Our 6th class pupils had a fantastic time taking part in the Concern Primary Debates 2025/2026 programme! This initiative offers students an excellent chance to grow their public speaking, critical thinking, and teamwork skills in a fun and supportive environment. Organised in partnership with Education Support Centres across Ireland, the Concern Primary Debates give pupils the opportunity to:

- Speak confidently in front of peers and audiences
- Strengthen research, language, and debating skills
- Engage with important global issues affecting millions

They made it to Round 2 of the competition, a great achievement. A big shout-out also to all the classmates who worked behind the scenes with research, timekeeping, and encouragement — real teamwork in action!

Debating is alive and thriving at Lisnagry





**Vex Robotics:** Our 6th Class recently took part in the Midwest VEX Robotics Regional in Dell, Raheen. Over the past few months, our students have dedicated incredible effort to preparing for this competition, transforming pieces of plastic into fully functioning robots while developing technical, creative, and social skills.

They spent months designing, building, and coding, then put their creations to the test in robot skills and teamwork challenges collaborating to solve problems and score points. We came heartbreakingly close to a spot in the National final, narrowly missing out in the very last Teamwork Challenge of the day.

These students are smart, creative problem-solvers and innovators, cultivating skills and mindsets that go far beyond robotics—enriching all aspects of their learning.

**Primary Schools Robotics:** Fifth Class recently took part in the Analog Devices Primary Schools Robotics competition. After an engaging 90-minute workshop, the students worked in teams to design, build, and program their own robotic creations.

A huge well done to all involved for their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Special congratulations to the winning team, who proudly represented Lisnagry in the semi-finals against schools from across Limerick City and County. We are very proud of you all!

**Junior Entrepreneur Programme:** Over the past few months, 5th Class A have been participating in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme. This exciting initiative offers students a hands-on experience of running a business in a fun and engaging way. Spread across several weeks of the school year, the programme fosters creativity, independence, and problem-solving skills, while smoothly complementing the primary school curriculum.

**Chess:** Our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6th class pupils thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Fichille Chess Tournament held in Gaelscoil Chaladh an Treoigh. Representing Lisnagry with pride, they spent an engaging day focused at the chess boards while also taking the opportunity to meet and socialise with pupils from other schools. They demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, respect, and impressive strategic skill throughout the competition. Maith sibh!





**PAWS Programme:** Andy from Water Safety Ireland visited Junior Infants to 2nd Class to deliver the PAWS programme, teaching essential water safety skills. He explained how to stay safe at home, on farms, and at the beach or pool. The children also had a hands-on session with life jackets and lifebuoys to practise what they learned.

**King John's Castle:** Our 4th class pupils had a fantastic day on their field trip to King John's Castle! They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the historic site, discovering its rich past, and stepping back in time as they uncovered the castle's many secrets. Experiences like this bring history to life, helping students connect what they learn in the classroom with real places and events. A memorable day for all!



## Sporting Round-Up

This term has been exceptionally busy on the sporting front, with outstanding levels of participation across all disciplines. It has been wonderful to see so many pupils proudly representing the school, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and enthusiasm shown by everyone involved.

Congratulations to our 4th class boys and 5th class girls who took part in the Cumann na mBunscol indoor hurling competition—an excellent achievement.

Our 6th class pupils enjoyed a fantastic day at the FAI 5-a-side soccer competition in Corbally, representing the school with great pride and spirit. We wish our boys' team the very best of luck as they progress to the County Finals after Easter.

Meanwhile, basketball season is underway, and our 6th class pupils have been thoroughly enjoying their games and developing their skills on the court.

Well done also to our swimmers who competed in the Primary Schools National Competition. A special mention goes to two of our 6th class pupils who achieved wonderful success by winning the county final in the Cumann na mBunscol Under-13 doubles competition in Broadford—an outstanding accomplishment.

Finally, sincere thanks to all the staff involved in promoting sport at Lisnagry. Your dedication and commitment provide invaluable opportunities for our pupils to learn, participate, and thrive through sport.



## Cúinne na Gaeilge

A Chairde,  
Beatha is sláinte chugaibh! Beannachtaí na féile oraibh ar fad. *Friends, greetings to you all, the blessings of the season to everyone.*

Bhí cúpla mí gnóthach ag Coiste na Gaeilge. *Coiste na Gaeilge had a busy few months.*

Chaitheamar am ag labhairt as Gaeilge le seantuismitheoirí éagsúla ag Lá na Seantuismitheoirí. D'imir muid cluiche Biongó as Gaeilge le gach duine. Thaitin sé go mór linn. *We spent time speaking Gaeilge to various Grandparents at this year's Grandparents Day. We played a game of Bingo in Irish with everyone. We really enjoyed it.*

Ghléas muid doirse na seomraí ranga ar fad le postaeir Gaeilge do Sheachtain na Gaeilge. *We decorated the doors of all the classrooms with posters for Seachtain na Gaeilge.*

Agus bhí lámh lárnach againn in eagrú Sheachtain na Gaeilge i mbliana. *And we played a central part in the organising of Seachtain na Gaeilge this year.*

Thaitin Seachtain na Gaeilge go mór linn i mbliana. Idir Rás na Stampaí, Craic the Seanfhocal, Glaoch na Gaeilge, Lá na gCluichí Clóis, Paráid na Naíonán, Lá na gCluichí Teangan, Céilí na bPáistí agus Céilí na dTuismitheoirí. Bhí am den chéad scoth againn. *We really enjoyed Seachtain na Gaeilge this year. Between, Rás na Stampaí, Craic the Seanfhocal. The Irish Phone call, Our Yard Games Day, The Infants Parade, The Irish Language Games Day, The Children's Céilí agus The Parents Céilí. We had a great time.*

Rinne gach rang sár-iarracht le Rás na Stampaí i mbliana. Bhuaigh Rang a Cúig A. Maith sibh. Bail ó Dhia ar tuismitheoirí na scoile as ucht a bheith réidh chun glacadh le Glaoch na Gaeilge. Bhí gach éinne ar fheabhas. *Every class made an excellent effort with Rás na Stampaí this year. Rang a Cúig A won – well done. Well done to all the parents of the school for being ready to take the Glaoch na Gaeilge. Everyone was brilliant.*

Bíodh briseadh deas agaibh do bhriseadh na Cásca. *Have a lovely break for Easter.*



Seo cúpla frása deas as Gaeilge daoibh. *Here's some phrases as Gaeilge for you all.*

Tá fad breá leis an lá. *There's a grand stretch in the evenings*

Tá an aimsir go hálainn faoi láthair. *The weather is lovely at the moment.*

Beannachtaí na Cásca ort. *Happy Easter to you.*

Sin a bhfuil go fóill, go dtí an chéad nuacht litir eile. Slán go fóill. *That's it for now, until the next newsletter. Bye.*

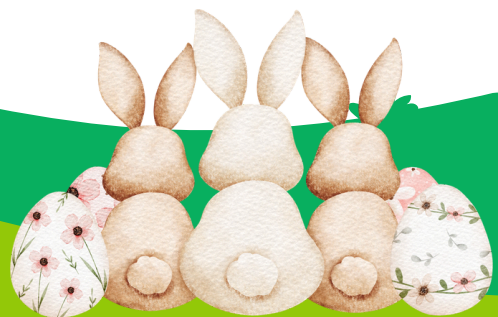
## Looking Ahead

**Climate Action Summer Roof Works:** Following a tender process, we have appointed Keane Architects to oversee the upcoming roof replacement project. We are currently awaiting approval of the pre-tender documentation from the Department and will keep you informed as progress is made.

Our intention is to carry out most of the works during the summer holidays to minimise disruption to school activities. A clearer timeline will be available in the coming months once a contractor has been appointed and a construction schedule agreed.

This is a significant project, but it is a necessary investment in the long-term upkeep of the school.

**Science Blast:** Both 4th classes will be taking part in Science Blast at UL on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> May! This fantastic event gives our students the chance to present their investigations, share their ideas, and shine in science.





**Scholastic Book Fair:** We are delighted to announce that our school will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair following the Easter holidays. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to discover a wide range of authors and genres, while encouraging a love of reading throughout the school.

We are very grateful for the continued support of our school community. A portion of the proceeds from the Book Fair will go towards purchasing new books and resources for our school library, helping us to further foster a passion for reading among our students.

Pupils will have the opportunity to browse and purchase books on Thursday 16th, Friday 17th, Monday 20th, and Tuesday 21st April.

**Whole School Relay Marathon:** Following the fantastic success of this fundraising event last year, we are delighted to host our Whole School Relay Marathon once again on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

This event brought incredible energy, excitement, and a strong sense of community to our school, and we look forward to building on that again this year. All of our pupils will take part, working together as a team to complete a full marathon distance of 42.2 kilometres.

It promises to be a fun, active, and memorable day for everyone involved!

**Cycle Safety Training:** Our 6th class pupils will take part in a fun and informative cycling safety course after Easter, delivered by Like Bikes. The programme will run over four two-hour sessions and will follow Cycle Right, Ireland's official National Standard for Cycle Safety Training. It will be led by experienced and fully qualified instructors.

Throughout the course, the focus will be on developing pupils' confidence, control, and awareness on the road, helping them to become safer and more independent cyclists. This valuable training supports our school's ongoing commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles, road safety, and regular physical activity.

## Term 3

**Hot Lunches:** Just a quick reminder to check your child's hot lunch menu choices, as their preferences may have changed. Any uneaten lunches should be brought home.

**School Uniform:** As we begin a new term following the Easter break, we would like to take this opportunity to revisit our uniform expectations and reinforce the importance of adhering to our school

uniform policy. The Lisnagry School uniform is designed to promote a sense of community, equality, and professionalism. It helps ensure that all students feel a strong sense of belonging and can focus fully on their learning without unnecessary distractions. Recently, we have noticed an increase in deviations from the agreed uniform policy. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child comes to school dressed appropriately each day.

Please note the following:

- Make-up and false eyelashes, must not be worn to school.
- Pupils are prohibited from bringing any electronic devices, including smartwatches, to school.
- Appropriate, safe footwear must be worn at all times. We have noticed that Crocs are being worn in some senior classes; however, these are not considered suitable or safe for school.
- Fennessys stocks Lisnagry crested shorts, which are available to order. Plain navy shorts are also acceptable. **GAA or other branded shorts are not part of the uniform and should not be worn. Shorts must be of an appropriate length, and rolling them up is not permitted**

We appreciate your continued support in helping us ensure that all students are treated equally and that our high standards are maintained.

**Return to School:** School will reopen on Thursday, 27th August. The full school calendar will be available on our website shortly.

### **School Closures (Next Term)**

- Monday, 4th May – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 12th May – Primary Curriculum Framework Staff Training Day
- Friday, 29th May – School Closure
- Monday, 1st June – Bank Holiday
- Tuesday, 2nd June – School Closure
- Thursday, 25th June – School closes for Summer Holidays

### **School Tours:**

- Junior & Senior Infants: Free Range Kids – Monday, 25th May
- 1st & 2nd Class: Turoe Pet Farm, Galway – Friday, 22nd May
- 3rd & 4th Class: Wildlands, Galway – Friday, 22nd May
- 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th Class: Ballyhass Adventure Centre, Mallow – Monday, 25th May

Further details, including costs, will be shared in due course.



