

Sylane NS

March 2026

Dear Parents / Guardians

ECO-UNESCO Environmental Workshop

We were lucky to receive an in-person environmental workshop from UNESCO Education Officer Ben Iveagh for 3rd-6th Class last week. This creative recycling workshop looked at the very current issue of tackling waste management and how to create ways to repurpose it.

Forest School

The junior and senior infant children continue to enjoy their forest school sessions with Heritage Specialist Ellie every second Monday this term. Next term, junior and senior infants and 6th Class will start their sessions of Forest School from 13th April. The cost per child is €10. We are blessed to have a beautiful and authentic forest environment right outside our door. Forest school offers significant holistic benefits, boosts physical health, emotional resilience, social skills and helps foster a connection with nature. These sessions are truly invaluable to our children.

Branar Theatre Show

3rd - 5th Classes got to see a wonderful show at The Mall Theatre in Tuam on 27th February. This 40-minute show celebrates the wonder in everyday moments through vibrant storytelling, live music and stunning animation. The children thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

Music Generation

Music classes continue every Wednesday with Anita.

Rugby

The older children from 3rd to 6th Class are enjoying tag rugby sessions every Thursday run by Séan from the Tuam Rugby Club

Hurling

The children in 1st and 2nd Class are currently enjoying hurling lessons every Tuesday with Dylan Connors from Sylane Hurling Club.

Fun2Bfit

We are delighted to welcome back the very popular gymnastics and dance classes to the school for 6 weeks. The school fundraising efforts subsidises part of the costs but we ask for €5 per child for the 6 lessons to contribute to the cost. Please send your child to school in their PE uniform on Monday

Seachtain na Gaeilge

We are celebrating Seachtain na Gaeilge in school from 1st-17th March. There will be various activities in each classroom to celebrate Irish culture. We will have a kahoot Trath na gCeist, PE games as gaelige, a parade, and a ceili with traditional music.

World Book Day

Takes place this Thursday, March 5th. Senior and Junior children will read together as book buddies. On Friday we are excited to welcome local author Katherine Scanlon. Katherine will do a reading of her book *Clipper the Hurl's Amazing Adventures* and answer questions from the children.

Bike Repair and Maintenance Workshop for 3rd – 6th Classes

An Mheitheal Rothar, who are a social enterprise community bike workshop based in Galway City, have recently launched an education programme and are coming out to deliver a complimentary workshop on 11th March. This workshop is hands on and designed to teach students simple, practical bike maintenance skills such as fixing a puncture or oiling a chain. They will bring along demo bikes but students are welcome to bring their own bikes should they wish.

Communion and Confirmation

The communion children continue to attend Sunday masses as part of their "Do This in Memory" communion preparation programme.

The confirmation class had an enjoyable day at their retreat in Knock in February.

The confirmation will take place at 12pm on Tuesday 24th March.

Standardised Testing

All classes will be completing these formal assessments on the week of 18th – 22nd of May. Please try your best to have full attendance that week, as the results of these tests are standardised in the testing situation of a group/class setting. However, if a child is absent through illness, we will try our best to test on alternate day but cannot guarantee we will be able to accommodate other absences.

Quiz Night Fundraiser

The Parents Committee are hosting a fundraiser in The Bridge Bar on Friday 20th March at 8pm. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite; you can search there directly or find the link on our Facebook page. We really appreciate your support and the quiz will be a lovely social opportunity for parents to meet.

Official Opening of the new playground and Grandparents Day

We look forward to officially opening our new playground and hosting Grandparents Day on Friday 27th March at 10am. We will welcome Mary Lardner to cut the ribbon on behalf of The Joe and Helen O'Toole Trust. The children are busy practising their special performances to perform for everyone, all are welcome! Baking and treat donations are appreciated to serve at morning tea.

School Tours

We are delighted to have confirmed the following school tours. Despite significant increased costs in buses, we worked hard to get value for money and will send out payment details for each tour after Easter.

Junior Infants – 2nd Class will travel to Wildlands on Monday 8th June.

3rd – 6th Class will travel to TUS Athlone to Let's GO! on Thursday 11th June

School Payments

Thanks to all families who have paid. As always, payments can be paid in instalments or contact the principal if you need to discuss payment options.

Music €10/Fundamental Movement €10/Fun2Bfit €5

Junior/Senior Infants & 6th Class €10 Forest School

Bank Account Details: IBAN: IE24 AIBK 93715045680338 BIC: AIBKIE2D

Dates for Your Diary

Confirmation:	Sacrament: Tuesday 24 th March at 12pm
St. Patricks Day Bank Holiday:	No School - Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th March
Official Opening of the new playground & Grandparent's Day:	Friday 27 th March (School closes at 12pm)
Easter Holidays:	Monday 30 th March – Return to school on Monday 13 th April
School Closure for Oide Training:	Tuesday 21 st April
May Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 th May
Holy Communion:	Retreat: Thursday 23 rd April, Sacrament: Saturday 9 th May at 11am
June Bank Holiday:	Monday 1 st & Tuesday 2 nd June
School Tour Infants/1st/2nd Class:	Monday 8 th June
School Tour 3rd – 6th Class:	Thursday 11 th June
Summer Holidays:	Wednesday 24 th June at 12pm

*Le gach dea – ghuí,
Sinéad Cleary & Staff*

