



St. Joseph's Newsletter March 2026



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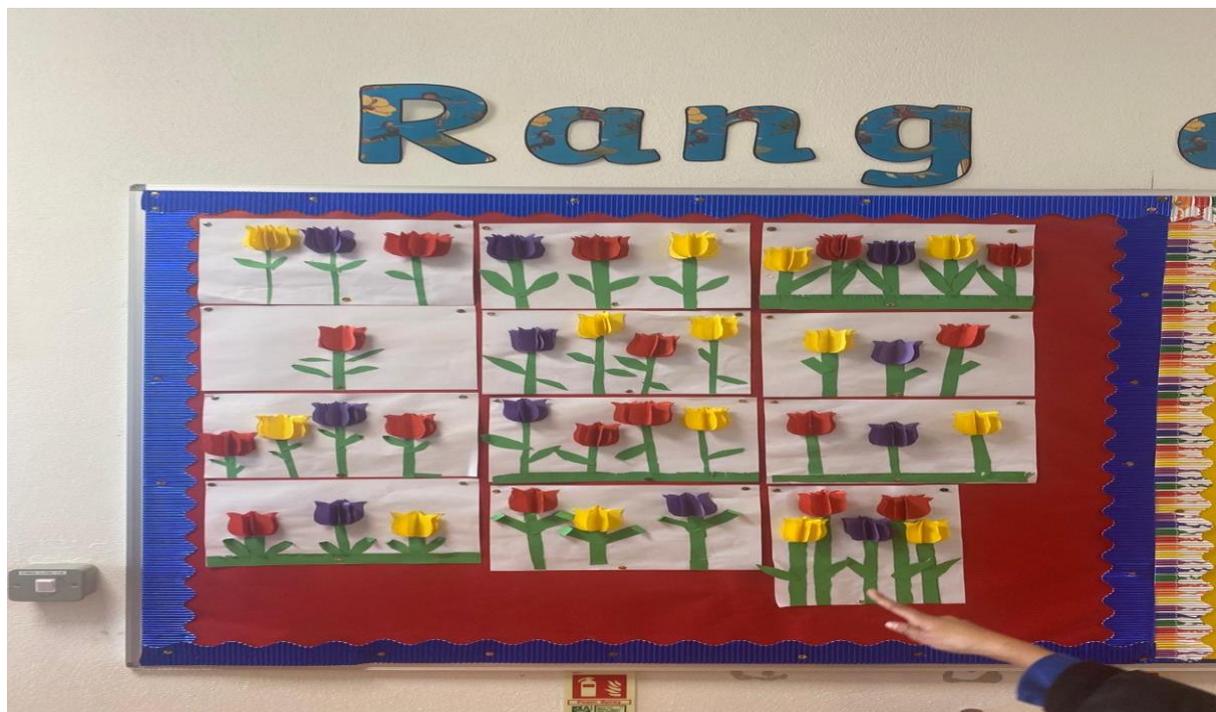
Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. It has been a busy month in St. Joseph's since our last newsletter with lots of enjoyable events and activities. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all your family a very pleasant Easter.

Kind Regards,

Úna O'Kelly

School Principal



Friendship Week 2026





The school celebrated Friendship week from Feb 9th-13th. In St. Joseph's, we always aim to promote positive behaviour and friendships amongst pupils in conjunction with our anti-bullying policy. Thanks to the student council for reading out the lovely friendship reflections on the intercom each day during Friendship week. Well done to our Friendship week art and poetry competition winners. Thank you to our student council who reminded pupils at assembly recently of our child friendly version of the Bi Cineálta policy. The student council have recently discussed ideas with local artist Moira Leonard for a friendship wall mural at the back of the school yard near Cleary's wall. We hope to get this painted in the summer term.

World Book Day







In St. Joseph's we continue to promote a love of reading amongst all our pupils. On world book day all classes dressed up as their favourite book character and teamed up with an older class for buddy reading. Classes designed bookmarks and covers of their favourite books while discussing with their friends all about their chosen book. The whole school also took part in D.E.A.R. (drop everything and read) time. It was great to hear our school inspector commend the school on the great culture of reading on his recent visit. Thank you again to our parent volunteers who help with the library every Thursday and Friday. Keep up the great reading everyone!

Córfhéile na Scoileanna



Our school choir represented the school at the “Córthéile na Scoileanna” choral festival in Dublin on the 6th March. Their performance was highly praised and enjoyed by the audience. We were delighted to have them sing for the school also. Well done to all the choir members, Mr. Hodgkinson and Ms. Shiel Nolan.

Cross Country Athletics





Well done to Ms Doyle, Ms McGrath and all the pupils from senior classes who take part in the weekly morning running sessions on our wonderful new running track. We now look forward to attending the Cumann na mBunscol Cross Country Athletics in Rathcoffey this Thursday the 26th March. Great to see pupils keeping fit and active. Keep up the great work!

FAI Soccer U13s boys and girls teams





Well done to the girls U13s soccer team who put in a stellar performance at the FAI soccer blitz last Thursday. We wish the best of luck to the boys U13s soccer team as they participate in the FAI boy's soccer blitz this Thursday. Thanks to Ms. Conlon, Mr McCormack and Ger for helping with the teams.

Confirmation





The pupils of St. Joseph's celebrated their confirmation on the 7th March in St. Coca's church. They were a credit to their parents and teachers. They represented this year's theme of loved, chosen, necessary. Thank you to Fr. George and Fr. Kolwaini for making the ceremony so special. Thank you also to the teachers for preparing them so well and the SNAs for helping out on the day. A special thank you to the St. Joseph's school choir and their teachers for providing the wonderful singing on the day.

Intel Mini Scientist



Well done to our Intel mini scientist finalists who represented the school with great aplomb at the national final in Dublin in early March. They were a credit to their teachers and parents. RTE news to-day were hugely impressed with their chemical free lip gloss entry and interviewed them for a short segment on their programme. All in St. Joseph's were very proud. Well done to all the pupils who entered the intel mini scientist competition from 5th this year. The standard of the entries was very high.

Green School's Committee





The green school committee have been working very hard to encourage everyone to reduce, reuse and recycle as the school works towards its green flag for litter and waste. They are also encouraging pupils to walk to school on weekdays as much as possible. This is not only good for the wellbeing and environment but also minimises the number of cars on site in the morning and evenings. We thank you for your support with this.

Seachtain na Gaeilge





All our pupils enjoyed using their “cúpla focal” during Seachtain na Gaeilge. Classes engaged in lots of fun activities including Irish treasure hunts, quizzes, seanfhocal art competitions, songs and dance. The whole school enjoyed singing at the school ceolchoirm on the Wednesday and Irish dancing for all the parents at the céilí and Lá Glas last Monday. Thanks to Ms. Campbell for organising and all the teachers for their hard work. Maith sibh go léir!

St Patrick's Day Parade Float





St. Joseph's was very proud of winning best non-commercial float in the St. Patrick's Day parade this year. Thank you to the parent's council for organising and the sponsors who helped fund the float. A big thank you to Peter the caretaker, the 5th class teachers and pupils who made the minions for the float. Lovely to see all the support from parents and pupils on the parade route. Great day had by all.

Dates for your diary

- March 26th FAI senior girl's soccer blitz Leixlip,
- March 26th Cumann na mBunscol Athletics Rathcoffey
- March 27th School closes at 12p.m. for Easter holidays.
- April 13th School reopens after Easter holidays
- April 21st School closure for staff training on Primary Curriculum Framework
- May 4th-8th School closed
- May 17th First Holy Communion at 12p.m.
- May 18th First Holy Communion Photos
- May 27th Induction day for new Junior Infants 2026
- June 8th-12th Active School's Week
- June 11th School Sport's Day

Don't forget you can also keep up with all our latest news in the blog section of the school website www.stjosephskilcock.com and on twitter @sjnskilcock

Success for all, a happy school-Learning and Growing together