

Newsletter 25th September 2026

Admissions

Reminder: our admissions window for incoming Junior Infants runs from 1st October-22nd October.

School Survey

The results are available on our website;www.enniskerryins.ie.

We welcome your feedback on the results of this survey. Please have your say and include members of the community who may also have an interest in our school-past-parents/grandparents/ community organisations. Please send your responses to principal@enniskerryins.ie

Bí Cinealta/ Anti-Bullying

Our Anti-Bullying/Kindness Policy is called "Bí Cinealta" We address bullying as "unwanted behaviour." We focus on kindness for our Junior Infants to Second Class. We introduce bullying as a term and more explicitly in 3rd Class. The Anti-Bullying policy generally applies more so in 3rd-6th. We conduct surveys each half term to check that pupils are feeling safe and to ensure that any issues can be picked up early. We follow up concerns with a pupil by an interview and a follow-on promise (if necessary). Parents of both pupils are made aware that this is ongoing. Generally, the unwanted behaviour will stop within a set time frame and pupils can move on with the support of their teacher, parents and friends, in a Restorative manner.

If you have any concerns, please let us know. We can look into this and support all pupils involved.

Teachers also teach anti-bullying lessons in middle and senior classes. We hold whole school assemblies also. All of our pupils should be aware of what bullying is, what to do if you see it/experience it and how to tell. We also have notices to support the Bí Cinealta policy around the school.

Our policy is available on the website.

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Class Meetings

These meetings are a good opportunity to support your child's learning and to find out more about the year ahead. Please come along. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday evening.

Tuesday 29th September

6.30 pm: Junior Infants

7.10 pm: Senior Infants

7.50 pm: 1st Class

Assembly

This week's assembly was led by Ms Healy's 3rd Class. Our theme was "Resilience". We learned about how setbacks can be stepping stones . We heard about how we have to keep trying even when things are hard. The class had lots of examples of resilience; Moana, Paddington Bear , humpback whales and even the Mayo football team! We enjoyed their lovely song at the end which we all look forward to learning.

You can reinforce this message of resilience at home when things don't go as expected for your child. "It is better to give your child a good pair of slippers than to carpet the world for them!"

Communications

We value good communication in our school. There is no such thing as a silly question or concern when we are all dealing with children' s issues. We welcome these issues being brought to our attention at the earliest opportunity. I am at the gate every day ,so please come to me if you have any queries. I will arrange a meeting if we cannot address your query on the spot.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher; the teachers bring the class out at the end of each day. You can talk to the teacher at that point and the query can be resolved if possible. Alternatively, you can email the class teacher . We will always get back to you as soon as possible.

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Please get in touch with us directly if you have questions/ queries regarding your child's work, homework, classwork, school-life ; we are happy to help. If you have a question, I am here to answer it. Annette is more than happy to answer any office-related queries also. Your child's class teacher can clarify any queries regarding homework , classwork etc.

Good home-school communication helps build better relationships , which benefit our pupils.

Attendance

Our attendance rate this month was 97%. Let's all work together to keep at this rate- September is usually the best month..

You can help us to keep our rate high by ensuring that your child comes to school each day.

Your child's attendance rate will be shared with you at the Parent Teacher meeting this term. You can also view this on Aladdin.

Absences of 20+ days are recorded on our system. We are obliged to share data with Tusla regarding our school attendance figures and individual absences over 20 days.

If your child is unwell, please use your judgement as a parent , the H.S. E. also has useful advice for parents. See link ;

<https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/lifestages/childcare/whenshouldmychildreturntoschoolchildcare/>

If your child has a temperature, or tummy bug; they should stay home.

We do not send work home for children who are unwell as they need to rest and recover. If parents take a child out of school for a holiday or trip during term time, we cannot undertake to set work or activities to make up for the loss of learning

Walk on Wednesday

Our rate this week was 58%. This could be better given that the weather has been so pleasant. We would like to see more Junior Infants walking to school where possible. Please continue to support us by having your child walk/ walk and stride to school.

*Please remember that all pupils should be accompanied in the car park.

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Uniform

Junior & Senior Infants wear their school tracksuit as their school uniform.

We will return to regular school uniform next Thursday, 1st October. This means that pupils wear their regular uniform (trousers/skirt , jumper, shirt) each day unless it is a P.E. day. The shorts (summer uniform) can no longer be worn.

On P.E. days, pupils wear their school tracksuit.

We wear black/dark navy runners as our school uniform footwear.

Please remember to bring coats/rain jackets as we do go out to play in rain showers.

Avondale

Thank you to Ms Healy for organising this and to Ms Carruth for accompanying the teams.

We wish all our athletes the best of luck as they compete in Avondale this Tuesday.

Dates for diary

P.A. A.G.M: Monday 5th October @ 8 pm

Halloween Spooky Walk : 17th October

Maths Week: 10th-18th October

Mid Term: Closing at 2.30 on 23rd October .Re-opening Monday 2nd November

School Closure for staff training: 9th November 2026

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