Autumn Newsletter 2026

Return to School

Our staff returned to school on 25 August for Croke Park Day, and our pupils returned on Wednesday 26 August. It has been a busy but enjoyable 8½ weeks.

Sporting events

Pupils from 2nd class up have taken part in Cross-Country Training since the beginning of the year. They competed in the Cumann na mBunscoil West Clare Cross Country in Knock, Kilrush. Despite the atrocious weather, the boys and girls ran very well and were rewarded on the way back to school with a hot-food treat. Great credit goes to Ms Doyle for all her efforts training every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday since we came back. We would also like to thank Mary Cummins for providing a tarp for the ground, as well as other items for the children. We congratulate Niamh and Seán Cummins, as well as Max Considine, who have qualified for the next round of Cross Country at Lees Road after the mid-term break.

Dermot Thornton from Clare GAA has provided a block of training sessions for all our pupils up to the mid-term break. The children have enjoyed these weekly sessions immensely.

Pupils from 3rd to 6th class had their 7-week swimming lessons, which ended at the October mid-term break. These sessions went very well.

Child Protection Policy 2025 (New Procedures)

We have implemented the new Child Protection Procedures in line with Department guidelines. These new procedures build on the current 2023 procedures rather than replacing them entirely. The 2025 procedures retain the core arrangements, including recognising and reporting concerns, the role of the DLP/DDLP, the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment, staff awareness, and Board oversight.

Recruitment

We warmly welcome Ms Aoife Hassett to our school staff as our part-time SET. Ms Hassett will take on the additional SET hours that we were granted in June.

Art Therapy

Our 1st to 4th-class pupils have completed a block of art therapy sessions with Pat Looby. Pat did a fantastic job, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed their time with her. Pat will return after Christmas to work with another group of pupils.

Music lessons

Since the start of October, pupils from 2nd to 6th have begun music lessons at school every Friday. We are learning new tunes, and later we will work on some Christmas pieces. We will post our Christmas performance on the school website nearer the Christmas holidays. We will also share clips on our Facebook page.

Kilmurry IBrickane County Finals

Our school had the privilege of recording a song and a video for Clare GAA+, along with well wishes for our players in both the ladies' and men's county finals. While the men's team weren't successful, the ladies were victorious and visited our school the following day. All pupils wore green and red to greet and congratulate them. We wish them well in the next leg of their Munster campaign. You can view the video on our website, annaghns.com, under Gallery > Videos.

Modular Unit

Our new modular unit is expected to be delivered during the mid-term break. We will use this building as a staffroom and emergency SET area, and it will also house a principal's office. We eagerly look forward to its arrival and the additional space it will provide.

Halloween Dress Up

On Thursday 22nd, all sorts of weird, scary, and wonderful creatures came to school in Annagh to celebrate Halloween. We had a great day of fun and games.

Swimming

3rd to 6th class completed their 7-week block of swimming lessons on Friday 23rd. Our pupils enjoyed the sessions. 1st and 2nd class will begin their lessons later in the year.

Wishing you all a Happy Halloween. Looking forward to returning on 2 November after a restful break.



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