

A Thuismitheoirí

Céad Míle Fáilte ar ais arís! In particular, we extend the warmest of welcomes to our “new” parents and children and we hope that you all enjoy many years of happiness in our midst!

Welcome New Students

A warm welcome to our 11 Junior Infants who joined the Sylane N.S. Community this year:
Noah Lima Faustino, Shannon Foody, Sadie Mae Gleeson, Rebecca Keane, Cillian Keane, Katie Killeen, Maja Kolanek, Cillín Leonard, Casey Mannion, Zack McLoughlin and Dvishik Patel.

Drop Off /Collection:

A sincere **thank you** for ensuring our traffic system in place is working very well. I am aware that it is not a perfect system but it puts your child and the person collecting, as a priority for Health & Safety. This is the only safe system for our children and there is no delay involved. The Board of Management have ensured that the council maintain the road. Parents are asked to always be mindful of small children when in a moving car. Please continue to keep safety a priority.

Contact/Medical Details

Thank you for filling out the blue forms. If you have not done so, please do and return ASAP. If your child's medical condition changes please inform the school staff. The named emergency contacts must be prepared to collect your child if needed. If your mobile/email details change during the year it is your responsibility to notify the school so we can update your details on file. Remember that Sylane N.S. is a **nut free school and that we have an immuno suppressed child in the infant room.**

School Uniforms and P.E. Days

The children are really good for wearing their school uniform. The formal uniform is a navy crested cardigan/jumper, white shirt, red tie, navy trousers or pinafore/skirt and navy tights and should be worn on Monday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, Thursday and Fridays the children can wear their crested school sweatshirt, white t-shirt and plain navy tracksuit bottoms or shorts.

School Contribution

Sincere thanks to everyone who promptly paid the above online and in cash. We are acutely aware of the tough economic times and are very grateful that you put your child's education first. Please ensure you include your name when paying online. You are welcome to pay in instalments but please send an email to office@sylanens.ie to let us know. No written receipt is issued for money received but it is logged on our Aladdin system. The school levy is €100 per family and is used to pay for 24-hour pupil insurance and contributes to printing, photocopying, art costs and subsidises the many extra activities and events we have throughout the year.

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

Absent Notes

We are obliged by the National Education Welfare Board to report all absences exceeding twenty days. We are also expected to present reasons for these absences i.e. illness, holidays, urgent family reason, other, unexplained. Please ensure that you email your class teacher every time your child is absent. These notes will be kept on file for reference when needed.

Personal Accident Insurance

This scheme provides 24-hour cover and has many excellent benefits. This money allows cover for your child and includes all school activities. It covers medical expenses. The school pays €9 per child and the money is taken from the school levy. If you wish to find out more information, please refer to the Allianz website www.allianz.ie/schools.

Newsletter

Our school newsletter is sent home with the oldest member of each family on yellow paper, usually on the first Tuesday of the month. The newsletters are also available on our website www.sylanens.ie.

School Policies

The Sylane School Handbooks contains many of the school's policies. A copy was given to all families in Junior Infants and is updated every year on the downloads section of our school website. Please sign the attached form indicating your awareness of these policies. The annual child safeguarding statement Anti Bullying policy will be updated at the annual review at our next Board of Management Meeting.

Brendan Martin Cup Visit

We are delighted to welcome our neighbour and past pupil and All Ireland Ladies Football Champion Róisín Leonard and The Brendan Martin Cup to school on Monday morning 7th Sept. Students can wear their Galway jerseys to school if they wish. We have some spare maroon and white jerseys at school if required. We look forward to giving her a big Sylane welcome and congratulations!

Beginning of School Prayer Service

On Friday 18th September @ 11.30am, we will have a short prayer service in the school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend.

Cross Country

Cross country will take place on 22nd September in the Galway Racecourse, with the finals scheduled for 29th Sept. We will take 2 teams from the older classes 3rd – 6th.

Say Yes to Languages Programme

We are delighted to take part in the Department of Education and Youth's "Say Yes to Languages" programme for the 2026/2027 school year. The Say Yes to Languages is a primary school initiative that provides schools with access to qualified language tutors and engaging learning experiences.

The programme will give 3rd – 6th class pupils the opportunity to experience a modern foreign language over 6 weeks, and we have chosen Spanish as our language. We are excited to welcome our tutor Maria Sacristan from September 17th who will teach 5 & 6th class for one hour and 3rd & 4th Class for 30 minutes per week.

Hot School Meals

Thank you for your support with the Hot Lunches. The children are enjoying them so far, long may it continue! Please order every Friday for the following week. Contact Eadaoin in the office with any queries/issues!

Breakfast/Afterschool Club 2026/27

This year Kids Club will offer breakfast club and afterschool care including the Infants Homework Club from 7.30am - 9.00am and 1.40pm - 5pm. A fun and friendly service, in which homework is supervised, and children can participate in football, basketball, board games, art, baking, and much more. Parents can avail of the National Childcare Scheme (NCS) which will subsidise their cost of using the service. Please contact Claire for more information 0862188705 kidsclubenrolmentsylane@gmail.com

Forest School

We are delighted that our Junior and Senior Infant classes will be continuing with **Forest School** as part of our school programme. Forest School will begin on Monday, the 14th of September, and we will have six sessions in total this term.

September 14th,

September 28th,

October 12th,

October 19th,

November 2nd

November 16th.

Please make note of these dates. These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for children to learn through play, exploration and hands-on activities in a natural outdoor setting. The Forest School sessions will be delivered each week by Ellie McEwan, a Heritage in Schools specialist. School staff will also be present at all time.

Each other classroom from 1st – 6th will get one session of Forest School at a date later to be confirmed.

Return Bottle Recycling Continues for 3rd & 4th Class

We will continue our **return bottle recycling initiative this school year!** We would like to sincerely thank all of our parents, pupils and the wider school community for your fantastic support and efforts last year. Your participation made a real difference and helped us to promote positive environmental habits within our school. We are pleased to continue this initiative, with **all monies raised through the bottle returns going directly back into the school** to support our pupils and enhance our school community. We look forward to your continued support and encourage everyone to keep returning their bottles. **Every bottle counts!** Thank you once again for helping us to make a positive difference for our school and our environment.

Water Filter Station

We are looking forward to the installation of a water refill station thanks to the Kilbannon Group Water Scheme. The installation, which will be at our school gates, will commence in the coming weeks. A special thanks to Deirdre Coleman for putting our school forward for the location, we really appreciate your efforts, Dee!

We have had a good start to our new school year. Looking forward to a wonderful year ahead and many thanks for your continued support.
Stay safe and stay well.

Le Gach Dea Ghuí
Ms Sinéad Cleary and Staff