



Welcome back to a new school year at St. Mary's B.N.S.! Hopefully, everyone – pupils, parents and staff – have enjoyed the summer holidays. A very special welcome is extended to our new Junior Infants, hopefully they enjoyed their first full week in 'big school'! New pupils to other classes are also very welcome and hopefully they are settling into school life.

Generally, newsletters will issue once a month and will contain important information such as dates for events and activities in the school, as well as details of what has been happening. Additionally, next week we will email general school information and reminders to parents, so keep an eye out for this in your inbox.

Staff

A very warm welcome to the new teachers who have joined us over the summer; Ms. Lillis (5th), Mr. Stafford (4th), Ms. Cowley (1st), Ms. Nolan (Senior Infants), Ms. O'Connor (Senior Infants), Ms. McGroddy (3rd), Ms. Mullally (Learning Support)

Congratulations to Ms. Reilly on the birth of her daughter over the summer months.
Best wishes to Mr. Fenton and Ms. Tierney who have left the staff of St. Mary's to take up new roles.

Wellness Week: Next Week, we are running Wellness Week. The theme will be 'Taking care of yourself and others'. Children will be discussing healthy eating, exercise and including others in play.



As part of our **Healthy Eating Policy**, we encourage children to eat a nutritious lunch. Crisps, chewing gum and glass bottles are not permitted. "Junk Food" is discouraged. A treat may be included with Friday lunch. Please note that the treat on a Friday should be **ONE SMALL ITEM ONLY**.

Our school milk scheme will begin in October, details to follow...

Our School Day

Please remember that the school day *commences at 9.20 a.m.* Supervision begins at 9.10 a.m., no responsibility can be accepted for pupils arriving before that time.

N.B. The Junior Yard is designated as a pupil only area in the morning before school.

This is to ensure pupil safety and to allow for staff to supervise the children as they line up.

Parents are asked to remain behind the white line (in the senior yard area) when dropping children to school in the morning.



Start and Finishing times:

Junior Infants will be in school all of next week (10th to 14th September) from 9.20a.m. – 12.15p.m.
Thereafter, they will be in school every day from 9.20a.m. – 2.00p.m.

Junior Day (Junior and Senior Infants) –	9.20a.m. – 2.00p.m.
Senior Day (1 st Class – 6 th Class)	- 9.20a.m. - 3.00p.m.
Morning break for all classes	- 11.00a.m. – 11.10a.m.
Lunch Break for all classes	-12.30p.m. – 1.00p.m.



Bus Safety

If your son travels to/from school by bus, please talk to him about the need for top class behaviour on the bus.

Online School Calendar

Be sure to check our online calendar frequently, as it will be updated regularly with planned events and activities. Details will start to appear over the next few weeks, as items are organised for the coming year. So, if you want to keep yourself well-informed, see:

http://www.maynoothbns.ie/blogs/?page_id=1449 regularly.



Parent Teacher Association

The PTA AGM takes place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday October 3rd. The meeting will be followed by a social reception. The PTA do fantastic work in supporting the school and its pupils. This is a very important annual event so please mark the date in your diary and try to come along on the night.

Thanks to those parents who helped with organising book rental scheme. A particular word of thanks goes to Karin Gray for her work on the scheme in June.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

Morning Club

Morning club is a supervised facility for children prior to the official opening hours of the school. The facility runs from 8.00am each morning until 9.10am. The children are welcome to come any time from 8.00 am onwards. The facility is available to children on a daily basis, selected days or on a once off occasion. The children participate in various activities such as free-play, reading, drawing, computer activities or boarding games.

Morning Club has resumed for this school year. It will take place in Ms. S. Murphy's room and Ms U. McMahon's room on alternating weeks as before. We looking forward to seeing you all again. Any new pupils are very welcome. Any one interesting in joining can contact Ms. U. McMahon or Ms. S. Murphy.

After School Club 2-3 p.m.



The facility for pupils from Junior and Senior Infants to remain at the school from 2-3 p.m. continues this year. Children can be booked in to Jen's Den by term, by week or on a casual day-to-day basis. Costs are: daily rate €5.00. If you would like more information or would like to book a place please contact Jennifer Kelly on (086) 3854958. *Fully insured, Garda clearance and member of the I.P.P.A.*

[Note: While Junior Infants are on the 'short' day, until Friday 14th September, this service will be available from 12.15pm]

After School Club 3-6 p.m.

This facility is available for primary school children of all ages – Junior Infants to 6th class. "The After School" is open from Monday to Friday and children can be booked in daily, per week or by term. Rates or further information available from Lisa Coonan on (087) 8557478. *Fully insured, Garda clearance and member of the I.P.P.A.*

Homework Club

Homework Club is starting again on Monday 10th September, 2018. It will be running on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays for the school term ahead. Ms. Meehan and Ms. Kelly will distribute booking forms this week to the pupils in 1st to 6th classes.



2nd Class After School Sports

The After School Sports Club for 2nd class will begin on Friday 14th September. It will run for 6 consecutive Fridays, ending on October 19th. Sessions will take place on the all-weather pitch from 3pm-4pm. Application forms will be distributed to the classes this week. Places are limited. If interested, please return these forms along with the fee to Mr. Creevey – Resource or Mr. McGeady – 6th Class

3rd and 4th Class After School Sports

The above sessions will be held on either Mondays or Tuesdays of this year. The day will be finalised next week and forms will be sent home to the relevant classes.

Thank you,

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5th Class After School Sports

The After School Sports Club for 5th/6th class will begin on Thursday 13th September. It will run for 6 consecutive Thursdays, ending on October 18th. Sessions will take place on the all-weather pitch from 3pm-4pm. Application forms will be distributed to the classes this week. Places are limited. If interested, please return these forms along with the fee to Mr. Creevey – Resource or Mr. McGeady 6th Class.

School hurling team



Hurling training will commence from next week onwards and we hope to follow on from the wonderful success of previous school years. Hurling training will take place Thursday after school at 3 o'clock on the school Astroturf. Please bring your hurl and helmet and wear your PE tracksuit.

Hurling training will also take place at lunch time on Wednesdays.

Looking forward to the year ahead! - Mr Stafford.

We will keep you informed of further after school activities as they begin throughout the year.

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School Calendar 2018 - 2019

Month	Date	Day	Note
August	30 th	Thursday	School Re-opens 9.20am (Senior Infants – 6 th Class)
August	31 st	Friday	Junior Infants Start School 10.00 a.m.
October	29 th – Nov 2 nd	Mon – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
November	5 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.
December	21 st	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon Christmas Holidays
December	24 th – Jan 4 th		School Closed Christmas Holidays
January	7 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.
February	21 st -22 nd	Thu – Fri	School Closed Mid-Term Break
February	25 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20 a.m.
March	18 th	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
March	19 th -20 th	Tues-Wed	School Closed School Holiday
April	12 th	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon Easter Holidays
April	15 th – 26 th	Mon-Fri	School Closed Easter Holidays
April	29 th	Monday	School Re-opens 9.20a.m.
May	6 th	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
June	3 rd	Monday	School Closed Public Holiday
June	4 th – 5 th	Tues-Wed	School Closed School Holiday
June	28 th	Friday	Close at 12.00 Noon Summer Holidays

**In the event of the school having to make Exceptional Closings (due to snow, power loss, etc.) these holidays may be cancelled to make up the lost days. (This is a Department of Education & Skills requirement Circular 09/2017.) This should be taken into consideration when making plans for the holidays, trips, etc.*