



**Scoil Bhríde**  
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21<sup>st</sup> October 2026  
Dear Parents/Guardians

### **Department of Education School Ethos Survey result.**

In line with Department of Education instructions, we wish to inform you that based on the results of the Department of Education's Ethos Survey carried out in Scoil Bhríde Nurney, the results clearly show a willingness to stick with the status quo. In addition, after invitation, no feedback regarding the results has been received from the school community (i.e. parents/guardians, staff, pupils). For these reasons, Scoil Bhríde Nurney will not be changing configuration and will remain a Catholic Ethos School.

*Kind regards,*  
Shay Nolan  
BOM Chairperson

### **Thanks for supporting our Halloween Cake Sale 2026!**



Many thanks to all the families who supported our Halloween Cake Sale. Thank you for kindly donating cakes/buns and for allowing your children to buy something! It was a wonderful day. The home bakes and shop bakes were just fantastic, and it was great to see the wonderful smiles on the children's faces. The total amount raised for new art supplies and learning aids for all pupils was a tremendous 1,028 Euro. Once again, even in these tough economic times, the generosity and kindness of the people in Nurney and its surrounds is simply amazing.....Thanks to members of the Parents Association, our 6<sup>th</sup> class prefects, our principal and deputy principal and the entire SNA/SET team who helped with all the setting up, organization and selling on the day. A special mention to Ms. Owens for labelling all the unnamed tubs and containers upon their arrival so that they could be returned to their correct owners. We have no bake trays/tubs/boxes left in our school office for collection. Great job!!!

### **Child Protection Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment**

Our school's child safeguarding statement and risk assessment has undergone its annual review and is available on our school website for reading and comment @ <https://www.nurneyns.com/school-policies>

### **Bí Cineálta – Be Kind (anti-bullying) Annual review**

Our school's Bí Cineálta – Be Kind (anti-bullying) policy has undergone its annual review and is available on our school website for reading and comment @ <https://www.nurneyns.com/school-policies>

### **Nut Allergies and Halloween celebrations**

Just a gentle reminder that we have pupils in our school with a nut allergy. For that reason, our entire school is a nut free zone (and that includes all forms of chocolate spread). Thank you for your continued vigilance in this matter especially in the run up to Halloween!



### **Swimming**

A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 5<sup>th</sup> class started on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Details regarding payment from parents issued last week

A six-week course of swimming in K-Leisure Athy for all other senior classes will start as follows:

3<sup>rd</sup> class – November 4<sup>th</sup> 2026

6<sup>th</sup> class – January 6<sup>th</sup> 2027

4<sup>th</sup> class – April 14<sup>th</sup> 2027



### **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

This will be going ahead again this year. If you wish to take part, please drop your boxes into the school office by 3pm on the deadline date of Friday October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you. More information at [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

### **Halloween Fancy Dress**

Children may wear Halloween costumes to school on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. If Industrial Strike action takes place on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>, Children may instead wear Halloween costumes to school on Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please do not allow your child dress up as killer clowns or bring replica guns to school. Thank you. School opening and closing times are as normal on Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>



### **Drumming**

A 4-week course of drumming classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor starts on November 6<sup>th</sup>. To cover the cost a payment of 8 Euro will be needed from each pupil. This can be paid online or by cash. Thank you.



### **Dates for your diary**

- **School closed on Tuesday October 20<sup>th</sup> 2026 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education training day on the New Primary Curriculum Framework.**
- Halloween Closure – School closed October 26<sup>th</sup> to October 30<sup>th</sup> inclusive.
- **School closes at 2pm on November 10<sup>th</sup> for all pupils** to facilitate a staff meeting and fire safety training. The bus has been told.
- Annual School Book Fair –booked for Spring 2027
- 4<sup>th</sup> Class Annual Cycle Safety Training Course – an eight-week course for 4<sup>th</sup> class started Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Details regarding payment from parents issued last week
- **School closed on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> 2027 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education training day on the New Primary Curriculum Framework.**

- The Parish office wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be April 30<sup>th</sup> 2027 @ 11am in Nurney Church
- The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2027 @ TBC in Nurney Church

***Wednesday Note and school information also  
available***

***on [www.nurneyns.com](http://www.nurneyns.com)***

***Thank you for your co-operation with the above.***

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