



REMINDER

© School Re-opens

**WEDNESDAY 27TH
AUGUST, 2025**

Rathkeevin National School

June 2025 - Newsletter

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I want to express my heartfelt thanks for the warm and generous welcome I've received since becoming principal. Having taught here for seven years, I already knew what a special school community this is – but your kind words and support over the past months have meant a great deal to me.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of our former principal, Diarmuid, whose leadership has helped shape the strong and caring school we have today.

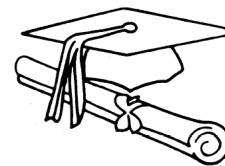
I feel very lucky to be working alongside such a committed and talented team of staff. Together, we will continue to do our best each day to ensure our school remains a happy, safe, and supportive place where every child is valued, encouraged, and given the opportunity to thrive.

I look forward to continuing this journey with you, and to building on all that makes our school such a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Mise le meas,

Seán Curran, Principal

Farewell to our 6th class students



6th Class Graduation Mass

The 6th class mass was held on Thursday 19th June. The children are to be commended for their preparation and participation in their Mass. All associated with Rathkeevin NS would like to send good wishes to Charles, Mikey, Danny, Niamh, Isabel, Sophia, Maeve, Tadhg, Paddy, Harry, Noah & Ian.

COMMUNION 2025

Our 1st Holy Communion took place on the 24th May, 2025
in Powerstown Church.



Communion Congratulations to our girls and boys in Second Class who received their First Holy Communion. The children have been working hard in their preparations.

Many thanks to all parents for their support, to Fr. Ahearne and their teacher Ms. Mackey.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2025



Congratulations to our 10 **Sixth Class** pupils who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Monday 7th April, 2025. They were a credit to their parents, Fr. Ahearne, their teacher and the School.

Book Lists & Book Rental From September 2025

Schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for children in primary schools will be provided to every child free by their school. There is no charge to parents/guardians for this, as schools receive funding from Government to cover these costs. All equipment costs such as pens, pencils etc will be bought by parents and will be detailed on the Miscellaneous lists sent home. Miscellaneous Lists are sent home in June each year and are also available on our website <https://www.rathkeevinns.ie/>

TUSLA Reporting

The school completes mandatory reports and an End of Year report to the National Educational Welfare Board. All absences in excess of 20 days were notified to TUSLA. A standard letter is sent to all parents from the school if your child misses 20 days. School Attendance for Rathkeevin NS this year has averaged at 94.6% which is an improvement following the pandemic.

Thank you – Thank You

The Parents Association would like to thank every child and family for supporting our events and fundraisers this year. We have had a lot of fun this year and we are delighted to be able to give back to benefit the school and our children's experiences. Have a lovely summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Events this year were:

New starts coffee morning

Halloween raffle - €2165

Christmas Cards - €300

Santa's visit & treats for all

Readathon - €1328

Book cover Art competition (prizes sponsored pa)

Trocaire - Tipp & Rugby jersey prizes (sponsored by PA)

Bingo night - €620 (prizes and treats sponsored by PA)

Fun Night

Hygiene Hub speaker and donation drop off

Clerihan shop DRS scheme return - **currently collecting for our school ending in next week.**

Line painting €900 (paid by PA)

Chrome book IT contribution for 2025/2026 school year

€5,000

School buses for sporting/fun events

Ice cream van for Wellness Day

Confirmation medals

Graduation night tea & treats

World Cup Winners 2025



Congratulation to our World Cup winners, players were from 3rd, 4th and 5th Class. It was a supper competition which created great excitement throughout the school.

6th Class enjoying the sunshine



Ice Cream Day - Big thanks to the Parents' Council













Trócaire Fundraising

Well done to all the boys, girls, Mams, Dads and all the Staff on the fantastic work they did for our Trócaire Fundraiser.

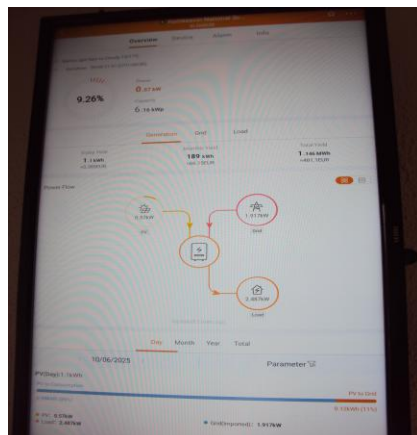
We raised €1,980 and this was presented to Fr. Ahearne in April, 2025.

School Projects

Solar Panel Installation



In March of this year we received a grant from the Department of Education for Solar Panels. Following a tender process, the Board of Management decided on a local company, Ecosolarenergy from Clonmel to install the panels. They also installed a monitor in the hallway so that the pupils can learn about energy savings.



New Polytunnel

Thank you to everyone who has offer assistance with our new Polytunnel. We look forward to kicking off a number of projects in the tunnel in September.



New Classrooms

We are still in early planning stages of building our two new classrooms. We are finalising plans with our architect at the moment.

Please note that this is a long-term project, and we are only at the beginning of the process, we'll keep you updated as things progress.

Class Allocations 2025 – 2026

Class	Teacher
Junior /Senior Infants	Paula Morrissey
Senior Infants/1 st Class	Helen O’Dea
1 st / 2 nd Class	Niamh Mackey
3 rd Class	Séan Curran
4 th Class	Niamh Morrissey
5 th /6 th Class	Laura Grace
SEN	TBA



School Closures 2025 – 2026

School re-opens.....	Wednesday 27th August, 2025
Mid Term Break:.....	Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October inclusive. Return – Monday 3 rd November, 2025
Christmas Holidays:	Friday 19 th December, 2025 Return – Monday 5 th January, 2026
St. Brigid's Day:.....	Monday 2nd February, 2026
Spring Mid Term Break:	Thursday 19 th February and Friday 20 th February, 2026. Return – Monday 23 rd February, 2026
Annual Day	Monday 16th March, 2026
Public Holiday	
St. Patrick's Day:.....	Tuesday 17th March, 2026
Confirmation Day:	To be decided
-First Holy Communion Day.....	To be decided
Easter Holidays:.....	Friday 27 th March, 2026 and Returning – Monday 13 th April, 2026.
Public Holiday:	Monday 4th May, 2026
Public Holiday	Monday 1st June, 2026
Summer Holidays:.....	Tuesday 23rd June, 2026

- I would request that parents do not disturb teachers during class hours unless with a prior appointment or in an emergency. In either case please call to Claire in the Office or if the Office is unattended to Mr. Curran's classroom, failing that to Ms. Grace's classroom.
- Absence Notes (Use Aladdin App) – required by law for every day absent with relevant explanation.
- Use Aladdin App – Please enter relevant details if removing or returning your child within school hours.