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Dear Parents/Guardians



Please read both sides!!!!

Principal's end of year letter

Please find the Principal's end of year letter attached.

School Assembly

Well done to all our pupils who received well done awards over the last month for great lining up, working hard, following teacher instructions, following the school rules, playing fair and nice in our school by showing kindness, compassion, respect, saying sorry and offering forgiveness. Congratulations to the following pupils who were pulled out of our "Well Done Award Prize Draw" *Nicole – Junior Infants, Anna – 1st class, Brianna – 4th class, Ryan – 6th class*



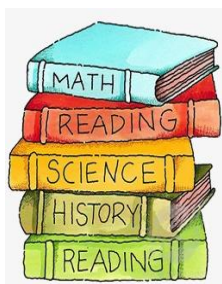
Pupils of the year 2026

Well done to all the children who were nominated and entered into our "Pupils of the Year Prize Draw" last week for great lining up, working hard, following instructions, playing fair and nice, showing kindness, compassion and respect:



Congratulations to Jack (6th class) and Ornagh (5th class), who were pulled out of our "Pupils of the Year Prize Draw" and presented with the **Edel Delaney Memorial Cup**, award certificates and book vouchers at our June school assembly.

School Book Team



A huge word of thanks to the School Book Team of Julie Harper, Catherine Lennon, Gillian O'Sullivan, Ms. Ivers, Ms. Owens, Dr. Thorpe and Mary Murray who have worked really hard purchasing and organising your stock of school books over the last few weeks to have them ready for your children in September.

School Tours

Well done to pupils and staff on the many school trips taken throughout this school year. Each and every one a huge undertaking. Thanks to the Parents Association and families for funding them and thank you to the entire school team for organizing and leading them all. Well done.



Active Sports Week

A big thank you to 6th class and all the staff for all their work in organizing these active days for all pupils. Fantastic work! What a team!!! A special word of thanks to Ms. Butler and Ms. Marron for organizing all the events and the timetable. Massive thanks to the Parents Association for funding some ice cream to cool us all down!



Sixth class Graduation

Best wishes and congratulations to all our 6th class pupils who leave our school for the final time on Thursday June 18th. We wish them all the luck they deserve as they head into Post-Primary School. They celebrate their graduation from Primary school at our June School Assembly and End of Term Mass led by Fr. Adrian. Thanks to all the staff involved in putting the day together with music, hall set up, goodie bags, and graduation certificates. A special word of thanks to Fr. Adrian and his team as always, for leading us in prayer so beautifully!

Congratulations!



Talent Show Winners 2026

Well done to all the children who contributed in any way to our talent show. It was wonderful to see some of the fantastic talent in our school community and a real joy to see all the children smiling and enjoying themselves. Many thanks to Ms. Butler and her amazing 6th class for organizing the entire event! A movie of the Final will feature shortly on our school YouTube channel. A link will be sent to all families! Congratulations to the following winners:

School Junior section: *Fionn – 2nd class*

School Senior section: *Byron and Seán – 5th class*

Dates for your diary

- Meet and greet for new junior infants – June 17th and August 31st (details have been emailed to families)
- Summer reports going home in your eldest child's school bag – June 15th
- End of year school mass/graduation ceremony /school assembly (school hall) June 18th @ 11:30am
- 1st and 2nd class school tour – June 16th 2026 (The Chocolate Garden, Tullow, Co. Carlow). Please cancel your child's Hot School Meal as appropriate.
- Summer closure – School closes at 12:30pm on Friday June 26th and re-opens on Monday August 31st at 9:20am. Bus told



Principal's end of year letter

Dear School Community,

As we approach the end of yet another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all. They say your character defines who you are by the actions you take. So, thank you for being kind in your words and actions. Thank you for giving and not taking. Thank you for focusing on an ocean of positives and not a puddle of negatives. Thank you for offering healing and not conflict. Thank you for shining a light of love and hope for us all to see.

In particular, thank you parents and guardians for your help and support during yet another very busy and successful year in school. Thank you for all your involvement in your child's education at home. We greatly appreciate your efforts at home in reinforcing the learning we give your children every day here on the school campus. We cannot thank you enough for the important work you do in getting your child to school, reading to your child, monitoring their homework and discussing expectations regarding conduct and citizenship, all crucial skills for a successful life. We, parents and teachers, are all on the same team trying to ensure that your child is safe and succeeds in education and life. We cannot stress to you enough how valuable you are to this mission and to our school community. Thank you.

I want to thank our wonderful frontline teachers and SNAs, secretary, caretaker, cleaners, the Board of Management, Parents Association, Father Adrian and the Parish team and members of the wider Nurney community who have given their time, energy and enthusiasm, for the development of Scoil Bhríde this year. There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others. Thank you so much.

Well done also to all our wonderful pupils, who as always have remained resilient, kind, upbeat, grateful and helpful to us all and each other this school year.

Although June is a hectic time of year, it is the time when I most realize how blessed we all are to be part of the Catholic mission of Scoil Bhríde, committing our time and energy every day towards creating a nurturing environment in which all our children can thrive! Well done to the entire team! The time given by staff and parents in goodwill to extra activities for the children inspires every day. Be it working on their days off or giving up lunch breaks or time spent on activities/meetings long before, during or after working hours. The work that these people do is not taken for granted and is appreciated on a daily basis. To them all I say thank you!

On a personal note, I wish to thank everyone for their support during my 12th year here in Scoil Bhríde Nurney. I have really enjoyed it! This is a wonderful school community with wonderful people and children. Every year as Principal I always aim to do 2 things.

The first is to always foster positivity and Christian caring and compassion in our school every day. In all children is a seed of goodness as all children are made in the image of God. My role is to see that they all get the chance to flourish, grow strong, resilient and independent.

The second is to always create the optimal conditions necessary to let teachers teach! My role is to create a strong, calm place of sustainable teaching and learning, where the teaching staff are free from unnecessary distraction to raise the academic standards and well-being of all the pupils under our care and give them the best chance possible in their 21st century world.

These are challenges I relish and look forward to everyday with a smile on my face and a positive attitude, with both your help and Gods. Like the Gospel, I am full of hope. We have such great plans, ideas and dreams and we are so looking forward to the next exciting year ahead for our school. We really look forward to sharing that journey with you.

I would like to wish our outgoing 6th class the very best as they continue their journey in life and on to secondary school in September. I know that they will do themselves proud and we look forward to hearing how they get on. My advice to you all is based on two simple words my Mam taught me.... "*I am*". Two of the most powerful words you'll ever say, for what you put after them shapes your reality, so choose wisely girls and boys! To those families who are not returning to our school, you will continue to be in all our prayers as you make your journey on to new places. May Gods blessings go with you all.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk, play and pray together. I hope that you all have a fabulous time with your children, and I look forward to seeing you all safe and sound in the new school year. God Bless...

Wednesday Note and school information also available on

www.nurneyns.com

Thank you for your co-operation with the above.

Dr. Vinny Thorpe – Principal

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