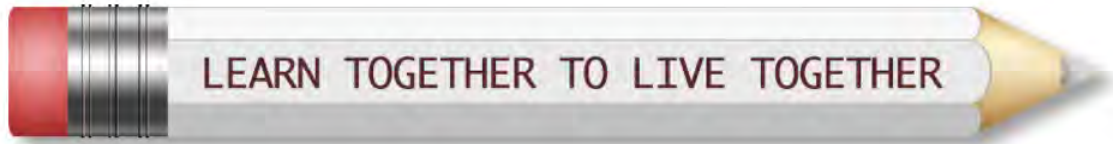




TULLAMORE EDUCATE TOGETHER NATIONAL SCHOOL

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September 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents, Children and Staff,

We would like to welcome all the children and staff back to school after our summer break. We would like to extend a special welcome to our new pupils in Junior Infants and the other classes. Welcome also to Alison, Kasia, Megan and Jane.

Settling In

Any parent who has concerns regarding their child please feel free to make a phone appointment with the class teacher. All teachers are very willing to accommodate parents in this regard. The earlier concerns are dealt with the better for everyone involved. It is quite common to have teething problems and periods of adjustment at the beginning of the school year. The official Parent Teacher meetings will take place the week of 17th -21st of November .

Art and Craft Money

Each year in early September we ask for an Art and Craft/Insurance fee for each child. The fee is €50 for one child, €95 for two and €135 for three. Please send it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The insurance fee is for a 24 hour cover which applies to social, domestic and leisure activities in addition to school activities. Thank you for those who have already paid.

Aistear

Aistear is a framework for learning through play. This month's theme was 'Home'. The children learned the relevant vocabulary and phrases through role-play, game-playing and art.

County Photos

County Photos took photographs of the Junior Infants and 6th Class on September 23rd .

National SNA Appreciation Day

September 25th marked National SNA Appreciation Day. Many thanks to Lynne, Massi, Olivia, Olivia, Oksana and Holly for the great work they do. Cakes were eaten on the day!

Learn Together Programme

This year we are focusing on the Learn Together Programme strand, Belief Systems in assembly. 6th Class were the first class to participate and their topic was places of worship. The class made an excellent presentation. Well done 6th Class!

Healthy Lunches

Please ensure your child has a healthy lunch. One treat is permitted on a Friday. In the interests of keeping the school green we ask the children to bring home any wrappers or cartons they bring into school. All downstairs classrooms and 6th Class are strictly nut free zones.

Assembly

We had our first monthly assembly of the year on September 25th.

Congratulations to Sarim (Junior Infants), Madhav(Senior Infants), Rayan (1st Class), Mia (2nd Class), Matteo (3rd Class), Rohit (4th Class), Adam (The Arc), Tymur (5th Class) and Jennifer (6th Class) who were the September recipients of our handwriting awards. Well done to all!

Thanks to Breda for the upkeep of the handwriting noticeboard.

Enrolment

Enrolment for the academic year 2025/2026 is open on November 3rd next for both the mainstream classes and The Arc. The closing date for The Arc is earlier than that for mainstream. All admission information is available on the school website.

Gaelic Time

A GAA pilot programme called Gaelic Time is being rolled out to the Junior Infant, Senior Infant and 1st Classes. Thanks to Dean Bracken for the opportunity.

Educate Together Day

On October 24th we have our annual Educate Together Dress Up day where we celebrate being an Educate Together school. Please ensure costumes are comfortable to wear! Again we will have prizes for the best home-made costumes. This is also the last school day before mid-term begins. School goes to 3.00 p.m. on this day.

Choir

Shauna is restarting the Friday morning choir on Friday October 3rd from 9.00 a.m.-9.20 a.m. for children in the 3rd-6th Classes who have an interest in singing. It takes place in the hall.

Secondary School

The local secondary schools have visited the school and information on open nights has been widely circulated on social media, on the school websites and via Aladdin. There is a new centralised application system for the three town schools and Presentation School, Killina. Details of how to apply have been sent via Aladdin. If you wish to apply for a place in Mercy Secondary School, Kilbeggan you must apply directly to the school.

Attendance

There is a direct link between school attendance and pupil progress. Your co-operation with maintaining high attendance and punctuality is greatly appreciated. As part of the Board of Management's revised strategy on attendance, parents who take their children on holidays during the school term are required to fill out a separate form in addition to filling in the absence on Aladdin. This form will be posted out to parents. Parents will also receive a letter at intervals reminding them of the number of days their child has been absent from school.

Housekeeping

All downstairs classrooms and 6th Class are strictly nut-free zones.

We do not mark children's birthdays in school. Please do not send in any food for distribution as it will be returned.

The passing of invitations and cards must take place outside of school hours. This ensures that no child is excluded or hurt.

The children must wear appropriate footwear for P.E.

Coming Up

- October 1st : Girls' Cumann na mBunscol match
- October 2nd: Boys' Cumann na mBunscol match
- October 3rd: STEM competition Coláiste Choilm
- October 7th : Junior Infants Vaccinations
- October 13th-17th :Maths Week
- October 24th : Educate Together Day
- Student Council elections
- Wellbeing Warriors elections
- Green Team elections

Take care,

Cathy