



St. Michael's Times

June 2025

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Friday, marks the end of a very busy, positive and productive year in St. Michael's. Your support has been invaluable, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you. A special word of congratulations to our pupils – we are extremely proud of all they have achieved this year. Their efforts and enthusiasm have made it a truly successful one. To our wonderful school staff – thank you for your unwavering commitment and passion in providing a rich and nurturing learning environment. We are very grateful to our Parents' Association for their ongoing support. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank outgoing members – Christina Nestor, Vicky Williams Byrne, Margaret Mekitarian, and Lucy Mark, for their significant contributions to school life over the years. Sincere thanks to Olga Dempsey, who is stepping down from the Board of Management as her sons graduate. Olga has served with dedication as the mother nominee on the Board of Management since December 2021, and her efforts in helping the school run smoothly have been greatly valued.

To our 61 graduates – we wish you every success and joy as you begin your journey into secondary school and beyond. May your time at St. Michael's leave you with warm memories and lasting friendships.

Congratulations to staff members James Regan, Elaine McLoughlin, and Maura Clarke on their retirement. Thank you for the care, commitment, and hard work you've given to the St. Michael's community throughout the years. We hope the next chapter brings happiness and many new adventures!

On behalf of the staff and the Board of Management of St. Michael's, I wish you all a happy, safe, and relaxing summer break.

**Mise le meas,
Brid Gorry
Principal**

Happy Retirement

After many years working in St. Michael's N.S., we bid farewell to our caretaker James and our Special Needs Assistants Elaine and Maura who are set to retire at the end of this school year. On behalf of all our school community— pupils, teachers, SNA colleagues, parents and Board of Management— we would like to thank them for their long service to the school and to wish them health & happiness in their well deserved retirement.



Graduation 2025

Congratulations to all of our students who had their graduation ceremonies last week to acknowledge their years with us here in St. Michael's N.S. It is a very special moment for the children as they leave primary school and move onto the next stage in their lives. Some pupils have been with us for nine years, most of them have been part of our school community for the past five years and some joined us along the way. During their time with us, they have been nurtured by the love of their families, inspired by the guidance of their teachers and bound by the precious gifts of friendship. We wish them the very best of luck and good wishes as they start secondary school in August.



Active Schools Week 2025

The fine weather came back just in time for this year's Active Schools Week which was held from June 9th to 13th. Each class was given the opportunity to take part in a range of activities including rugby, hurling, football, dance and Sports Day fun. Many thanks to all of the staff who organised events for the week and a special thanks to Athboy Rugby club for facilitating the rugby activities. Thanks to everyone that supported our Active Schools efforts throughout the year. We will continue our pursuit of our 3rd Active Schools Flag in September.



Cumann na mBunscol County Representation

Well done to 6th class pupils, Leo Golds and Seán O'Brien, who represented St. Michael's N.S. at recent Cumann na mBunscol events. Leo was part of the winning Meath team at the Primary Schools Inter County Football Blitz against Co. Louth on Wednesday 18th June. Seán travelled to Carlow on Thursday 19th June for the Leinster 'Lift and Strike' Hurling Competition. The hurling team was coached by our 5th class teacher, Mr. Dwane.



Mini Rounders

Our 3rd class Mini Rounders team showed great team spirit and energy at the Cumann na Mí Mini Rounders Competition on June 5th at Trim G.A.A. Rounders is a new competitive sport in St. Michael's N.S. but the boys showed great determination to win 2 out of 3 of their games. We look forward to entering more rounders competitions next year. Many thanks to Ms Fitzpatrick & Ms Mc Keown for coaching the team. They were also ably assisted by two great leaders from 6th class; Sonny and Dominik! Well done to all!



Food Dudes

From June 9th to June 13th, our school took part in the Food Dudes Refresher Week, and it was a fantastic opportunity to refresh our healthy eating habits!



Each day, the children received delicious fruit and vegetable deliveries right to their classrooms. Everyone had the chance to try a colourful variety of fresh produce, including cucumbers, peppers, apples, oranges, and much more.

A big well done to all the children who gave the different fruit and veg a go throughout the week. We're so proud of the enthusiasm shown across all classes.

School Tours Round-up

June was a busy month for school tours where classes travelled to exciting destinations and participated in many fun activities.

The 2nd Classes enjoyed a fun-filled and exciting tour to Crystal Maze in Cavan. The 4th Class students had an exciting and memorable day at Redhills Airsoft in Kildare, filled with fun activities and team challenges! The children in Ms. Murtagh and Ms. Gaffney's classes went to Mellows Adventure Centre. They had great fun on the bouncy castles, climbing walls, slides, mini golf, go-karting and dancing in the disco room. Despite the wet weather, Fifth class students had a fantastic school tour to Zipit Forest Adventure in Tibbraddin Woods. 3rd class pupils visited Redhills Adventure in Co. Kildare. They enjoyed a range of activities including paint ball, obstacle courses, go karting, human foosball, human pool and garden games. Mr Joyce's class travelled to Huckleberry's Den in Navan for a fun-filled day at the play centre.



Parents' Association

Thank you to all who supported the Parents' Association over the last term. We held a bun sale on April 11th and thank you to all our helpers. Graduates received their fabulous school crested hoodies. The Parents' Association were delighted to contribute towards the overall cost. The first holy communion ceremony took place on May 24th and the Parents' Association hosted the refreshment celebration in the school hall afterwards. My thanks to all who assisted with this event and congratulations to all the wonderful students.

The graduation ceremony took place on June 19th. Christina, Vicky, Mags, Lucy have all stepped down from the Parents' Association, as our boys come to the end of their wonderful primary school days at St Michael's. The graduation refreshment celebration was organised by our fabulous incoming Parents' Association Committee—Carol, Justina, Emer, Veronica & Gemma who will continue the great work of St Michaels P.A. Thank you for providing our graduates with their pizza party and refreshments. As always thank you to all our helpers at the many events, we really do appreciate your time.

On behalf of the outgoing Parents' Association, our sincere thank you to Ms. Gorry, the Board of Management and to the entire school staff for your support over the years. A special thank you to the teachers who have prepared our children with a sense of security, resilience and education to transition to the next stage in their education.

Christina Nestor; On behalf of the Parents' Association



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Gaelbratach

This year, we were excited to begin our journey toward earning the **Gaelbhratach** flag, as part of our commitment to promoting **Gaeilge** as a living language within our school community. We recognise the importance of creating fun and natural opportunities for students to use Irish outside of the formal classroom setting. The process of achieving the Gaelbhratach takes two years.

Tá an teastas don chéad bhliain tuillte againn, agus beimid réidh na spriocanna nua a thosú i gcomhair 2025/2026. Táimid ag tnúth go mór leis an aistear.

We have proudly received the certificate for completing Year 1, and we will be ready to begin working on our new targets for 2025/2026 in September. We are very much looking forward to the journey ahead.



Road Safety Authority Talk

On Wednesday, June 24th, Nicola Walsh from the Road Safety Authority visited our school to talk to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th classes. Nicola presented a very informative slideshow on all aspects of road safety. The children showed great interest and learned about the importance of wearing hi vis jackets, paying attention to road signs and always being aware of the dangers that are around us as road users.



Pitch and Putt

6th class pupils and some pupils from the Special Classes enjoyed a Pitch and Putt lesson at Trim Pitch and Putt Club recently. They were shown some of the techniques involved. The classes were led by group leader, Stephen and his team. The students really enjoyed the experience and some have decided to join the club. We would like to thank Trim Pitch and Putt Club for a great experience for the boys.

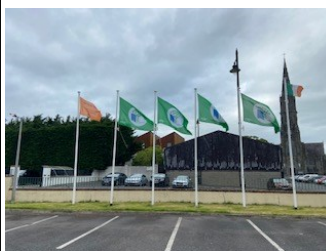
Amber Flag

The Pieta Amber Flag Initiative recognises the individual efforts to create healthy, inclusive environments that support the mental well-being of pupils in schools.

Over the course of one year, we participated in many activities promoting positive mental health such as our Wellbeing Day, various physical activities, themed discussions and classroom activities, wholeschool assemblies, motivational speaking, journal writing, World Kindness Day, inclusive games, creating a tree of gratitude, Global Citizenship education and many more.

Evidence of all these activities was logged in a digital application aligning with the four Amber Flag objectives – promoting positive health, enhancing inclusivity through teamwork and social support, reducing risk factors through increased awareness and education, improving quality of life for those with mental health challenges.

We were awarded our Amber Flag on June 18th and it is now flying high at the front of St. Michael's!



THANK YOU!

Many thanks for all your fundraising efforts throughout the year. This has enabled us to purchase 17 new student iPads for the school. These iPads will be hugely beneficial to pupils next year as they allow for enhanced learning experiences and increased digital literacy.

