



St. Andrew's N.S.
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1st of October 2025

Dear Parents,

We've enjoyed a busy few weeks settling into our new classes in St. Andrew's N.S. Here are some of September's highlights!

Parents' Association AGM

Our AGM took place on 9th of September. The following committee was elected.

Chairperson: Nick Storey

Vice-chairperson: Ursula Ryan

Secretary: Shauna Allen

Vice-secretary: Lora Mooney

Treasurer: Stephen Dwyer

Vice-treasurer: Deirdre Swan

Our PA is an invaluable asset to our school so we need parents to get involved and to help out. We look forward to a busy year of fundraising and organising our annual school events.

GAA

GAA coaching sessions with Caroline Butler (GPO) will continue on Tuesdays until mid-term break. Pupils are learning lots of new ball skills every week. Thank you to Curragha GAA who continues to fund this weekly in-school coaching.

Bodhrán

We are currently enjoying bodhrán lessons on Wednesdays with Aimee Farrell-Courtney and will continue until mid-term break.

Drama

We are delighted to have our Drama teacher Suzanne Carey back working with all class groups on Fridays. Thank you to the Parents' Association and the school's Board of Management who cover the cost of this activity. Suzanne's after school drama classes are also back on Fridays. Please contact Suzanne directly if you are interested in a place for your child.

Tag Rugby

Every class group is learning rugby skills on Tuesdays with Sue Malone from Ratoath RFC.

Early Morning Sports

Cross Country with Ms. Ronan on Tuesdays and football with Ms. Kinsella and Ms. O'Connor on Thursdays are back in full swing for 3rd to 6th class pupils. All are welcome to join at 8.30am for some fun activities and exercise.

Tennis4Kids

After school tennis lessons have started back. If you are interested in signing up your child go to <https://www.tennis4kids.ie/book-an-afterschool/>

Beginning of School Year Mass

We attended Mass to mark the beginning of a new school year on Thursday 18th of September in St. Andrew's Church. Thank you to Fr. Steve, our readers, singers and servers who made the Mass very special.

Emerald Park

As we continue with our Wellbeing in School Programme and the Amber Flag initiative, we held our team building and Wellbeing Day in Emerald Park on Friday 19th of September. Pupils enjoyed a day of fun with their teachers and classmates. Thank you to Emerald Park for hosting this special day.

Cumann na mBunscol

This week marks the half way point in the group stage of the Cumann na mBunscol football league. Both boys and girls teams are doing well so far with all still to play for! Thanks to Paddy Sweeney for his continued support with coaching and refereeing and to all our wonderful parents who have provided lifts to and from matches.

School Attendance

We are focusing on our pupil attendance this term. I would like to remind parents that if your child is absent from school, you must inform the school and **the reason** for their absence. This information is inputted into the school's attendance database. If a child is absent for more than 20 days, the school must pass the information to the Educational Welfare Service of Tusla - Child and Family Agency. Our attendance for the month of September is **96.5%**. We hope to see an improvement in the coming months. Remember "Every Day Counts!"

Coming up in October.....

Brother Cross Country

The Brother Cross Country event will take place for 3rd to 6th class on October 1st in Trinity Sports Grounds, Santry. We look forward to a great day out for our athletes.

Children's Book Festival

1st and 2nd class will take part in a Story and Drawing Workshop in Ashbourne Library on Wednesday 1st of October from 10 -11am. Thank you in advance to parents for providing transport to the library.

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GAA coaching sessions will start with our club's P. O. assistant Paul on Thursdays until mid-term break. Pupils will learn lots of new ball skills every week. Thank you to Curraha GAA who continues to fund this weekly in-school coaching.

Cash for Clobber

Donate your unwanted clobber to help raise money for our school from 6th to 17th of October. Please drop off bagged items inside the school door. Thank you.

We can accept:	We can't accept:
✓ Bags & pairs of shoes	X BRIC-A-BRAC
✓ Hats and belts	X Dirty or wet clothing
✓ Towels & curtains	X Single shoes
✓ Bed linen (sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers)	X Cushions, duvets or pillows
✓ All clothing – even if damaged	

Fire Safety Week

Fire Safety Week is coming up from 13th – 19th of October. We will carry out class fire drills. We have invited our local community fire brigade to speak to our pupils about fire safety. Classes will enter a fire safety colouring competition.

Enrolment for 2026/2027

Enrolment for 2026/2027 is now open. Please fill registration form on our website homepage and return to office. <https://www.standrewscurragha.com/>

Presidential Election

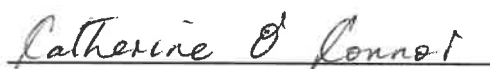
The school will close on Friday 24th of October for the Presidential Election. The school will be used as a polling station.

Mid-term break

School will close for mid-term break from Monday 27th to Friday 31st of October. We will reopen on 3rd of November.

Please check our school website <https://www.standrewscurragha.com/> for regular school updates.

Mise le meas,



Principal

