



LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

Summer 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the final edition of our School Newsletter for the 2025–2026 academic year. This issue brings to a close what has been a busy, rewarding, and thoroughly positive year at Lisnagry National School.

As we look back over the past months, we do so with great pride and appreciation for all that has been achieved. From academic successes and sporting accomplishments to creative projects and whole-school events, our school community has continued to thrive.

These achievements have been made possible through the commitment of our staff, the energy and engagement of our pupils, and the ongoing support of you, our parents and guardians. We are sincerely grateful for your partnership throughout the year.

We hope you enjoy this final snapshot of school life before everyone enjoys a well-deserved summer break.



School Highlights

School Marathon

Our school marathon was another great success this year. The pupils showed incredible determination, teamwork, and enthusiasm as they completed the full marathon in an impressive time of 2 hours and 30 minutes.

It was a truly special occasion, and the children absolutely loved taking part. This event is not only a celebration of their physical achievement but also a wonderful reflection of our school spirit, bringing everyone together in support, encouragement, and pride.

Well done to all our pupils for their fantastic effort!

A huge thank you once again to our fantastic Parents Association, who generously gave their time to provide our drinks and fruit station, keeping everyone refreshed and energised throughout the morning.

Your support, encouragement, and kindness helped make the event such a success, and it is very much appreciated by everyone in our school community. Thank you for always being there and for all that you do.

Celebrating Sacraments

Warm congratulations to our Second Class pupils who received their First Holy Communion on May 9th. They prepared so thoughtfully and took part in the celebration with great reverence and pride. The readings, singing, and overall atmosphere during the Mass were truly beautiful, creating a joyful and meaningful occasion for everyone present.

We are deeply grateful to the First Class parents and our Parents' Association for organising and hosting a wonderful reception back at the school. Their kindness and hard work helped make the day extra special for our Communion children and their families.

Our Sixth-Class pupils celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 17th. It was a truly special occasion, marking a significant milestone in their faith journey.



Junior Achievement Programme

We were very fortunate to be offered the opportunity to take part in the Junior Achievement Programme again this year. These programmes are fun, hands-on, high-impact experiences that support students in developing essential skills in teamwork, communication, critical thinking, problem solving and more. These programmes are facilitated by volunteers from different companies and also some parents from our school.



Drumming Workshop

Our whole school had an amazing time during the **Groovy Hands Drum Workshop** with Dave Morrissey! The energy, rhythm and fun were absolutely contagious. Students and staff alike were fully engaged, learning through music and movement in a way that brought everyone together. A truly memorable experience.

Science Blast Success!

A huge congratulations to our brilliant 4th-class pupils who showcased their project at Science Blast in the University of Limerick. Fourth Class A's investigation, "The Inside Scoop," explored the fascinating question of finding the perfect ice cream. While Fourth Class B determined which biscuit could be crowned champion dipper in "The Great Biscuit Dunk-Off".

The pupils carried out experiments, shared their findings, and showed great curiosity, creativity, and teamwork throughout the project. We are so proud of their fantastic achievement.

Junior Entrepreneur Programme

Our fifth-class pupils took part in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme this year. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to explore what it is like to run a business. Their product, Team Slime, was a great success.

The pupils developed their idea from start to finish, including coming up with ideas, carrying out research, designing their product, and creating the final version. Their hard work paid off, and Team Slime was a big hit.

The programme helped the pupils learn about teamwork, creativity, problem-solving, and the excitement of bringing an idea to life. It was a brilliant experience for everyone involved.

Class Tours /Field Trips/ Educational Events

Term 3 was filled with exciting opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, with all classes enjoying a range of school tours and educational outings. Pupils visited fantastic locations including Ballyhass Lakes Activity Centre, Wildlands Activity Centre, Turoe Pet Farm, and Free Range Kids. Additional field trips included visits to King John's Castle and Leinster House.

Sixth Class pupils also took part in an invertebrate stream field trip, which began with a classroom-based talk on ecology, followed by a visit to a local stream where they collected and identified invertebrates and assessed the quality of the water.

These experiences were not only enjoyable and engaging for our pupils, but also played a vital role in supporting their learning and development.

Educational trips help bring classroom learning to life, encourage curiosity, and deepen pupils' understanding of the world around them. They provide valuable opportunities to develop social skills, teamwork, confidence, and independence, while allowing pupils to explore new environments and gain meaningful experiences outside of the school setting.

Our Sixth Class pupils also took part in their secondary school transition workshop, Moving On Up, delivered by Limerick Youth Service. This workshop supported pupils as they prepare for the transition to secondary school, helping them build confidence and develop skills for this next stage of their educational journey.



New Entrants

We held an induction evening for the parents of our new Junior Infants on Tuesday, 9th June. It was a pleasure to meet the boys and girls, and we look forward to welcoming them to Lisnagry in August.

We are excited to begin this new journey with our newest pupils and their families.

Cúinne na Gaeilge

A Chairde,

Beatha is sláinte chugaibh agus gaoth an tsamhraidh oraibh go léir. *Friends, greetings to you all and summer blessings to everyone.* Ní chreidimid go bhfuil laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh buailte linn cheana féin. *We can't believe that the Summer Holidays are here already.*

Bhí am den chéad scoth ag Coiste na Gaeilge i mbliana. *The Coiste na Gaeilge had a great year this year.* Tá dea-nuacht againn daoibh ar fad. *We have good news to share with you all.* Bronnadh ár gcéad Gaelbhratach orainn mar scoil ag deireadh mhí na Bealtaine. *We were awarded our first Gaelbhratch as a school at the end of May.* Bhí áthas an domhain orainn an Ghaelbhratach a ghnóthú agus bhí lá speisialta againn ag tús mhí an Mheithimh i mBaile Átha Cliath á bhailiú agus á cheiliúradh. *We were very excited to be awarded the flag and we had a special day, at the start of June, in Dublin collecting it.*

D'ardaíomar an bhratach le muintir na scoile uilig Dé Luain agus ba mhó an ócáid a bhí againn arís. *We raised the flag with the whole school on Monday and it was a very special occasion again.*



Notices

Booklists

As you may already know, the government has confirmed that the **Free Primary School Books Scheme** will continue for the upcoming school year. This means that you **do not need to purchase school books, workbooks or copybooks** for your child. All materials provided under this scheme are on loan and **must be returned** to the school at the end of the academic year in good condition.

Please note that while core learning materials are covered under this scheme, there are still **school fees** due in September to cover the cost of:

- Art and craft materials
- Photocopying
- Insurance
- Digital licences and other classroom resources

The cost of these items has **increased significantly in recent years** and we appreciate your continued support in covering these essential expenses.

Your child's **stationery list will be shared with you via Aladdin.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Cúinne na Gaeilge

Labhair an Coiste ag an ócáid. Labhair siad le páistí na scoile ar fad faoin mbliain ghnóthach a bhí acu i mbliana agus an bhratach á baint amach againn. Bhí an-lá againn. *The Coiste spoke to the whole school about their busy year, achieving the flag. We had a great day.*

Bail ó Dhia oraibh Coiste na Gaeilge 2025-2026. *Well done Coiste na Gaeilge 2025 – 2026.*

Beidh Coiste nua againn an bhliain seo chugainn. *We will have a new Coiste next year.*

Tá sceitimíní áthais orainn ar fad agus beimid ag súil go mór leis. *We are all very excited and are already looking forward to it.*

Idir seo agus sin bíodh samhradh deas sábháilte agaibh ar fad. *Between then and now have a lovely, safe summer.*

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

Tá an samhradh buailte linn, buíochas le Dia. *Summer is here, thanks be to God.*

Mothuithe an tSamhraidh amháin!
Summer Vibes only!

Uachtar Reoite nócha naoi le do thoil.
A 99 Ice-cream please.

Go dtí an chéad nuacht litir agus scoilbhliain eile Beir Bua, tabhair aire agus slán go fóill. *Until the next newsletter and school year.*
Good luck, take care and bye.



Graduation Message

As another school year draws to a close, we find ourselves preparing to say a very special farewell to our sixth-class students. It has been a privilege over the past eight years to watch these young people grow, develop, and become the wonderful individuals they are today here in Lisnagry.

We have shared so many moments of joy, laughter, learning, achievement, and friendship, and it has been a pleasure to be part of their journey. As they prepare to move on to secondary school and begin an exciting new chapter, we know they will take with them the confidence, kindness, respect, and values they have nurtured during their time with us.

Their new schools are gaining a group of thoughtful, talented, and enthusiastic students, and we have no doubt they will make a positive contribution wherever they go.

We would like to thank all of our sixth-class students for the many ways they have contributed to life in Lisnagry National School. Through their participation in school activities, initiatives, and everyday acts of kindness, they have helped to make our school community a better place.

We really enjoyed coming together at their graduation ceremony last night as we celebrated their achievements, reflected on their time with us, and marked this important milestone.

To all the parents and families who are finishing their journey with Lisnagry National School, we extend our sincere thanks. Your encouragement, support, and commitment throughout the years have been greatly valued and appreciated.

We wish our graduates every happiness and success as they begin the next stage of their lives. Continue to believe in yourselves, follow your dreams, and always remember the special place you hold in the Lisnagry family.

Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir.



Well Done!



Term 3 proved to be another exciting and successful chapter for sport across the school, marked by excellent performances and strong displays of teamwork throughout.

Boys' Basketball Success

Congratulations to our Boys' Basketball team, who secured victory in the Division 2 final following a superb campaign. They overcame Caherdavin boys in the decider after a series of impressive performances. This achievement reflects the squad's commitment, teamwork, and determination. Well done to all involved!

City Sports Achievements

A special well done to all our athletes who represented Lisnagry with great pride and determination at the City Sports event in UL. The school was excellently represented, with strong performances across a variety of events and disciplines.

Hurling & Camogie

Our Boys' and Girls' Hurling and Camogie teams enjoyed a very positive term competing in the East Cumann na mBunscol competitions. The Boys' team reached the East final, narrowly missing out on the title but delivering a performance that the school can be extremely proud of.

Boys' Skills Competition Success

Well done also to our Boys' team, who finished in 3rd place in the County Skills Final at the Gaelic Grounds. A fantastic achievement



Summer Holidays



As we come to the close of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community.

To our parents, Parent Association, Board of Management, and Student Council, thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and commitment. Your involvement and partnership play an important role in helping our school move forward and continue to flourish.

The 2025–26 school year has been filled with many achievements, and these are made possible through the dedication and teamwork of everyone within our school community. I am extremely proud to work alongside such a talented, caring, and hardworking staff who continue to give their very best each day. I would like to make a special acknowledgement of our school secretary, Fiona. Her dedication, organisation, and constant support are truly appreciated. Her contribution behind the scenes is invaluable, and she remains such an important part of what makes our school run so successfully.

Our school is built on the combined efforts of pupils, staff, families, and all those who support us. Thank you to each and every person who has contributed in any way throughout the year.

As the summer holidays begin, I wish everyone a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable break. I hope you have time to relax, recharge, and enjoy special moments with family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back when the school reopens on Thursday, 27th August, ready for another year of learning, growth, and achievement.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer.

Mr. Feeney

