Whitechurch N.S.

Oct/ Nov 2026 Newsletter

Anti Bullying Week

We recently celebrated Anti-Bullying Week here in Whitechurch NS. Our theme this year was "Bí Cineálta" (Be Kind), which is also the name the national policy on anti-bullying for schools.

We began with a whole-school anti-bullying assembly. We looked the quote: "Always try to be a little kinder than necessary." by JM Barrie where we talked about what kindness looks like in our classrooms, on the yard, and at home. We also revisited how to recognise bullying and what to do about it, using the STOP acronym: Recognising bullying: it happens Several Times On Purpose and what to do: Start Telling Other People.

Throughout the week, the children took part in a range of activities and lessons around anti-bullying including designing posters for our child-friendly Bí Cineálta poster, which will help every child understand our anti-bullying policy in language that makes sense to them. Well done to our winners who received a book fair voucher prize-
Aoibhinn 1st Class, Aisling 2nd Class, Louis 4th Class, Lauren 5th Class, Lottie 6th Class.

Junior Infants created a beautiful class kindness tree:



Pupils from 3rd to 6th Class enjoyed the Seriously Funny workshop "Pushed" delivered by Reuben Evans which was entertaining, funny and informative. The workshop explored peer pressure, encouraged assertiveness to not bow to peer pressure, and it gave the children plenty to think and talk about.



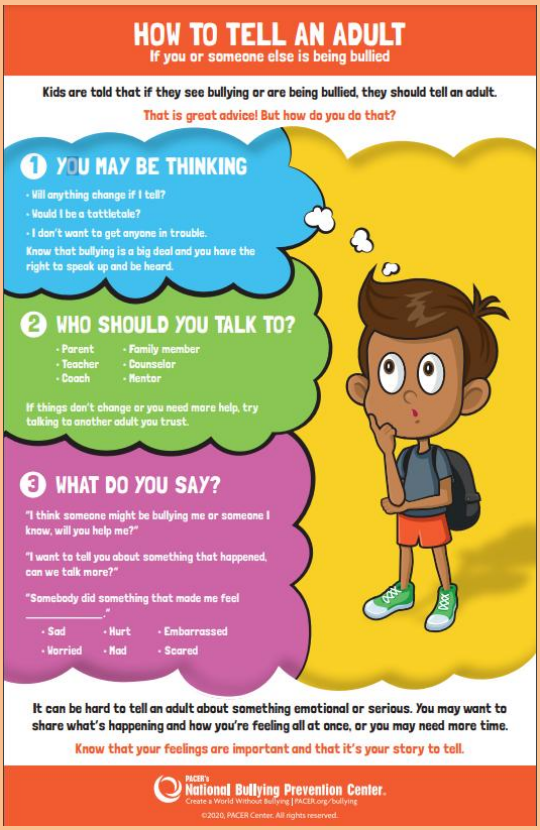
Reuben Evan Seriously Funny Bullying Workshop

You might like to take this opportunity to ask your child about anti-bullying week, and chat about small ways to show kindness to others. It would also be a great help if you used the STOP message at home, so that the children hear the same language in both places. If your child is ever worried about something happening in school, we encourage them to talk to a trusted adult, and you are always welcome to contact your child's class teacher. We would rather deal with something at the earliest stage possible so never hold off on letting us know if something is impacting your child.



We continue to have a big focus on telling- our school is a telling school. Problems are always much easier to resolve if we can get to them early and we want our pupils to tell if they see anyone being mean or bullying. Our school wide initiative to encourage telling is the STOP sign- Start Telling Other People! It also stands for what bullying is- Several Times on Purpose and we use it as a reminder in each classroom and across the school all through the year. See the poster below and use

it to talk to your child about how to tell about bullying. Parents, we NEED your help with this!





6th Class trip to Zipit

6th Class enjoyed a special class bonding trip today to ZipIt in Tibradden Wood. The class spent the morning climbing, balancing/ zip lining amongst the fabulous setting of the Wood that is part of our local landscape. Many thanks to the following parents who gave lifts to and from Zipit: Rebecca Syme, Rahul Ivaturi, Pamela Blackwell, Linda O'Connor and Sonia Champ.

Mobile Devices

A reminder that all phones/ internet/ Smart devices are banned for pupils at school and during school ECAs/ tours. This includes smart watches, smart glasses etc. that can make calls/ recordings/ take photos. As well as being a distraction in class, these devices can cause your child to become engaged in cyber bullying. Where your child has a watch that can have those features above disabled for school, please let the class teacher know you have done this to avoid any confusion and possible confiscation!



Reminder: Nails, Jewellery and Fidgets

For Health and Safety reasons as well as to avoid distractions in class, we do not allow pupils to have long nails (whether their own or false!) or dangling jewellery including earring that hang. In the yard or PE, these can cause accidents, become caught in clothing and cause serious injury. We would also ask that long hair is tied back to help lessen spread of headlice.

Fidget toys should also not be sent to school as they can be a serious distraction in class. Some pupils may have the use of certain fidgets or sensory aids as part of their support plans at school and this is allowed. Our rule is that unless the fidget is agreed between the class teacher and parents as part of a support plan, then it should not be in school.

Staff Appreciation Day

Friday 25th September, we celebrated Non-Teaching Staff**.** It was a lovely reason to celebrate our wonderful team of Non-Teaching Staff with some treats and words of appreciation from other staff and the pupils. We also celebrated World Teacher's Day on Monday 5th October with some treat in the staffroom. Thank you to the Wellbeing Committee for organising the events for both days!

Maths Week 2026

We look forward to taking part in National Maths Week next week led by our school Maths

Coordinator, Neal Megarity. We will start the week with a special Maths Assembly where Mr. Megarity will give a presentation on all of the ways maths is around us in our daily lives. The theme of our week is 'Expect and Respect the Mistake'.
Pupils will be taking part in various maths activities over the week including maths trails, pumpkin weighing and estimating, and maths PE games! See https://www.mathsweek.ie/2026/ for more info and resources.
Thank you to Mr. Megarity for organising a great week ahead!

NEPS Counselling Pilot
As part of our ongoing participation in the NEPS Wellbeing/ Counselling in Schools Pilot, our Wellbeing Practitioner will continue to visit the school to carry out workshops/ lessons with some classes and some work with individual pupils. We are really fortunate to be a part of this pilot project and the extra supports in wellbeing for our pupils is a really wonderful thing!

Message from Ballyboden Parish (RC)
Fr. Noel Hession has asked that any parent who wishes for their child to be included in First Holy Communion (1st/2nd Class) or Confirmation (5th/6th Class) in Ballyboden Parish (RC), please contact him on 0861021641 to make arrangements as soon as possible.

Annual Parent Teacher Meetings
Our annual Parent/Teacher meetings are due to be held on Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th of November. Details for signing up will be sent out in a separate email after Mid Term. School will finish slightly early for pupils on those 2 day at 1.45 to facilitate the meetings. Unfortunately these annual PT meetings are covered by the current industrial action and if it is still in place, we will have to cancel the meetings or else arrange for them during school hours. The BOM will make a decision nearer the time and we will keep you informed and updated.

Board of Management Update
Following the Board's first meeting of the year, we wanted to give you a brief flavour of some of the work that took place/ topics discussed:

- Our Child Safeguarding Statement and Bí Cineálta Policy were reviewed, risk assessments and annual checklists completed- see below.
- Staffing and enrolment
- Maintenance and Health and Safety
- Child Protection and Bullying monitoring and reporting
- Industrial Action
- A report on attendance for the past year was presented and discussed. Attendance was noted as generally good at 95.1% overall however, we had a number of pupils missing over 20 days. We are asked by the Department of Education and Tusla to remind all parents that holidays should be taken outside of school term where at all possible. 20 days is 1 month of school and missing this much school can impact your child's learning.
- Finance- parental contributions essential to adequate funding of the school especially for the first half of the year until the Capitation Grant is sent by the DE.
- PTA activities and fundraising
- Extra-Curricular Activities
- School events and activities
- School Self Evaluation Plan

Notification regarding the BOM's review of the Child Safeguarding and Bí Cineálta Policy
The Board of Management of Whitechurch N.S. wishes to inform you that:
The Board of Management's annual review of the school's Child Safeguarding statement was completed at the Board meeting held on 06/10/26
This review was conducted in accordance with the "Checklist for Review of the Child Safeguarding Statement" and the Bí Cineálta Procedures published on the Department's website www.education.ie
We would be most appreciative of parental input/feedback on the operation of the school's Child Safeguarding Statement, Bí Cineálta Polciy and the associated procedures. Please contact the school office with your thoughts and suggestions.
Both policies are available to view on our website and in hard copy on the school noticeboard.

Reminder: WNS is a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**! This includes nut spreads. Please do not send nuts into school as we have a number of pupils with serious nut allergies for whom any contact with nuts could cause a very serious reaction.



Cycling/Scooting to School

It is great to see so many pupils cycling or scooting to school every day. A reminder that anyone cycling to school should get off their bicycle/ scooter at the top of the lane and walk your bicycle into the school grounds so as to avoid any danger to pedestrians. Helmets should always be worn when cycling/scooting to or from school. It's great to see the recently installed bike shelters being used daily!



IMPORTANT- A reminder to only cross the road at the far gate exit at the Church. The bend is too sharp at the entrance gate to see safely along the road for oncoming traffic. Please remind your children about this if they walk home from school this way.



Traffic Safety

Below are some reminders for all parents and others who collect from the school about safe parking and driving practices. We rely on all parents to help us keep our pupils and other pedestrians'/ road users safe.

✓The laneway has NO PARKING at any time except for after school minibuses or collection cars. These all have a WNS parking permit from the school office and are displayed in the windscreen.

✓There should be no U turns or 3-point turns made on the road outside the school or in the school laneway. It is far too dangerous and causes unnecessary congestion. We have a roundabout very near to the school in both directions. Use these to turn please.

✓Do not park facing oncoming traffic along the road- this would require you to make a dangerous traffic manoeuvre to move on such as U turn or 3-point turn.

✓On busier pick-up days such as Hockey and Swimming days (Wednesdays and Thursdays), there are a lot of cars all trying to park nearby to get to hockey and swimming quickly. Please CAR POOL with other families to try to reduce traffic and congestion at the school on those afternoons. Make arrangements with other families and alternate pick up. You could then meet at the pool or Hockey.

✓Infant extra-curricular activities that finish just before 1st-6th Class home times do add to the volume of traffic. Where possible, could infant parents who are not also going to be collecting an older sibling try their best to come a little bit ahead of the senior home time to collect their child. We will ask all infant ECA organisers to have the pupils ready on time to allow for this.

✓Please do not park in front of any neighbour's gates.

✓Where you can, please walk/ cycle/ scoot or park a bit further away from the school. We have sheltered bike and scooter parking available to the right of the school just around the back.

✓Please let any minders, grandparents or after school care providers know about our traffic and parking procedures.

We very much appreciate your cooperation with the above in order to keep all of our pupils and other community members safe.

Enrolment for Junior Infants Sept 2027

Our Enrolment/Admissions policy is available to view on our website. The school commences accepting applications for admission on 1st October and ceases accepting applications for admission on 2nd November 2026.

With a large number of applications each year, it is vital that you send in the required forms on time. Please also ensure that if there are younger siblings at home that you have sent in an Intention to Apply for Enrolment form so that we have their details on file. This really helps us with future planning and also ensures that you do not miss out on a place for

your child as you will receive a reminder and the full enrolment application form at the right time. Please note that siblings of children currently attending the school will get priority within each enrolment category.

Aladdin Absences
It is very helpful to the class teachers if parents could click the reason for absence when your child is out. It auto inserts into the teacher's roll records and avoids the school secretary having to phone you to see why your child is absent.

Aladdin Noticeboard Messages
Remember to tick the box that allows replies so that your child's teacher can write back to your message. Please remember that teachers cannot read messages while teaching and supervising the class so if you have an urgent message such as a change in person collecting your child, phone the office.

Frás Na Seachtaine (Phrase of the Week)
This year, we continue to have a whole school Irish language "phrase of the week" which will be taught at assembly on Fridays. Pupils are encouraged to use these phrases throughout the week. We will once again include our phrases in each newsletter so you can use them at home and support the children's learning in this way.
Go raibh míle maith agaibh!
Heather MacLachlan, Gaeilge Coordinator

Frásaí na Seachtaine

Our phrases of the week for October will be:
- Tá brón orm.-I am sad
- Ta mé réidh. – I am ready.
- Tá áthas orm. – I am excited.
- Oíche Shamhna shona duit – Happy Halloween

Our phrases of the week for November will be:
- Cuir ort do chótat.- Put on your coat.
- Múch an solas. –Turn off the light.
- Dún an doras- Shut the door.
- Tá tart orm. – I am thirsty!



Pupil Contribution/ Time and Talents Form
Thanks to all who have returned Pupil Financial Contribution forms and time and talent forms. If you haven't yet had a chance to do so, we'd really appreciate you returning those forms to the office as soon as possible. We are always keen to get parents involved in the school and if you think you can contribute in any way- be it a particular talent or interest or volunteering to help at various events, we would love your help! We are particularly keen for assistance in the area of IT maintenance at the moment.

Pupil Financial Contributions
A huge thank you to those families who have sent in their contributions already or their Monthly Standing Order forms. Government funding alone does not cover the cost of running our school and our BOM also fund many additional items using parental contributions such as specialist coaches, activities and workshops, photocopying, art materials, reading books, 24/7 pupil accident insurance etc. When you consider the cost of childcare/ Montessori/Pre Schools/ Secondary Schools/ other activities and lessons for pupils, our suggested amount is really very good value and provides our pupils with so much. We are relieved that the DES will increase the capitation grant to schools this year to help cover the cost of increased heating and electricity bills. As a school we never speak to pupils about payments and any correspondence is sent directly to parents. If there is any family, who for whatever reasons cannot pay the requested contribution, please make contact with Ms. Richards in the strictest confidence. The school has several charitable contacts that have provided grants to families experiencing financial hardships and we may be able to help.

Revenue Charity Tax Refund Scheme
As the school is a registered charity, each calendar year, the school can make a claim to Revenue for a refund of 31% of the voluntary contributions paid. The conditions for receiving the refund are:

The amount paid in calendar yr. is more than €250. The payer completes a CHY3 form, and this form is returned to the school to be held on file.
Since 1 Jan 2013, self-assessed and PAYE taxpayers are treated the same – all tax relief goes to the charity, not the taxpayer. So, while you don't get the relief yourself, your donations to Whitechurch National School can be worth 44.9% more, at no extra cost to you. This reclaim is a significant source of income to the school annually and does not represent a further cost to the payer of the voluntary contribution. Each year the school loses out on between €1,500 and €1,800 because CHY3 forms have not been completed.
In order for these reclaims to be made, the school would be grateful if you please return a signed CHY3 Certificate. If you have already returned a form in recent years, then there is no need to do so again until the five-year period is up. If you are in any doubt about whether you have a current CHY3 form on file, then please ask the school office.

Garda Vetting
All Junior Infant parents and new parents to the school were issued with Garda vetting forms earlier in the year. We would urge all parents to return these completed forms to the office as soon as possible. It is school policy (and the law!) for any parent who helps out with the children in any way to be vetted, whether it is helping with lifts, accompanying school tours, supervising an extra-curricular activity etc. Any other parents wishing to complete a Garda vetting form can ask Laoighse in the office for one. It really is a painless process and once it is completed, it does not need to be done again. Please note that all information provided is confidential and having a previous conviction eg. driving offence does not necessarily preclude you from being allowed to work with children.

Around the classes-
Below are a selection of photos of activities from our pupils. Class Teachers are only sharing photos of pupils via Aladdin for cyber safety reasons. We hope you are enjoying seeing these photos and that you are able to get a good idea of the great work going on around the school!

1st Class 3D portraits- Art





Autumn in 1st Class- exploring warm colours/ printing, mixed mediums (oil pastels and paint)



Maths- exploring adding using ten frames, play dough and counters.



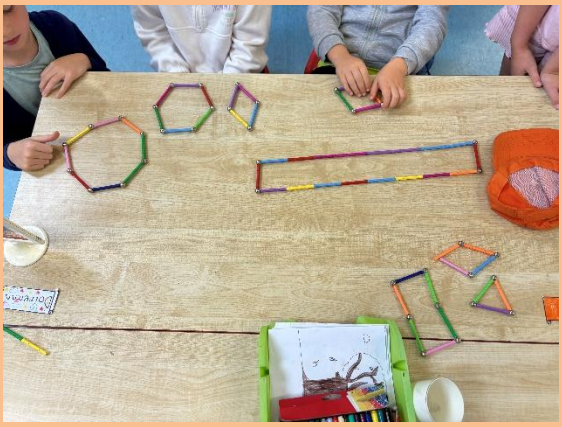
Looking at 2D shapes. Creating our own 2D shape monsters.

2nd Class





Scientists at work!

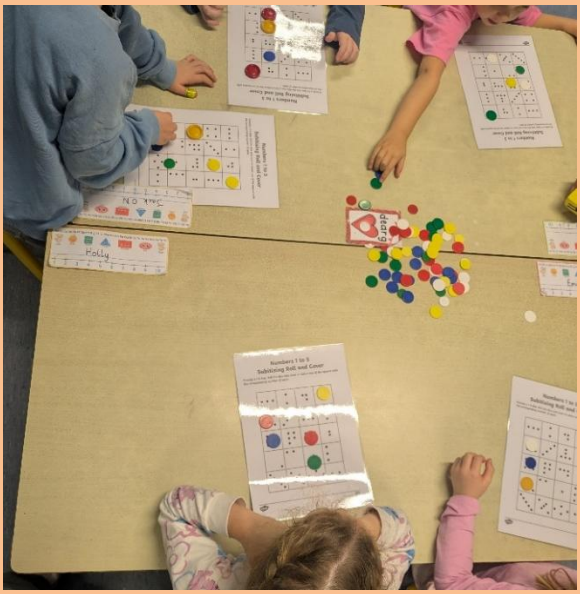


Junior Infants

Having fun with maths games!

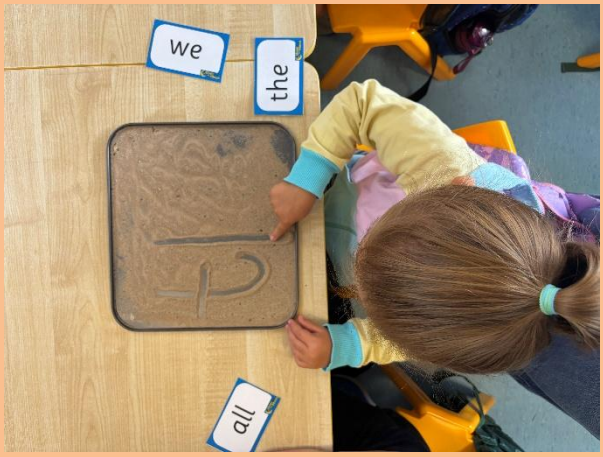








Senior Infants

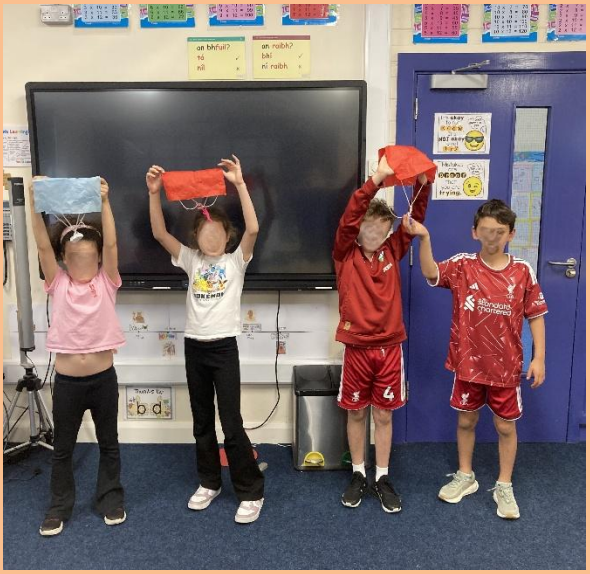






4th Class

4th Class pupils enjoyed designing and making their own parachutes during a Science lesson. They learned about air resistance and tested their creations to see how effectively they worked. Well done to all on their excellent designs! Well done to 4th Class on winning the Class of the Month award for all of their good behaviour and kindness!





3rd Class









5th Class





Writing in Irish- Mé Féin

6th Class

Our 6th Class have had a great start to their last year of primary school with lots of activities including zip lining, STEM experiments, leading an assembly, buddy activities with JI and plenty of sports!






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Our Romero Britto Inspired Self-Portrait's





Student Council 2026/2027
Congratulations to the newly elected members of Whitechurch N.S. Student Council! They are:
1st Class- Jake & Aoibhinn
2nd Class – Daniel & Jennifer
3rd Class – Arthur & Isla
4th Class – Eoghan & Alex
5th Class –Heidi & Samuel
6th Class – Edie & Oscar
Autism Class- Oliver

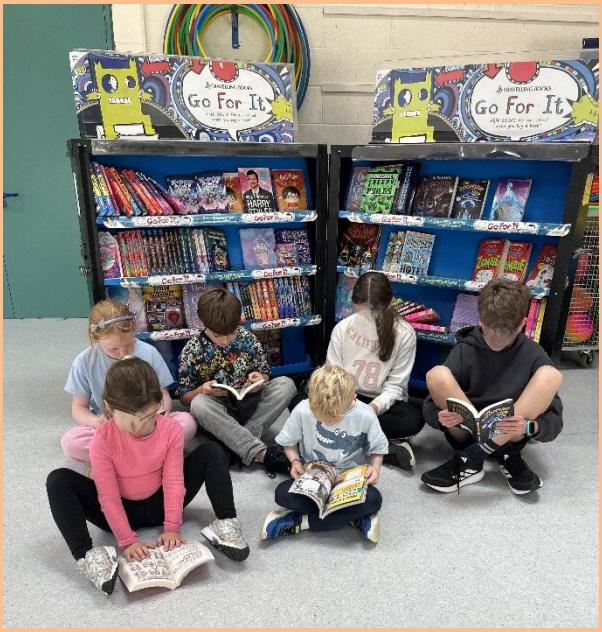
The Student Council will meet regularly to carry out its work including bringing issues affecting pupils to the attention of Ms. Richards and the staff, contributing ideas and suggestions to policies, decisions etc. Pupil voice in action!

Green Schools Committee 2026/2027
After some very exciting elections, we are delighted to introduce our new Green Schools Committee for 2026-2027!
1st Class- Sonny & Rosie
2nd Class- Ziad & Sophie
3rd Class- Philip & Mara
4th Class – Fleur & Emilia
5th Class – Eli & Harper
6th Class – Logan & Evan

We look forward to keeping you updated on our progress this year and encouraging everyone to make WNS a greener school!
Whitechurch NS Green Schools Committee

Active Committee
The third of our student voice committees is the Active Committee. Their goal is to promote sport and exercise in the school to help everyone stay fit and well.
Active Schools Committee 2026/2027
1st Class– David & Louisa
2nd Class – Annabelle & Cian
3rd Class – Noah & Beth
4th Class – Noah & Harry
5th Class – James & Lauren
6th Class – Sam & Seán

Book Fair
Our Annual Book Fair took place on the mornings of Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October. A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped and to Aoife Murray in particular for helping oversee the Book Fair. Thank you also to the following parents who very kindly helped us on the 2 days: Biddy Kelly, Cathy Crumlish, Catherine Forrest, Kira Adams, Anna O'Brien, Rebecca Syme, Rachel Faulkner and Catherine Montague. We will receive a commission based on the total sales which will enable us to fund the purchase of new books to supplement our school library and class library corners. The total sales was € 2,754.19 and the total commission amount is a fantastic €1,652!



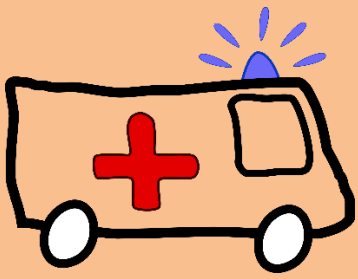
Gymnastics
This term each Thursday, all pupils are taken for Gymnastics classes with Olympian Gymnastics coaches. Each class is learning lots of different stretches, rolls, jumps and tumbles and are gaining flexibility and fitness while having fun! The coaches are fantastic and are providing an excellent level of expertise to our pupils. The cost of this

activity is funded through the pupil financial contributions from parents.



Pupil Personal 24/7 Accident Policy

The Board of Management have arranged to purchase a Personal Accident Policy whereby all pupils on the current school register have 24-hour cover from 1st September this school year until the end of August. This covers medical or dental expenses resulting from accidents which are not recoverable from any other source. An example might be where a child falls accidentally, breaking a tooth and needs on-going dental treatment for a number of years. All costs relating to the original injury are covered under this policy. If you require any further details about this policy or a claims form, please contact the school office. The cost of this additional pupil personal accident insurance is paid for using your voluntary contributions. Some other schools charge a separate amount for this or do not offer this at all. This insurance is in addition to the school's own insurance, and covers your children 24 hours a day including school holidays. Over the last number of years, many families have benefitted from this extra insurance where their children have had accidents outside of term time.



Dress warmly in cold weather!

We would ask that all parents send pupils into school in warm clothing. Shorts are fine if a child is running around all day playing sports but if sitting in a classroom doing work, they may be a bit colder. Some pupils who only like to wear shorts find that sports leggings work well under their shorts.

Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes

We will be collecting shoeboxes filled with presents to be sent to children in developing countries once again this year. Please remember to keep shoeboxes to fill. You could also start collecting bits to put in the boxes eg. small toys, personal care items (toothbrushes, hairbrushes etc.). Leaflets have been given out in the last week. Please bring in your Christmas Shoeboxes by Thursday 5th November. Thank you!

Charity Dress Up Day

We will once again hold a dress up day for charity on the last day of school before Half Term Friday 23rd October. All pupils in the school will be allowed to dress up in costumes for the day. We are asking that any pupils who participate, bring in a suggested donation of €2 to school that day. Families can give one donation to one of the class teachers if that is easier. We would ask that all pupils dress up in costumes appropriate for a school with younger children ie. no weapons, blood/ gore or frightening costumes! While we don't want parents under pressure making costumes, we do encourage recycled/ upcycled materials for costumes made by pupils instead of bought costumes although bought costumes are allowed. Please no inflatables as the fans and bulky size can be an issue in class! We will be donating all money raised to Purple House Cancer Support Centre.

*****PTA UPDATES*****

PTA AGM

We look forward to our AGM on 20th October!

A huge thank you to our current committee who will be finishing their tenure at the upcoming AGM:

Stefania Lauciello-Chairperson
Zoë Phelan (Deputy Chairperson & Extra-Curricular Activities)
Etain Magennis (Treasurer)
Shauna Gowan (Secretary)
Jenny Donnelly (Purchasing)
Elaine Murphy (Teachers' Representative)
David O'Donoghue (Board Representative)
Sinéad Mc Goran (Board Representative)

Niamh Cacciato (National Parents' Council Representative & Communications)
Sarah Richards/ Judy Brown (Principal/ DP)
Emma Neill (Hockey Representative)
Catherine Bell (PTA Class Rep Liaison)
Jenny Sherwin (Spring Fete representative)
Shona Browne (Parent Representative)

Thank you to the stepping-down members: Etain Magennis (Treasurer), Zoë Phelan (Deputy Chairperson & Extra-Curricular Activities), Jenny Donnelly (Purchasing). Your dedication has made a huge difference to our school and community.
We would like to get more parents involved in the PTA, and we'd love you to be part of it. Our aim is to have, where possible, 1–2 parents from every class helping out. With more of us working together, we can achieve even more for our children and school. There are roles for everyone to suit and some can be done remotely. Meetings are a mix of online and in person and happen 3-4 times per year but most of our work can take place on our Chat group in between meetings. Please get in touch via the school office, if you think you could help!

Why It Matters and what we do

The PTA has already made a big difference:
• Provided fruit, wellbeing treats, and gifts for pupils
• Funded new interactive touch screen boards, an outdoor classroom, the astro surface in the yard, iPads, and even a defibrillator
• Supported brilliant extracurricular activities
• Input into school policy and procedures
By joining, you'll also get a chance to see what's happening in school and be part of the decisions that shape your child's experience.

PTA Pupil Christmas Cards

The PTA are once again organising for Christmas cards designed by the pupils. Thank you to the teachers for helping with this over the coming weeks. We will send out more details on ordering soon.

PTA Clothing Collection

Thank you to those of you who donated clothes for the clothing collection las month. We raised €55- every little bit helps!!

PTA Extra-Curricular Activities

A huge thank you to the PTA for all their work in organising a full roster of ECAs for our pupils! It is no small feat for a small school to have different activities each day for all ages. All of this takes a lot of work and organisation and the work and time put in by parents to do this is much appreciated by the whole school community, not least the pupils who benefit so much from the range of activities! Do pitch in and help where you can as it lessens the load if more parents help. Please let the PTA or Hockey Committee know if you can help with ECAs and hockey. You don't necessarily need to be available during the day- it could be with admin work/ rotas/ lists. They would be glad of the help!
Parental Supervision- some ECAs have a rota of parent supervision in place to reduce the cost of the activity (if an additional coach was employed then the activity would cost more). Remember that all parent supervisors should be Garda Vetted in advance by the school as a parent volunteer. Currently this vetting lasts for the time your child is at the school so only needs to be done once. Parent supervisors are there to help comply with insurance adult: child ratios and for situations where extra help is needed such as toilet visits, sick pupil, injuries, helping to send home the pupils at the end etc. Parents can of course ask another parent or family member/ family minder to do their duty instead of them as long as that person is Garda Vetted with the school in advance. We have attached the ECA calendar for the year including school closures to the end of the newsletter.

PTA Facebook Page

If you are not already a member of the members only group on Facebook for WNS parents, please request to join it. Search for Whitechurch National School PTA. Liking it will not send a request to join; you must click on request to join. One of the page's admins will then check you are a parent at the school and add you to the group.

Industrial Action

As you know, the two unions that represent teachers and SNAs are joining with a number of other public sector workers with industrial action. We will keep you apprised of developments and hope for a speedy resolution to the current issues.

Class sizes campaign

Thank you to those parents who supported the campaign for smaller class sizes- unfortunately, the recent budget did not allow for any reduction in class sizes. This current government had committed to lowering the pupil teacher ratio to 1:19 on average across each school however they have so far not made a start on this. Pupil numbers at primary school level are dropping and so it would be an idea time to improve class sizes for our pupils as we are much higher than the EU average. Please do raise this issue with any politicians who are canvassing in your locality.

Dates for your Diary:

- **1st October** – The school commences accepting applications for admission.
- **6th & 7th October** – Annual Book Fair
- **Friday 9th October** – 6th Class trip to Zipit
- **12th-16th October**- Maths Week
- **Thursday 15th October**- Diocesan Service for Primary Schools- 10 6th Class pupils attending.
- **Friday 23rd October**- Charity Dress up Day for pupils.
- **Friday 23rd October:** School closes for mid-term break
- **Monday 2nd November:** School re-opens
- **Monday 2nd November** – Closing date for receiving enrolment applications
- **Thursday 5th November** – Last day to bring in Christmas Shoeboxes
- **9th- 13th November**- Science Week
- **Tuesday 6th October**-BoM Meeting 7 p.m.
- **24th – 25th November**: Parent Teacher Consultation Meetings, pupils finish school early both days at 1.45pm (2-4pm)
- **Friday 18th December:** Carol Services Junior Infants to 2nd Class at 9 a.m. in the school hall. 3rd to 6th Class at 11 a.m. in the Church.
- **Tuesday 22nd December**: School closes at 11.30 a.m. for Christmas holidays
- **Monday 6th January**: School re-opens at 8.20 a.m.
- **Standardised Testing** -Tuesday 18th – Thursday 20th May
- **Sports Day** – Friday 11th June
- **Back up sports day** – Thursday 17th June
- **6th Graduation** – Wednesday 23rd June

PTA ECA Calendar 2026-2027

