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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2025

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING
There was a Board of Management meeting on Tuesday, December 9th. This newsletter contains all the information in the agreed report from that meeting and will be posted up on the Parents Noticeboard in the school porch.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT
The Christmas Concert will take place on Wednesday, December 17th in Mayo Abbey NS.
On the night, there will be a donation box for anyone who wishes to contribute to school funds. There will be no raffle.

The concert will feature performances from all classes: the Infants will present Shine Star Shine, 1st and 2nd Class will perform Straw and Order, 3rd and 4th Class will present The Night Before Christmas, and 5th and 6th Class will perform The Christmas Switch Up. We look forward to a wonderful evening of music and celebration.

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION

- School closes for Christmas holidays on December 19th at 12.30pm.
- School reopens on January 5th.
- Staff Meeting: School will close at 12.30pm on January 20th.
- Parent–Teacher Meetings: January 21st & 22nd. Parents will receive details in January and may book times through Aladdin at that stage. School is open as normal on these dates.

ENROLMENT INFORMATION
Enrolment for the 2026/2027 school year will be open from 2nd February to 2nd March 2025.
We will hold a Parents' Information Meeting on February 9th at 7.00pm.
The evening will include:

- A short presentation about the Infants classroom
- General information about the school
- A chance to look around the school
- An opportunity to meet with staff

We look forward to welcoming all prospective families on the night.
Further information will be shared in January.

THANKS
The Board of Management would like to extend sincere thanks to:

- Chris Mannion and the RSS team for constructing the stage for the concert and for ongoing maintenance around the school grounds.
- Joe Walsh Construction Ltd. for all additional work completed since the extension. This support is greatly appreciated and of great benefit to the school community.

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HAVE YOUR SAY - PRIMARY SCHOOL SURVEY
The closing date for the Primary School Survey is December 16th.

This survey is very important, as your views will help shape the future of our school. It is school-specific, so each family should complete it locally. We encourage all parents to take part, those who would like to see a change in school patronage (to multidenominational) and those who wish to continue with Catholic education and the current support for sacramental preparation. Every voice matters, and the results will only be accurate if everyone participates.

You can complete the survey at: www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey (You will need your Eircode to take part.)

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Diocesan Advisors
Two Diocesan Advisors visited the school on November 18th, spending time in each classroom and engaging with the children and staff.
Cross Country Success
Huge congratulations to Hugh Costello and Philip Griffith, who both qualified for the Connacht Finals. Philip then placed 1st overall, a huge achievement! We are extremely proud of both pupils.
Cyber Safety Workshops
CyberSafe Kids delivered workshops on October 22nd to all pupils from 3rd–6th Class, with a parent information session that evening. These were very informative and well received.
Fire Safety Workshop
Fourth Class participated in the annual Fire Safety Workshop delivered by members of Claremorris Fire Brigade, facilitated by Mayo County Council.
New School Sports Jerseys
Our new school jerseys have arrived! Designed with input from pupils, they will be proudly worn at upcoming sporting events.
Hot School Meals - The Lunch Bag
The hot meals programme is now fully operational following successful tendering. Children are enjoying trying different meal options. Each child has received a lunchbox for leftovers. Please ensure it is sent in every day.
Rugby Coaching
Aisling Hahessy from Claremorris Colts and Connacht Rugby is providing some workshops for 1st–6th Class. 5th & 6th Class will attend a Rugby Blitz in Claremorris in the new year.
Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal
Thank you to all families who contributed. Shoeboxes from Mayo Abbey will be delivered to Kosovo. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.
MS Readathon
Well done to all pupils who took part. All funds raised support MS Ireland, and we are grateful for the enthusiasm shown by pupils and families.

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SWIMMING

Swimming for 1st to 6th Class will begin the week we return to school and run for 6 weeks.

- Tuesdays: 3rd & 4th Class
- Wednesdays: 1st & 2nd Class
- Thursdays: 5th & 6th Class

The cost is €11.50 per child.
Payment can be made via Aladdin or through the office.

MAYO ABBEY NS FUNDRAISING LOTTO

Our school fundraising lotto is now up and running. Your support for the lotto helps fund resources and activities for all children. Entries can be made online via our school fundraising page. All support is greatly appreciated! The jackpot is currently €525. All funds raised will go directly towards supporting our children's education and purchasing resources for the school. To enter, simply click the link below:
https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mayoabbeyns
All support is greatly appreciated!