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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2026

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MEETING AGREED REPORT
The Board of Management met on Tuesday, June 23rd. This newsletter includes the main points from the agreed report and will be available on the school website and parents' noticeboard in the porch.

SIXTH CLASS GRADUATION AND GREEN FLAG RAISING CEREMONY
On Monday, June 22nd, we celebrated both our Sixth Class Graduation and our Green Flag Raising Ceremony. We were delighted to raise our Green Flag in recognition of the hard work and dedication of our Green Schools Committee and all the children in achieving the Green Flag for Litter and Waste and Global Citizenship. This is a wonderful achievement for our school community, and we are very proud of everyone involved.

We also celebrated the graduation of our Sixth Class pupils as they prepare to begin the next stage of their educational journey. It was a lovely occasion, marking the end of their time in Mayo Abbey NS and celebrating the many memories and achievements they have shared over the years. As part of the graduation ceremony, Fr. Fergus kindly blessed the Sixth Class tree before it was planted on the school grounds. The tree will serve as a lasting reminder of the Class of 2026 and their time in Mayo Abbey NS.

We wish Emily, Grace, Jamie, Lauren, Matthew, Noah, Philip and Shannon every success and happiness in the years ahead.

SCHOOL CALENDAR INFORMATION
The school will close on Thursday, June 25th at 12.30pm for the summer holidays. School will resume for all pupils on Tuesday, September 1st.

The school office will be open on Monday, August 31st from 10am to 2pm for those who have any queries or wish to purchase uniforms. A school calendar for 26/27 is also attached. There will be changes and additional closures during the school year, e.g. Department of Education teacher training days. Updates will be shared with families as early as possible.

JUNIOR INFANTS 26/27
The children from Abbey Tots preschool visited on June 10th. They had the opportunity to explore their new surroundings and meet some familiar faces ahead of the new school year.

Our new Junior Infants will begin school on Tuesday, September 1st. To support a smooth and positive start, they will finish at 12:30 p.m. each day for the first two weeks. From Monday, September 14th, they will attend school for the full Junior Infant day, finishing at 2:00 p.m. each afternoon.

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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

School Tours: Junior Infants to 2nd Class visited Let's Go Camp, in NUI, Galway on May 28th. 3rd to 6th Class visited Arigna Mines and Lough Allen Adventure on June 12th. Both tours were a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

SPHE – Relationships and Sexuality Education: In June, 5th and 6th Class welcomed guest speaker Noel Kearney to complete the RSE section of their SPHE Curriculum.

Sports Day: Sports Day took place on June 15th. The children had great fun and took part in lots of activities. Thank you to the staff for organising the day.

Lough Carra LIFE: Members of the Lough Carra LIFE Project team visited our 5th and 6th Class pupils in June to share their knowledge of the unique wildlife and habitats of Lough Carra.

Crann: Ellie from the tree charity Crann visited the school and facilitated a workshop with each classroom. Each classroom then planted a native Irish tree on the school grounds.

Food Dudes: The children enjoyed taking part in a Food Dudes refresher week, where they sampled a variety of fruits and vegetables and were encouraged to make healthy food choices.

GAA Coaching: Many thanks to Martin Costello who provided some GAA coaching for the children in all classes.

FIRST COMMUNION

First Holy Communion took place on May 23rd. Thank you to Ms Conway for preparing the children so thoughtfully, and to Nora Colleran, Father Fergus, and Father Kilcoyne for their support.

CLASS ALLOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2026

There are no changes to the class allocation for 2026/2027. Classes and teachers are as follows: Junior and Senior Infants - Mary McNamara; 1st/2nd Class - Michelle Conway; 3rd/4th Class - Michelle Tuohy; 5th/6th Class - Thomas Clarke; Special Education Teachers - Geraldine Glynn and Rachel Derrig; Additional Needs Assistants - Amhra O'Gorman, Tracey Noonan Doherty and Valerie Fitzgibbon.

As the school year comes to a close, the Board would also like to thank all staff in Mayo Abbey NS for their work in what has been an extremely busy year.

The Board of Management would like to sincerely thank Elizabeth Dermody for her dedication and commitment to our infant classes this year. We are very grateful for all her hard work and wish her every success in the future.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports were released on Aladdin to all parents on Friday, June 12th. If you are unable to access your child's report online and would like a printed copy, please contact the office.

RURAL SOCIAL SCHEME

The Board of Management would like to express its sincere thanks to Chris Mannion and the RSS team for their ongoing support throughout the year. Their work in maintaining and enhancing our school grounds and facilities is greatly valued. We are very grateful for the time, effort and care invested in our school.

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BOOKLISTS / COSTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Once again this year, the cost of books, workbooks, and copies is being fully covered by the Department of Education. Rates remain reduced, and while most items are included in the scheme, there may still be a small number of classroom resources that are not covered. Parents are not required to purchase any additional books, copies, or stationery items for their child. All necessary materials will be provided by the school.

We are asking parents to contribute €60 per child to help cover essential school expenses such as photocopying, stationery, art supplies and materials, music, ICT, and other incidental costs. This contribution, along with optional pupil insurance, is now available to pay through Aladdin. Payments can also be made directly at the school office, if preferred.

Optional Pupil Insurance: School Activities Only = €6 OR 24-Hour, 365-Day Cover = €9

Payments can be made over the coming weeks or in September when the new school term begins. If you have any questions, please contact Goretti in the school office.

If any family requires financial assistance with school-related costs, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or the principal directly. Please be assured that all such matters will be treated with the utmost confidentiality.

MAYO ABBEY NS FUNDRAISING LOTTO

Thank you for your continued support of the Mayo Abbey NS Fundraising Lotto, which helps fund resources and activities for all pupils. As the school is now closed for the summer holidays, weekly lotto prizes won during the break will be issued when the school reopens in September. Should the jackpot be won over the summer, the winner will be contacted directly. The current jackpot stands at €525.

All funds raised go directly towards supporting the children's education and purchasing resources for the school. Entries can be made online through our fundraising page: www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/mayoabbeyns. All support is greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

The Board of Management would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank all members of the school community for their continued hard work and support throughout the year. We wish each and every one of you a happy, safe, and relaxing summer!

A copy of this newsletter will be available on the school website: www.mayoabbeyns.com

If you have any queries during the summer break, you can contact the school office by email at office@mayoabbeyns.com. The email account will be monitored periodically during the summer break.