



September 2026 Newsletter

Congratulations

We extend our Congratulations & best wishes to Mrs. Jordan and her husband Gary on the birth of their baby boy, Oscar.

Charity Fundraisers

Jack & Jill Fundraiser - We had great fun on Friday last when the whole school took part in the 'Power Hour' to raise money for the Jack & Jill Foundation. Children enjoyed a disco, fun in the garden, rounders, playground games and a penalty shoot out. A total of €208 was raised by our school and every €20 funds one hour of in-home nursing care to support a family. We were delighted to be part of the TodayFM nationwide fundraiser which so far has raised a total of €415,000. Thank you to everyone for your generous contribution to this worthy cause.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal - We will send home leaflets with the children about the Christmas Shoebox Appeal before the Halloween Break. Most parents are now familiar with the appeal which sends a shoebox of little gifts and treats to children in other parts of the world who might not get anything for Christmas otherwise. We ask children to fill a Shoebox over the Halloween Break and return to school afterwards. This allows time for the Shoeboxes to be collected, sorted and distributed to their destination in time for Christmas. Please check the leaflet to find out what is suitable for inclusion in the shoebox. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sports Update

Cross Country Running- Pupils from Aghamore N.S. recently took part in the East Mayo Cross Country Running in Swinford. Well done to all the pupils who participated. Iarla Kelly, 3rd Class, came 4th on the day and went on to compete in the Mayo Cross Country Competition in Ballina. Iarla had a great run and was placed in the top 20. Congratulations and well done Iarla.

Mini 7's - Girls & boys from 4th, 5th & 6th Class took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7's Football competition at the Centre of Excellence in Began on Tuesday last. While we didn't progress to the next stage of the competition, we played some great football and really enjoyed the day. Thank you to Ms Kearns and Ms Flannery for training us for the event.

Football Children from 1st-6th Class are enjoying football training with Martin Carr, the East Mayo Football Games Promotion Officer, every Tuesday.

Photographer

Memory Lane Photography will visit our school on **Monday next, 5th October**. All children will be photographed and a whole school photograph will also be taken. Please ensure your child/children come to school in their full uniform. There is no obligation to buy the photographs.

Water Safety

Rosie O' Regan from Water Safety Ireland will visit our school on Tuesday next, 6th October. She will visit each classroom and give a talk to all children on Water Safety.

Vaccinations

MMR The HSE nurse will administer the MMR vaccine to **Junior Infant pupils** on Tuesday, 3rd November. Consent forms will be sent home with children when we receive them from HSE.

Flu vaccine will be offered to all children in the school who wish to avail of it. It will be administered by a pharmacist from Mark Curley's Pharmacy, Ballyhaunis. Date to be confirmed.

Please register on the link below if you wish your child to avail of the vaccine. The information you provide goes directly to the pharmacist. It is not collated by the school.

[Flu Vaccine Booking Link](#)

SNA Appreciation Day

Last Thursday, 24th September, was SNA Appreciation Day. We celebrated by meeting in the GP Room where we presented our three wonderful SNAs Madeleine, Cathy and Jodie with flowers and a card. We also presented Caroline, our secretary, with flowers and a card. We are very lucky to have such dedicated staff in our school and we want to let them know we appreciate their work very much.

Parking and Drop Off

In the interest of Health and Safety we ask that you use the turning circle before you drop off your children at the school and drop them off on the school side of the road. Please pass on this information to anyone who drops off your children.

Garden News

We sowed potatoes, carrots and onions back in the Spring and this week children from 1st -4th Class dug and picked the potatoes. On Friday, Madeleine and some of the children made delicious potato salad using our potatoes and onions from the garden. We all enjoyed the potato salad!

Junior Infant children picked apples from our apple tree this morning and in the afternoon children in Senior Infants helped Madeleine bake apple cookies. They were delicious!

Thank you to Madeleine for all her work in the garden and for all her delicious cooking.

Active Schools

This year we are aiming to achieve an Active Schools Flag. This flag is awarded to schools who promote physical activity in various ways through initiatives. We will be setting up an Active Schools Committee with children from classes throughout the school. During the year we will undertake various initiatives and activities, log our progress and apply for the flag in May.

Our first initiative is 'Running around the E.U.' Children run laps of the track in the morning, these are counted and recorded on our charts in the classrooms. Each class has selected an E.U. city to run to.

Part of the Active Schools process is linking in with the local community. If there is anyone with skills or expertise in a particular area, e.g. dance, yoga, sports, zumba etc. we would be delighted if you would come on board as part of the Active School Programme. Thanks to Ms Gallagher for leading this in our school.

Parent Workshop

Cúram Family Centre is hosting an informative evening for parents and carers of primary school aged children, with Child & Adolescent Creative Psychotherapist Lyndsey Gill, who specialises in Play Therapy.

Look Beyond the Behaviour will explore children's big feelings, challenging behaviours, emotional reactions and the importance of connection, helping parents to better understand what may be behind their child's behaviour and how they can respond.

Please see the poster at the link below for more information.

[Parent Workshop Poster](#)

Sacraments

Confirmation will take place on Thursday, 4th March at 11am in Aghamore Church.

First Holy Communion will take place on Saturday, 22nd May at 12pm in Aghamore Church.