



Scoil Bhríde

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Dear Parents/Guardians

Food waste!



The above photo is the school meals ordered by families one day last week, even though the children were not present in school. This is unnecessary food waste. The pupils present in school also do not want it. The above photo is just under 100 Euros worth of food. Due to re-heating regulations, the food in this photo is sadly dumped. This is now a daily occurrence due to food not being cancelled when it is not needed. This roughly equates to about 450-500 Euros worth of food being dumped per week, or in other words about 2,000 Euros per month. To put that in perspective, that is equivalent to:

- 50% of our school's oil heating bill to keep pupils warm for a whole year!
- or the price of a new interactive whiteboard for pupils in a classroom.
- or arts and crafts supplies for all pupils for one year
- or 2 educational psychological assessments for 2 pupils
- or 5 new tablets for pupils
- or wages for 2 SNAs

None of the above, by the way which we have the funds to do! We can only dream! Due to rising running costs and Government funding not matching inflation, we run at an annual deficit of just over 10,000 Euro per year. We depend on bun sales and fundraising to make ends meet.

I think you get the idea. Whilst the Hot School Meals scheme can have many positives, it can and does lead to a shocking amount of wasted resources, that could and may be should be better spent.

Please in the interests of reducing waste, protecting the environment, and in common sense terms of what previous generations would have said, that's it's "a sin to throw out food".

If you child has a planned absence from school, please cancel your hot school meals order on time through your Bradbury's app. Thank you.

Food Parcels

At this time of year, we like to think of others less fortunate. Last year we organised a food collection for Saint Vincent de Paul (SVP) for Christmas. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. We are organising a food collection again this year. Thanks to Ms. Butler and all the girls and boys in 6th class for all their help in organising this very worthy collection this year. The deadline date for receipt of non-perishable food items, festive items (e.g. tea, coffee, biscuits, vouchers etc.) or toiletries is Friday December 12th. They can be dropped into the school office. **Thank you.**



3rd class Swimming payment due!



A six-week course of swimming classes in K-Leisure Athy for 3rd class started on November 5th.

Payment of 80 Euro from each 3rd class pupil is now due. So we can pay the bus, pool and instructors

Thank you to all who have paid in full to date.

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

6th class – January 7th 2026

4th class – April 15th 2026



Drum lessons payment due – all pupils



A 4-week course of drumming classes for all pupils with a specialist instructor started on November 7th.

Payment of 8 Euro from each class pupil is now due. So we can pay the instructor.

Thank you to all who have paid in full to date.

Sacred Space, School Christmas Tree and School Crib

Many thanks to 6th class and their teacher Ms. Butler for decorating this year's School Christmas Tree and School Crib!

Super job everyone!

Well done!



Christmas Jumper Day!

Thursday, December 18th we invite all pupils, if they so wish, to wear a Christmas jumper in our school



New teaching staff in our school



A warm welcome to Ms. Regidor who takes over as sr infants class teacher for the remainder of this school year. Best wishes to Ms. Doyle, on her upcoming leave.

Home Learning page on our school website

If your child has to isolate and stay out of school due to sickness, please go to the following link on our school website to access the school work they would be doing at that time in class <https://www.nurneyns.com/home-learning>

*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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Dates for your diary

- End of Term School Mass – Tuesday December 16th @ 11:30am in School Hall.
- School will close for Christmas on Friday December 19th for all pupils at 12.30pm. Buses have been told. The school will re-open on Monday January 5th 2026 for all pupils at 9.20am
- Annual School Book Fair – March 5th and 6th 2026
- The Parish office wishes to inform you that Confirmation for families with children in 6th class will be April 25th 2026 @ 10:30am in Nurney Church
- The Parish office wishes to inform you that Communion for families with children in 2nd class will be May 23rd 2026 @ 11am in Nurney Church

