



## NEWSLETTER 16/01/2026

This week Stage 2a of our Additional Accommodation was completed with updated costings and a clearer picture of what the finished product will look like. The architects hope to go to planning this March with a view to going to tender by the end of the year. The updated schedule aims for works to commence in summer 2027 with completion in early 2029. Quotes for a new prefab are also currently being sought.

February is Internet Safety month and we are currently planning activities for the classes including Cyber Safety workshops on the 11<sup>th</sup> for the children. Webwise is the Irish Internet Safety Awareness Centre. They provide information, advice and resources for schools, families and young people on online safety and digital citizenship. The Parents Hub can be accessed at <https://www.webwise.ie/parents/>

### What's happening?

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class swimming on Fridays
- Rugby coaching for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays
- Cuman na mBunscoil Quiz 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan
- 6<sup>th</sup> class retreat 27<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Grandparents Day Mass Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am
- St. Brigid's Crosses workshop 29<sup>th</sup> Jan

### X (Twitter)

I have taken the decision to close down our X Social Media account as I feel it does not align with the values that we wish to promote in our school. The recent issues with the Grok AI photo editing are very worrying as is the disregard for the safety and protection of children by Mr. Musk. While we traditionally put up photos of our students and their achievements to this platform I no longer have confidence that it is a safe space to do so and for that reason I will be deleting our account post-haste. The Board of Management will discuss alternative social media platforms that we could use going forward.

### Policies being reviewed

The Staff and Board of Management are currently reviewing the following policies;

- Splitting classes policy
- Acceptable Use Policy (IT usage)
- Music Policy

As with all policy reviews, these are now available on the school website for parental input. This is a proactive opportunity for parents to have their say on school policy as it will be several years before they are reviewed again. The splitting classes policy draft is particularly important as it may affect your child next year.

Bain taitneamh as an deireadh seachtaine