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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2025

FÁILTE AR AIS

We are delighted to welcome everyone back for the start of a new school year at Mayo Abbey NS. A special word of welcome goes to the eleven new pupils who have joined our school community in Junior Infants; Ciara, Lottie, Síofra, Isla, Eoin, Kate, Dylan, Ayda, Rían and another Ciara and Dylan!

IMPORTANT ALLERGY NOTICE

We would like to remind everyone that two children in our school—one in the junior classroom and one in the senior classroom—have a severe nut allergy. This allergy can cause a serious reaction (anaphylaxis) if nuts are eaten or even through cross-contamination. Thank you for your support in helping us provide a safe environment for every child in our school.

To help us keep all children safe, we kindly ask for your cooperation by:

- Not including nuts in school lunches.
- Avoiding nut butter sandwiches, spreads such as Nutella, and snacks/bars that contain nuts or are labelled *"may contain traces of nuts."*
- Reminding children not to share lunches.

OFFICE HOURS

As you are aware, the FORSA industrial action is ongoing and the school office remains closed at present. We hope that a resolution will be reached soon. We will let you know as soon as Goretti, our school secretary, is back in the office. Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time.

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL CLOSURE

Please note that the school will now be closed on **Friday, October 24th** as it will be in use as a polling station for the Presidential Election. Please add this to your calendar.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

County Photos will visit the school on **Friday, October 3rd, 2025**. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.

OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

- School starts at 9:20am.
- Junior & Senior Infants finish at 2:00pm (Junior Infants finish at 12:30pm until September 12th, then 2:00pm thereafter).
- 1st–6th classes finish at 3:00pm.
- The school building opens at 9:10am. Children should not be on school grounds before this time, and the Board of Management accepts no responsibility for children before 9:10am, whether or not staff are present.

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WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Children have been reminded at school to observe the rules of the road at all times, especially when crossing. Please also reinforce this at home. For safety:

- Children should not climb/walk on walls or through shrub beds on their way home.
- Public footpaths should always be used.
- Once children leave school grounds, the school is no longer responsible for their safety.

DROPPING OFF AND COLLECTION OF CHILDREN

To ensure safe traffic flow:

- Please wait until you can park safely on the roundabout before dropping off or collecting children.
- Move around the roundabout as far as possible before stopping, to reduce congestion at the gate and on the road.

This will allow for safe drop-off and collection while ensuring traffic continues to move safely.

BACK TO SCHOOL COSTS

As communicated in June, the costs of books, workbooks, and copies have been covered by the Department of Education. Therefore, the remaining cost per child is €60, payable through Aladdin or directly to the school. Thank you to all who have already paid.

If any family requires financial assistance with any school activities, please contact the school office or principal directly at principal@mayoabbeyns.com. All matters will be handled with the utmost confidentiality to ensure every child has equal access to resources.

MUSIC GENERATION

We are very fortunate to have Gráinne Hambly from Mayo Music Generation joining us again this term to deliver music lessons to all the classes in our school.

HOT MEALS UPDATE

The delay in starting the Hot Meals Programme is due to government procedures and is outside of the school's control. The tendering process is expected to take a minimum of 8–10 weeks, which means school meals will not be available until it is complete. In the meantime, we kindly ask that all children continue to bring their own lunches. We will update you as soon as we have confirmation of when the programme can begin.

SCHOOL RULES

A copy of the school rules is attached and is also available on the school website within the Code of Behaviour document. Teachers will go through the rules with their classes in the coming days. We kindly ask that you also review them with your children.

A copy of this newsletter can be found on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com