

February 2025 in the classes:

Ms. Kenny's class enjoyed lots of art activities, we made 'love bugs' for Valentine's Day and created mosaic Spring flowers. In SESE, the boys were learning all about farms and farming and about St. Brigid. In Maths, the boys explored length and used their hand spans, markers and cubes to measure the height, width and length of different objects. It was a great start to Spring.

Senior Infants (Green) have been learning all about Spring and animals this month. We have enjoyed learning all about the signs of Spring and the new baby animals that are born in Spring. We created Spring flowers during art, creating a 'Garden of Spring Flowers'. We also had lots of fun learning about the vets, engaging in 'A Visit to the Vets' role play. We also enjoyed Maths this month, engaging in lots of hands-on activities measuring length.

Ms Grimes' class had a fun filled February. They learned about St. Brigid and made pictures of St. Brigid's cloak. They created amazing art in celebration of Valentine's Day. They also celebrated Random Acts of Kindness Day to spread kindness around our school.

2nd Class boys have been attending Mass every Wednesday in preparation for their First Reconciliation. They will continue to practice all of their prayers and songs in Mass, school and at home. We have also been very busy making brownies- getting ready for our Brownie Business which will be starting in May.

Mr Cunningham's Class have enjoyed learning all about the different topics on the Stay Safe Programme. Please discuss these important issues with your child at home too.

Sixth Class went on their retreat in preparation for their Confirmation. The boys also represented the school Vex robotics in Tullamore. Community guard Grace visited the class to talk to the boys about their responsibilities as they get older.

4th Class. This month 4th class have moved onto decimals in Maths and they are doing great so far. With Offaly doing so well in the hurling, we also decided to re-design the county jersey in Art!

This February in **Cairdeas** we learned all about the Normans and even built our own Norman castles. We are also so excited about our new climbing frame outside. We'd like to thank Mr Hansbury for his hard work putting it together!

St. Brendan's Boys P.S.

March 2025



VEX ROBOTIC programme 2025

@VEXRoboticsIE our boys had an amazing time at the @offalycoco VEX robotics event in February - Well done to Jack / Harry / Ewan and Sam and massive thanks to Ms Makim and Mr Cunningham for all their hard work supporting the team. The boys did great in what was a difficult robot to design and programme this year. This programme offers so many skills and experiences to the boys and we look forward to many more VEX battles in Offaly. There will be another local round in coming weeks which the boys will look forward to.

Inter-cultural day 2025 as part of Community of Belonging

Well done to Ms Collins and Mr Butler who organised a great day at school - thanks to all the families who supported with the most amazing food too - lots of happy and proud boys who could share knowledge and food from their home country - The projects from china to Jordan and Ukraine to Palestine are on display in the hall too #communityofbelonging . PLEASE SEE OUR SCHOOL SOCIALS FOR THE AMAZING PICTURES / REEL

Junior infants - September 2025

Offaly schools held their enrolment which concluded in February as per admission notice and admission policy. We were delighted to have good interest in places again this year. Enrolment closing date is completed and all of our special class places have been allocated with autism classes full.

In terms of mainstream places still available, please pass on this message to friends / family to ensure that no local boy is left without a place. Enrolment forms can be collect from the office or via website

Dates for your diary

Wed 26th March 7.30pm : First confessions (church)
Monday 31st March : FAI 5 a side OFFALY

Wed 2nd April : 12.20/12.30pm Half day (Bi Cinealta)

Thursday 10th April 11am : 2nd/4th Grandparents / family day
Thursday 10th April: 5.30pm : Primary schools fun quiz

Friday 11th April : Easter Holidays 12.20pm / 12.30pm
Monday 28th April : School reopens for Term 3

Text-a-parent system / email communication system

We would ask parents/guardians to keep school informed of any changes in mobile numbers as home-school communication is very important for us.

Parents need to have an email contact and to check this email—

Regarding school attendance can we ask that all pupil absences have a note of explanation—sickness / family reason.

Parents Association update

We have some lovely events coming up this term for both young and not-so-young so please keep an eye on our facebook for details.

Please also support the TESCO Community fund with blue tokens if shopping in TESCO BIRR

A special word of Thanks to Dwayne and Charlene Morrissey who very kindly renovated our schools public notice board which had seen better days!. We are delighted with the final result and can continue to proudly display all of St Brendans PS news and achievements.



World book day 2025 !

Mr Crofton (with his highest hat !) read the story of the Highway Rat by Julia Donaldson to 1st and 2nd class to share the love of books on this special day - thanks to the boys for coming down to listen ★



News from the classes

Ms Wyer's First Class enjoyed reading "Stickman" book by Julia Donaldson and created their very own stickmen. They learned about the country Spain and all about the explorer Christopher Columbus. They created Disney stories as well. Wishing everyone a lovely St Patricks weekend.

Fifth Class have been looking at the theme of Immigration and are enjoying reading the novel, The Boy at the Back of the Class. We researched some Irish immigrants who have had an impact on the countries that they moved to. We watched the film The Greatest Showman and discussed how our differences should be celebrated and real relationships in life valued. We're enjoying singing "This is Me" from the movie now!!

Junior Infants learned about the penguin in February. We read Geronimo by David Walliams which is a story about a penguin who wishes he could fly! We really enjoyed the story. We also did lovely penguin art. We are loving Jolly Phonics and have started reading. We also started learning how to form our letters. We are super writers!

3rd class had a wonderful February, learning all about Ancient Rome and making some brilliant Roman centurion helmets. We are loving playing hurling and starting the tag rugby got us very excited for the 6 Nations. We also learned all about winter sports such as skiing and the bobsleigh. We created fantastic reports all about these sports.