

DATES FOR THE DIARY

6TH JUNE

SPONSORED WALK

10TH JUNE

SCHOOL TRIP TO EMERALD  
PARK FOR P4-7

12TH JUNE

SCHOOL TRIP TO  
MOUNTPANTHER FOR  
RECEPTION - P3

17TH JUNE

DRESS UP DAY FOR THE  
SCHOOL'S ANNIVERSARY

24TH JUNE

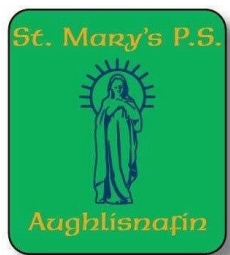
PRIMARY 7 LEAVERS  
MASS AT 11.00AM

27TH JUNE

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR  
THE SUMMER 12.00  
NOON

29TH AUGUST

ALL PUPILS RETURN FOR  
INDUCTION MORNING



## News At Saint Mary's Primary School

### Principal's Message

Hello everyone, as we prepare for the final days of another school year I want to announce the creation of Specialist Provision Early Years and Foundation provision for St. Mary's Aughlinafin. There will be a major development project taking place at St. Mary's, totalling over £1.5 million in works for the school building. The initial phase of work will see the conversion of the front school building and mobile, with a permanent replacement for the mobile scheduled for the following year.

Our SPEYF provision will provide much needed support for the area's SEN children and will allow St Mary's to continue to develop and prosper for many years to come. We look forward to welcoming all of our mainstream pupils back to school on the 29th August, until then we wish you all a very happy and healthy Summer.



### **First Communion Class**

Congratulations to all the boys and girls who celebrated their first holy communion. Father McKinley gave a lovely service and thank you to Mr Higgins and Mrs Ward as the boys and girls were well prepared and did our school proud. Also, special thanks to our choir for the lovely musical support and to our PTA for arranging tea, coffee and treats back at the dinner hall.





## Sports Day 2024/25



## Caterpillars to Butterflies

As part of their In the Garden topic, P2/3 have been observing the magical life cycle of a butterfly in their classroom over the past few weeks. They were so excited to see each stage of the life cycle from tiny caterpillars to chrysalises and finally into beautiful butterflies! The pupils celebrated the big moment - releasing our beautiful butterflies out into the world! The children were so excited to gently let them go and say goodbye! We hope to see them around the playground in the coming weeks!



## Outdoor Play Area

Thanks to a generous donation the school has secured funds for the Perspex windows that will complete our new outdoor play station located at the back of the school (which was funded through last year's PTA fundraising). This will allow the station to be usable throughout the entire year and will provide a fantastic resource for our pupils. Alongside the additional outdoor equipment purchased, nearly £15,000 of investment in outdoor play has taken place this year at the Fin.

Your efforts and enthusiasm in the past few years have already resulted in new whiteboards, iPads, sporting equipment, books, play equipment and many other resources and experiences for our children. Once again we thank our PTA, families and the local community for their ongoing generosity and support. Well done to everyone involved!





### Gaelic tournament

Congratulations to our P6/7 footballers who played in the Cumann na mBunscol tournament in Liatroim. The girls qualified for the next stage in the tournament by beating Magheramayo with a goal in the last minute of a pulsating match! Many thanks to our supportive parents for providing lifts and refreshments!



### Michael Scally at Down match

Congratulations to Michael Scally from P7 who played in the half time match at the Down v Louth game on Saturday 31st May in Pairc an Esler!



### What's Inside

Our Primary 7 pupils attended the annual own and Connor diocese "What's Inside?" workshop in the Kilmegan Centre on the 20th May. It is arranged by the CCMS and proved to be a very informative session for all of our pupils.





## Dress Up Day For The School's Anniversary

The 2024/25 Term marks 190 of education in Aughlisnafin and 60 years of St. Mary's on its current site! To celebrate this anniversary we will have a dress up day on Tuesday 17th June to celebrate our school. Pupils can come to school dressed like it is 1835 (A Victorian costume for 190 years ago) or 1965 (Dress like anyone from the 1960s for 60 years ago). Don't go to too much trouble or expense as we want the day to be a bit of fun for all!



**ACTIVE  
MULTI SPORTS  
CAMP**

**FUN & GAMES**

- VENUE: Dundrum GAC
- Mon 7th to Fri 11th July 2025
- TIME: 9.30am to 2.00pm
- Ages 4 to 12, boys and girls
- £55 per person
- Booking essential. Limited spaces.
- Bring snack and water bottle. Dress appropriately.
- To book a place, contact: Anto on 07432 448481

**BIRTHDAY  
PARTY  
PACKAGES  
AVAILABLE**

## Friends Of The Fin Bucket Collection

Thank you to Fresh Food Centre and Friends of the Fin for organising a bucket collection for funding our outdoor play space. An amazing £670.70 was raised! Once again amazing generosity has been shown! Thank you all!

