



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note #2

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful start to the new school year, and we are delighted to see all our students settling in so well. It's hard to believe how quickly the weeks are passing!

Parking and Road Safety

Drop-off and collection times are particularly busy at our school. We kindly ask that you park safely and respectfully, keeping our neighbours and local residents in mind.

Please continue to drive carefully in the area and remind your children not to leave the school grounds until they see you.

Your continued patience and cooperation during these times are greatly appreciated.

Teaching Practice Student Placements

We are delighted to welcome past pupil Caelyn O'Grady, who is completing her final-year placement in Mrs. O'Meara's class, and will continue in Ms. O'Reilly's class after the Mid-Term break.

We also welcome Breda Moran (formerly of Bluebells), who is completing her teaching practice in 6th Class.

We wish both students every success during their time here at Loreto National School.

First Holy Communion 2026

We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion on:
Saturday, 23rd May 2026 at 10:30a.m in Muckcross Church

Confirmation 2026

We also look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on:
Friday, 6th March 2026 at 2:30p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral

Enrolment 2026

Applications for our Junior Infant Class 2026 are now open.
Application forms are available from the school office or may be downloaded from our website.

Closing date: *Friday, 30th January 2026.*

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We are delighted to take part once again in this wonderful initiative. Shoeboxes will be collected from the school on Friday, 7th November.

Leaflets will be distributed to all children shortly.

More information can be found at www.teamhope.ie.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will take place from 26th November - 2nd December.

Further details will be shared via Aladdin closer to the date.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher meetings will take place on the evenings of:

Wednesday, 12th November and Wednesday, 19th November.

Bookings will open on Aladdin after the Halloween break, and parents will be notified once the system is live.

All class and support teachers will be available on these evenings.

If the scheduled dates do not suit, please contact your class teacher to arrange an alternative time.

Swimming Lessons

We are pleased that swimming lessons are already underway this term. The following classes will participate:

Mr. Looney's 6th Class - *Tuesdays, 16th & 30th September; 7th, 14th, 21st November; 4th December (9:10-10:10 a.m.)*

Mrs. O'Brien's 4th & 5th Class - *9:10-10:10 a.m. (dates to follow)*

Mr. O'Sullivan's 3rd Class - *Thursdays, 18th & 25th September; 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd October (9:10-10:10 a.m.)*

School Closures

Please note that Loreto National School is not a polling station and will therefore remain open on Friday, 24th October 2025.

School will close on the following dates to facilitate staff training on the New Primary Curriculum:

- Monday, 26th January 2026
- Monday, 27th April 2026

School Fees and Insurance

A gentle reminder that school fees are now due.

Thank you to those who have already made payment.

This includes 24-hour pupil insurance, which provides valuable cover to your child outside of school hours.

Further information is available at www.allianz.ie.

School Lotto

A huge thank you to everyone who supports our School Lotto.

This is an important fundraiser that allows us to enhance our resources and facilities. The Jackpot is now approaching €1000 with a special national Halloween raffle for all those entered.

We have been asked to advise supporters to please check your payment methods, as some transactions have been inadvertently rejected.

You can sign up at:

www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/loretonskillarney

or by scanning the QR code below.



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Halloween Dress-Up Day

Pupils are invited to dress up on Friday, 24th October.
All donations are welcome in aid of Brú Columbanus, Cork.

Type Onesie Day

Children are invited to wear their favourite onesie or pyjamas on Friday, 14th November.
All donations will go towards the CUH Paediatric Diabetes Team.

Halloween Break

Finally, on behalf of everyone at Loreto National School, I wish you and your families a safe and enjoyable lead-up to the Halloween break, which runs from 27th-31st October.

Regards,

Brian O'Sullivan

Principal