



Scoil Bhríde
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14th October 2026
Dear Parents/Guardians

Halloween Bun Sale for pupils

Halloween Bun Sale for pupils – Tuesday October 13th with all funds going to much needed funding of Science supplies and learning aids for all pupils. All donations of cakes, buns and treats are most welcome! Thank you.

Budget 2027 – Summary of implications for Scoil Bhríde Nurney:

- Funding per pupil increases from 274 Euro to 342 Euro. Whilst welcome, our school currently runs at an annual deficit of 14,000 Euro per year. This increase, taking into consideration increasing running costs, will reduce this deficit by about 7,000 Euro.
- No drop in pupil teacher ratio. This means our school (and all non DEIS schools on the East coast) will continue to have the largest split classes in the country and indeed Europe.

Welcome Back to School Mass

What a lovely mass we had last week! The children sang beautifully and read so well. A sincere word of thanks goes to Ms. O'Connor Desmond and her 5th class pupils for organising the mass, with great help from our SNA and SET team. Thanks also to Dr. Thorpe for leading the music. A final word of thanks to Fr. Adrian and his Parish team for leading us all in such wonderful prayer and song. We are very grateful to you all for all your extra hard work.



Is your phone number and email address up to date on our school records in case of an emergency or if your child is sick or if the HSE need to contact you for contact tracing purposes?

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that the school has an up-to-date phone number, emergency contact phone number **and email address!!!!** for you on our school records. Thank you!

It is also a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child's medical box and its enclosed medical details are up-to-date Thank you!

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 5th class started on September 2nd. 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:

3rd class – November 4th 2026

6th class – January 6th 2027

4th class – April 14th 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 23rd. Thank you. More information at www.teamhope.ie

Halloween Fancy Dress

Children may wear Halloween costumes to school on Wednesday October 21st. If Industrial Strike action takes place on Wednesday October 21st, Children may instead wear Halloween costumes to school on Thursday October 22nd. 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 21st and Thursday October 22nd

Drumming

A 4-week course of drumming classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor starts on November 6th. 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 Wednesday October 14th 2026 for all pupils due to Industrial Action.**
- **School closed on Tuesday October 20th 2026 for all pupils as staff must attend a Department of Education training day on the New Primary Curriculum Framework.**
- **School closed on Wednesday October 21st 2026 for all pupils due to Industrial Action.**
- Halloween Closure – School closed October 26th to October 30th inclusive.
- **School closes at 2pm on November 10th 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
- 4th Class Annual Cycle Safety Training Course – an eight-week course for 4th class started Monday September 7th. Details regarding payment from parents issued last week
- **School closed on Wednesday May 5th 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 2nd class will be April 30th 2027 @ 11am in Nurney Church
- The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 22nd 2027 @ TBC in Nurney Church

*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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CLOTHES COLLECTION

ACCEPTING 'GOOD QUALITY' ITEMS FOR RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies & Children's clothing, Paired shoes,
Bedsheets, Towels, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves, Ties,
Belts & Soft toys

**DROP TO NURNEY BALL ALLEY
opposite the school**

**Thursday 15th October 9-9.30am
& Friday 16th October 9-9.30am**

No bags will be accepted after this date

Fundraising for
**Scoil Bhride
Nurney**



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Not accepted:

Duvets, Blankets, Pillows & cushions, Charity shop items, Carpets, rugs, Mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, Corporate clothing & workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material