



LISNAGRY SCHOOL NEWS

September 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome Back!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all our pupils, staff and parents back to Lisnagry National School for another school year.

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time. There is a wonderful sense of anticipation around the school as we welcome back familiar faces, catch up with friends and begin the year ahead together. We are really looking forward to another happy, busy and successful year, working in partnership with all the members of our wonderful school community.

A very special welcome goes to our new Junior Infants in McConroy's class. They have settled into school life so beautifully, and it has been a joy to see their smiling faces around the school. We are delighted to have them join our Lisnagry family.

We also extend a very warm welcome to all the pupils who have joined us in our other classes. We hope that they have already received a warm Lisnagry welcome and that they will quickly feel at home, settle happily into their new surroundings and make lots of new friends along the way.

At the beginning of every school year, there are a number of important reminders and pieces of information that I would like to share with you. I know there is a lot to take in, so many thanks in advance for taking the time to read through everything carefully and for your continued support and cooperation with our school guidelines.

The strong partnership between home and school is so important to us. When we work together, we create the very best environment for our children to learn, grow and thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to sharing another wonderful school year with you and your children and to all the learning, friendships, achievements and special moments that the year ahead will bring.

Welcome back, everyone — here's to a fantastic year together!



Our Staff 2026

- Mr. Cusack – Caretaker
- Theresa Kelly – Cleaner
- Ms. Smith – School Secretary
- Ms. O'Brien – SNA
- Ms. Thompson – SNA
- Ms Ryan – SNA
- Mr. O'Neill – SNA
- Ms. Duffy – SNA
- Ms. Mullowney – SNA
- Ms. Mulqueen – SET
- Ms. Delaney – SET
- Ms. Deloughrey – SET
- Ms. Boland – SET
- Ms. Doheny – SET
- Ms. Carroll – SET
- Ms. Conroy – Junior Infants
- Ms. Ryan – Junior Infants
- Ms. Perrill – Senior Infants
- Ms Blake – Infants
- Ms. E. McCarthy – 1st Class
- Ms. McInerney – 2nd Class
- Mr. Raftery – 3rd Class
- Ms. McKenna – 4th Class
- Mr. Colleran – 5th Class A
- Ms. Ní Chearúil – 5th Class B
- Mr. Martin – 6th Class A
- Ms. O'Doherty – 6th Class B

Roof Works

There has been plenty of work taking place around the school over the summer months. Our roof works are still ongoing, with the flat-roof repairs now nearing completion.

These works are necessary to ensure that the school building is properly maintained and that the roof remains safe, secure and fit for purpose for the years ahead. We appreciate that the works may cause some disruption, but it is important that the necessary repairs and replacement works are completed.

The remaining Kingspan roofing will be replaced later this year, with the works expected to take a number of weeks. We do not have a confirmed timeframe for these works at present, but we will keep you informed as soon as further details become available.

During the Kingspan replacement works, parking around the school may be more limited than usual. We appreciate your patience, understanding and cooperation while these important works are being carried out.

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School Calendar

The school calendar for the 2026–2027 school year can be found on our school website: www.lisnagryns.ie.

Please note the following additional school closures/ early finishes for the year ahead:

- 12 November – Language Awareness Day – **Full School Closure**
- 16 November – Staff Training – **School finishes at 12:00 p.m.**
- 25 January – Staff Training – **School finishes at 12:00 p.m.**
- 24 May – Staff Training – **School finishes at 12:00 p.m.**

Please take note of these dates when planning for the school year.

Supervision

We would like to remind parents and guardians that children are supervised on the school grounds from 8:45 a.m. each morning and for 15 minutes after the end of the school day.

For the safety and wellbeing of all our pupils, we kindly ask that children are not dropped to school before 8:45 a.m. and that they are collected

promptly at the end of the school day. Children remaining on the school premises outside these supervision times are not supervised, and the Board of Management cannot accept responsibility for pupils who arrive early or are collected late.

Our school finishing times are:

- **Infants:** 1:40 p.m.
- **First to Sixth Class:** 2:40 p.m.

We really appreciate your support in helping us ensure that children are collected on time. We would also be grateful if you could share this information with any childminders, crèches or family members who may be collecting your child.

Collection During the School Day

If your child needs to leave school early for any reason, we kindly ask parents/guardians to let the school know **in advance**. This can be done through the **Aladdin app**, by emailing info@lisnagryns.ie, or by contacting the school office on **061 331011**.

When collecting your child, please:

- **Use the front door only** and report to the secretary at reception.
- **Sign your child in or out** when arriving late or leaving school early.
- **Report to the school office** when dropping off or collecting children, or when leaving items for them.

For the benefit of all our pupils and teachers, we kindly ask that parents and visitors **avoid entering classrooms or disturbing lessons during the school day**. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe, calm and welcoming environment for everyone in our school community.



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School Uniform / Dress Code

At Lisnagry National School, we are very proud of our school uniform and expect all children to wear the correct uniform each day. The uniform plays an important role in the image of our school and helps foster your child's sense of belonging and association with the school community.

We would like to sincerely thank all parents and guardians who support us by ensuring that their children come to school in the correct uniform.

Uniform Requirements

- Children must wear the **full school uniform** as outlined by the school.
- **Clothing with logos or branding, club gear, hoodies or GAA shorts are not permitted.** These items defeat the purpose of having a school uniform.
- If your child wishes to wear shorts, they must be **plain navy and of an appropriate length.** **Crested school shorts** are also available from Fennessy's.
- All clothing and personal belongings should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name and class, as items can easily be mislaid.
- Children should wear a **coat with a hood** to school each day, given the unpredictability of the Irish weather.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our school's high standards and ensuring that all children take pride in wearing their school uniform.

Communication

We believe that **good home-school communication is at the heart of supporting every child.** When parents and teachers work together and share information, we are better able to understand your child, support their well-being and help them get the most from their learning.

If there is anything happening in your child's life that you feel may affect their learning, happiness or well-being, please let us know. This might include a medical matter, a change in family circumstances, or a concern about their learning or development. **You know your child best, and we value anything you feel is important for us to know.** Your child's **class teacher should always be your first point of contact.**

For everyday communication, please use the **Aladdin Connect** app to let your child's teacher know about absences and to provide a reason for late arrivals or early departures.

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher, please contact the school office on 061 33 10 11 or email info@lisnagryns.ie. Fiona will pass your message on to the teacher, who will get back to you at a suitable time.

A note in your child's **homework journal** can also be a simple and effective way to send a message to their teacher. If you need to contact your child's teacher about something more personal or sensitive, please be mindful that teachers are teaching and caring for the children throughout the school day and therefore cannot respond to emails during teaching time. They will get back to you as soon as is possible and practical. We kindly ask parents to schedule emails to be sent during the working week, between **8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.** We know that family life can be busy, and we appreciate your understanding as we work together to maintain **healthy, respectful boundaries that support both our children and our staff.**

We also love sharing the wonderful things that happen in our school! Our **Twitter/X account, @LisnagryNS**, provides a great snapshot of school life and gives families a glimpse into some of the activities, events and learning taking place throughout the year.

You can also visit our school website at www.lisnagryns.ie. Each term, we publish a school newsletter with a summary of activities, events and highlights from across the school. We look forward to working together with you and building a **positive, open and supportive partnership** for the benefit of every child in our school community.

Teachers also use **Google Classroom** to share class news, updates and photographs of the children taking part in activities and learning experiences throughout the school year. We hope this gives families a lovely insight into what is happening in the classroom and allows you to share in the child's school experience.

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Homework

As the children begin to settle back into their school routines after the summer holidays, homework will begin this week. We appreciate that getting back into a routine can take a little time, and we encourage families to find a homework routine that works well for them.

Where possible, it is a good idea for children to complete their homework in a quiet, comfortable space with as few distractions as possible. A calm and positive approach to homework can help children develop good habits and take greater responsibility for their learning.

At all class levels, reading with your child is one of the most valuable things you can do to support their learning. Whether you are listening to your child read, reading a story together or simply talking about a book, these shared moments make a wonderful difference.

We ask parents to please check that homework has been completed and that your child's homework journal is signed. While after-school care can be a great support to families, it is important that parents remain involved in checking homework and the journal. This helps you to stay connected with what your child is learning and to see how they are progressing with their daily tasks.

Most importantly, homework should be a positive experience. If your child is finding any aspect of their homework difficult or is becoming worried or frustrated, please get in touch with their teacher. We are always happy to help and would much rather know if a child is finding something challenging so that we can support them.

Working together, home and school can help children develop confidence, independence and a love of learning.

Parent-to-Parent Communication

We know that parent WhatsApp groups and social media platforms can be a lovely way for families to stay connected. They can be a great place to share birthday invitations, organise playdates, pass on helpful information and support one another.

These connections are an important part of building a happy and friendly school community. We would simply ask that **any concerns, comments, complaints or questions about the school, our teachers, teaching approaches or school policies are brought directly to the school rather than discussed on WhatsApp groups or social media.**

If you have a question or concern, please know that **we are always happy to listen and help.** The best way to do this is to contact the school office and arrange a private and discreet meeting with your child's teacher, or with the appropriate member of staff. This gives us the opportunity to listen carefully, understand the situation and work together to find the best way forward. It also helps to ensure that conversations are handled with the care, respect and confidentiality they deserve. We all want the same thing — **happy, confident children who feel safe, supported and valued at school.** By communicating openly and respectfully, we can work together to create a warm and positive school community for our children, families and staff. Thank you for your continued support, understanding and cooperation.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

The safety, welfare and wellbeing of all our children is of the utmost importance to us. Our school is required to follow the **Child Protection and Safeguarding guidelines and procedures** issued by the Department of Education.

If a concern arises regarding the possible abuse or welfare of a child, **the school has a legal responsibility to report the matter to Tusla**, the Child and Family Agency. Tusla will then assess the concern and, where appropriate, provide the necessary support and assistance to the child and family. Further information on the **Children First** guidelines is available at www.dcy.gov.ie. Our school's Child Safeguarding Statement is reviewed annually at the first meeting of the Board of Management and is available to view on the school website. Thank you for your understanding and for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe, caring and supportive environment for every child in our school community.

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Mobile Phones and Digital Devices

We kindly remind our school community that pupils are **not permitted to bring mobile phones onto the school premises**. This also applies to school outings and trips. If your child needs to make contact with you during the school day, this can always be arranged through the school office.

We do understand that, for some families, it may not be practical for a child to travel to and from school without a phone. In these circumstances, pupils may bring a phone to school, but the following arrangements apply:

- The phone must be **switched off while on school grounds**.
- It should be **handed to the class teacher at the beginning of the school day**.
- The phone will be safely stored and returned to the child at home time.
- This arrangement applies before **8.45 a.m., after school while your child remains on school grounds, and during after-school activities**.

If a pupil is found in possession of a phone during the school day, it will be confiscated and a parent or guardian will be asked to come to the school to collect it.

We would also like to remind parents that smartwatches are not permitted in school. Simple digital watches and fitness trackers are acceptable, provided they do not have additional communication or recording functions.

Watches or digital devices with features such as audio or video recording, video playback or calculator functions are not permitted. If a pupil brings a prohibited digital device to school and it is switched on, staff may remove it and store it securely. A parent or guardian will then need to contact the school office to arrange collection.

These guidelines are in place to help us protect children's privacy, promote their safety and create a calm, focused environment where everyone can learn, play and enjoy their school day.



No Smartphone Voluntary Code

As we begin another school year, we would like to remind parents of our **No Smartphone Voluntary Code**.

We recognise that many parents have concerns about the impact that smartphones and social media can have on children's well-being. By making a shared commitment to **delay the purchase of smartphones**, we can help reduce pressure among children and make it easier for parents to say "not yet" with confidence. This is very much a **community effort**, and we are grateful for the support and encouragement of our families. When we work together, we can help create an environment where children feel less pressure to have a smartphone simply because their friends have one.

Thank you to all our parents for your continued engagement with this positive initiative.

Allergies & Medical Conditions

Parents are asked to inform the school if their child has any medical issues or allergies that the school needs to be aware of.

If your child requires medication or the use of an EpiPen, please email the school office at info@lisnagryns.ie to request an indemnity form. This form gives permission for staff to administer the listed medication to your child if required.



We also ask that you notify the school if your child has head lice or any infectious/contagious illness, so that we can take the necessary steps to protect all pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe and healthy school environment.



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Attendance

Regular school attendance is an important part of your child's learning, friendships and overall experience at school. We appreciate that children will occasionally be absent due to illness or other circumstances, and we ask parents to keep us informed whenever this happens.

Once again this year, we will be using the **Aladdin School Management System** to help us monitor attendance and keep accurate records. As part of this system, Aladdin will automatically send parents a text message when a child reaches **10, 15 and 20 days of absence**. Please don't be concerned if you receive one of these messages. **If you have already informed the school of the reason for your child's absence, there is no need to contact us again.** The messages are an automatic part of our attendance monitoring system. Parents can also use the **Aladdin Connect app** to notify the school when their child is going to be absent.

The school has a responsibility to notify **Tusla, the Child and Family Agency**, when a pupil has missed **20 school days in a school year**. This is a statutory requirement and does not necessarily indicate that there is a particular concern about your child's attendance.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance or have any concerns about their time away from school, please contact the school office and we will be very happy to arrange a chat with you. Where possible, we ask that meetings are arranged outside school hours, so that we can give you our full attention while also ensuring that the school day runs smoothly.

Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and get the very best from their time with us.

School Photographer

We are delighted to welcome **Eamon Andrews, our school photographer**, to the school on **Monday, 21st September and Tuesday, 22nd September**.

Monday, 21st September will be our day for **individual and family photographs**.



Forms for individual photographs will be sent home with the children in advance of the day.

Tuesday, 22nd September will be **our class photograph day**, when Eamon will capture each class together. As class photographs will be taken across both days, it is important that **all pupils wear their full school uniform on both Monday and Tuesday**.

We look forward to capturing some lovely memories of our children and their time together at school!

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Annual Contribution

As outlined in your child's workbook list in June, we ask for **an annual contribution of €60 per child** at the beginning of the school year. This contribution helps us to provide a wide range of resources and activities that support your child's learning, including:

- Art and craft materials
- Photocopying
- Classroom resources
- Interactive licences and educational apps
- **24-hour personal insurance cover** for your child from **1st September to 31st August** each year. Claim forms are available from the school office.

All contributions are used solely for the benefit of our pupils, helping to support their education and ensure they have full access to the curriculum. We would like to sincerely thank all those who have already made their contribution. If you have not yet had an opportunity to do so, we would kindly ask you to make your payment when convenient.

We understand that **September can be an expensive time for families**, so contributions can be paid at any stage during **Term 1**. Payment can be made in the following ways:

- **Preferably through the Aladdin app**
- **By instalments**, using cash or cheque, directly to Fiona in the school office

If you are experiencing any difficulty in making this payment, please do not hesitate to contact the school **in confidence**. We are always happy to discuss this with you.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us provide the best possible learning experience for all our children.

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Junior Infant Enrolments 2027

We are delighted to let you know that the **application process and Admissions Notice for Junior Infants 2027** will be published on our school website towards the end of this month.

The school will begin accepting applications for places in **Junior Infants for September 2027 from 1st October 2026**.

If you have a **child or sibling due to start Junior Infants in 2027**, we would be grateful if you could contact the school and let us know.

We look forward to welcoming our new Junior Infants and their families to our school community next year.

Final Word

As we begin another school year, I would like to reassure you that the safety, happiness and wellbeing of every child at Lisnagry National School remain our highest priority.

We are very fortunate to be part of your child's educational journey and are committed to nurturing, encouraging and supporting them as they learn and develop. We value the partnership we have with parents and look forward to working together throughout the year to ensure that every child receives the best possible educational experience in a safe, happy and caring environment.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish all our pupils a wonderful, happy and exciting year ahead. We hope it will be a year filled with learning, friendship, growth and many happy memories.

Best Regards,
Michael Feeney,
Principal

Cúinne na Gaeilge

Beatha is sláinte chugaibh, a chairde, (Hello Friends)

Fáilte ar ais go cúinne na Gaeilge. (Welcome back to the Gaeilge corner)

Tá súil againn go raibh samhradh deas ag gach aon duine agaibh. (We hope you all had a lovely summer.)

Tá gach duine ag socrú isteach arís tar éis laethanta saoire an tsamhraidh. (Everyone is settling in again after summer holidays)

Tá cúpla seachtain gnóthach os ár gcomhair amach againn. (We have a busy few weeks ahead of us.)

Caithfidimid Coiste na Gaeilge nua a bhunú. (We have to create a new Irish Committee.)

Beidh seans ag gach páiste a (h)ainm a chur sa hata. (Every child will have a chance to put their name into the running.)

Táimid ag súil go mór leis. (We are looking forward to it.)

Seo cúpla frása deas daoibh idir an dá linn (Here's some nice phrases for you all until then)

Aon scéal? – Any news?

Conas atá tú? – How are you?

An raibh briseadh deas agat? – Did you have a nice break?

Go dtí an chéad nuachtlitir eile, slán go fóill (Until the next newsletter, bye)



JUNIOR INFANTS ABC 26-27



6TH CLASS 26-27

