



EDITION 1

MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER '25



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to our first school newsletter of the year! We had a busy but very enjoyable start to the new school year and it has been lovely to see our pupils settle so well back into their daily routines.

Tuesday 2nd September marked a truly historic day as we moved into our long awaited new school campus. This special milestone would not have been possible without the incredible support of our staff, families, Parents' Association, both our current and past Boards of Management and the wider community. We are deeply grateful to everyone, both named and unnamed, who contributed to making this possible.

We were also delighted to open our second AS class and to welcome four classes of junior infant pupils. The school is alive with energy and excitement and we are thrilled to finally have the wonderful facilities that will serve and inspire our pupils, staff and school community for many years to come.

We look forward to sharing more updates with you throughout the year and thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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WELCOME TO OUR TEAM

Our warmest welcome to Ms. Louise Gorman, Ms. Sophie Mullins, Ms. Sarah Kavanagh, Ms. Róisín McNamee, Ms. Éadaoin Murphy, Mr. Tom Moran and Ms. Alice Feighery who have all joined our teaching staff. Ms. Sinéad Maguire and Ms. Trish Judge are our new Special Needs Assistants.

We look forward to a great year ahead!

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Junior Infant 2026 Admissions:
6th October – 24th October 2025
- Autism Class Admissions:
6th October – 24th October 2025
- School Book Fair: 10th – 15th October
- Junior Infant 2026 Parent Information Evening: 7th October @7:30pm
- Hallowe'en Dress Up (Optional):
October 23rd
- Presidential Election (School Closed):
October 24th
- Mid-term break: 27th – 31st October

IN-SCHOOL MANAGEMENT (ISM) TEAM

We are delighted to share that Mr. Corkery took up his role as permanent Deputy Principal on 1st September, with Ms. Woulfe appointed as a permanent API. Ms. Clancy, Ms. Kelly, and Ms. Madigan as permanent APII and Ms. Treacy is Acting APII. We wish them all the very best in their continued leadership roles.



OUR NEW SCHOOL CAMPUS



SCHOOL SPORTS

Our sports teams have been out in force recently, proudly representing the school in soccer, camogie and Gaelic football.



IN-PERSON ASSEMBLY

We were delighted to hold our very first in-person assembly in our new school hall. We will have both a Junior and Senior Assembly every second week, giving us the chance to come together as a school community. Each assembly will include news of the week, celebrations of our Superstar Achievers, birthday shout-outs, a class performance and important school updates. We look forward to making our in-person assemblies a highlight of our school fortnight!



We are delighted to announce our second school musical! Our Fifth and Sixth Classes will be taking to the stage in January 2026 with a special production of The Wizard of Oz in the Moat Theatre. There is huge excitement already building, and we are thrilled that all pupils in the school will have the opportunity to attend the performance and cheer on their classmates.

On 30th September we celebrated Mercy Day. This special day is a day when we remember our Mercy Founder Catherine McAuley and her devotion to education. This year was made more special with the attendance of some of our past teaching staff. It was great to be able to show them around our new building.





We were delighted to welcome 92 junior infants to our school this year. They have settled in wonderfully. A huge thank you to Ms. Clancy, Ms. Fitzgerald, Ms. Mullins, Ms. Kavanagh, and Ms. Gorman for their hard work and dedication in supporting our newest members of the school community.



Our Book Fair will run from Friday 10th to Wednesday 15th October. Children may visit and purchase books if they wish. Many thanks to Hilary for coordinating.



GO PHONE FREE WEEK
13 – 17 OCTOBER 2025

Following on from our successful launch of this initiative last year, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting a Go Phone Free Week from 13 – 17 October 2025.

More information will follow shortly, so be sure to look out for the exciting programme of events including Shows, Dress-Up Day, and Art Competition!

Gentle Reminders

- Kindly update Aladdin should your child be absent.
- If absent please cancel Bradbury's hot lunch via the app.
- We have a healthy eating policy and encourage healthy eating. Please click [here](#) for details.
- Punctuality is important and greatly assists with a smooth day.
- Please wear school tracksuit on PE days only. Formal uniform every other day.

PRIMARY CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

The new primary curriculum, along with its five curricular areas was fully launched by the Minister for Education and Youth, Helen McEntee, on Monday 22nd September. This updated curriculum replaces the current primary curriculum which is 26 years old. The new curriculum has been fully designed to meet the needs of children today and into the future. We look forward to seeing how it shapes teaching and learning in the years ahead.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access a leaflet on the new curriculum.

Mercy Convent Primary School, Naas

JUNIOR INFANT SEPTEMBER 2026 ADMISSIONS

6th – 24th October 2025

School admissions open on Monday, 6th October! At Mercy Convent Primary School, we are proud to offer state-of-the-art facilities, a warm and inclusive community and dedicated staff who help every child reach their greatest potential.

The application form will be available on our website from 6th October 2025. Parents also have the option to apply online via our school website.

Boys enrolled in Junior Infants 2026 will remain in our school until 6th class as we transition to a co-educational school.

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