



May Newsletter

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Closures

Please note the following school closures.

- Thursday 28th May : School closing at 12:15 pm for staff meeting.
- Friday 28th May : School closed (discretionary day).
- Monday 1st June : school closed (Bank Holiday).
- Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd June : School closed (discretionary days)

School will be closing for the summer holidays on Friday 26th June at 12 noon.

Outstanding Fees

As we approach the end of the school year, we would be grateful if any unpaid fees for music generation, swimming, school tours etc. could be settled before we finish up for summer. The Aladdin app should give you the specific details.

Details of school fees for 2026/27 will issue to all in the coming weeks. Thank you.

Message from the Principal

I wish to confirm that I will be retiring from my post as school principal in Carnew NS this coming August 2026. The process to appoint a successor is well underway. This is an independent process organised by the school patron, the Bishop of Ferns.

It has been an honour and a privilege to be entrusted with this role for the last 23 years and I wish to thank everyone who helped, and continues to help the school in any way - Boards of Management past and present, Parent Associations past and present, staff past and present, pupils past and present and in particular Fr Martin Casey who has served as Chairperson for even longer than myself and who is also stepping down from his role on the board this summer.

Much has changed at the school since January 2003 and there will be more change in the years ahead. I wish everyone associated with the school, especially the children for whom we strive to provide the best learning outcomes, experiences and opportunities, all the very best for the future. Thank you one and all. K O' Donnell.

Green Schools

Children in 5th class and Junior Infants participated in fun activities during marine week which took place from 20th - 24th April.

Ms Collier and the Green Schools Committee took part in the Tidy Towns - Pride of Carnew programme by helping to clean up the litter on the main street in Carnew on Friday 15th May. The committee plan to take part in a beach clean up in Ballymoney in June to highlight the Green School Theme of Global Citizenship - Marine Environment.



School meals

The school meals provided under the Dept of Social Protection, does not always suit every child, and, with limitations due to rules and regulations governing the scheme, there is little leeway, no matter who the provider is, to provide bespoke menus for each individual child. If it is your wish to opt out of the scheme, please let us know, as there can be a good deal of waste from the meals on a daily basis. Thank you.

Standardised Tests

Testing is being completed this week for children who may have been absent last week. Results will issue on the end of year school report, which is due to be issued on the week of 15th June.

Uniform Survey

We had a tremendous response to our school uniform survey for parents. We are currently surveying the children to see their reactions and get their opinion on the matter before we draw any conclusions on the topic.



Confirmation

We wish all the children making their Confirmation this week, and their families, an enjoyable day and celebration. Our thanks to Fr Casey, Ms Gregan, Mr Doyle and Ms Doyle for preparing the children in advance.

