Term 3 Newsletter, June (2026)

St. Francis Xavier Junior National School

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our Term 3 Newsletter where you can catch up on some of our recent school activities.

Swimming : Our 2nd classes concluded their 6 week swimming programme last Friday and our Coolmine swim instructors and teachers saw significant improvements in all areas since week one. Our teachers were also delighted that nothing was left left over in the changing room this week!

Knook Stories: A big thank you to our wonderful Parents Association and Manna for generously sponsoring our beautiful personalised *Knook Stories* for our four Junior Infant classes and Mr. Murphy's class.We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to each teacher for their valuable input in bringing these special books to life. The children took great joy in reading their stories, and these books will be a treasured keepsake— a lovely reminder of their very first year in St. Francis Xavier JNS.

Yard markings: Thank you also to our Parent's Association for funding our bright and engaging yard markings on the school yard. The children are getting great use our of them and are a wonderful addition to the space.

Ice cream fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis Ireland: Thanks to our Student Council and Ms Healy for organising the ice cream trucks last week to raise money for CF Ireland. After all ice creams were paid for and quickly eaten, our Student Council raised a very admirable €116 for Cystic Fibrosis. Well done to you all.

Choir: Thanks to our choir for their wonderful performances this year. They have been a very enjoyable addition to assemblies and school events throughout the year. Thank you to Ms Healy and Ms O' Halloran for coordinating this during the year. Keep on singing!

Communions: The sun shone for the children's First Holy Communion last May and the children were a credit to themselves, you as parents and to our school.

School Lunches: The results of our recent survey are in! Based on your feedback, we will be moving to the Hot School Meals programme with Glanmore Foods during Term 1 of the new academic year. Further information, including any updates to the ordering process, will be shared with you in due course.

After-school Clubs: Our after school clubs will begin again in September and a list of available clubs will be sent early in September.

Wellbeing Evaluation: We were very pleased with the outcome of our Promotion of Wellbeing in Schools evaluation. The full report is available to view on the Department of Education website at:
https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/a3241f55/19435Q_PromotionOfWellbeing_46845_20260313.pdf

St.Brigid's GAA Club: recently invited the 2nd Classes to Russell Park, Navan Road for a school blitz and had a great day. Thank you to the PA for funding the balance of the bus.

Active School Week: Active School Week took place in April and was a fantastic celebration of fun, movement, and physical activity for all classes. The week included exciting sessions such as Playball and Crazy Golf, where the children had great fun planning and building their own courses. Our First Class pupils also enjoyed sessions with students from Trinity College, who introduced them to different types of movement and explained how these benefit the body. We also performed our new and much-loved School Dance, which never fails to bring smiles to everyone's faces! 😊. Thank you to our very active, Active School Team.

Nature Based Learning: As part of a *Nature Explorer Schools* project, staff received input on how best to use our school environment, to explore how nature-based learning opportunities can support wellbeing and help reach curriculum outcomes.

Graduations: Our Second Class pupils have been busy enjoying a range of exciting activities to mark the end of their four wonderful years in the Junior School. They were treated to some 'chipper chips' al fresco, took part in a fun inter-class quiz, and celebrated together at a special graduation ceremony in the school hall where they delivered the performace of all performances of the song '*When I Grow Up'!* They have been a fantastic part of our school community and have contributed so much to school life over the past four years. We are very proud of all they have achieved.We wish them every success and happiness as they begin their Senior School journey in September.

Some Favourite Memories from 2nd class students June 2026:

My favourite memories of the junior school was my communion and all our school tours and our graduation day (Elise)
My favourite memories of the junior school are playing with my friends, I loved GAA and the swimming in school with my class but I am sad I am leaving too (Cassie)
My favourite memory was the day I started Irish Dancing (Ailbhe)
My favourite memory is playing with my friends on the yard and on astro (Tadhg)
My favourite memory of the junior school is the trip to Causey Farm (Senan

Bí Cineálta Review: Our Bí Cineálta policy was reviewed at our most recent Board of Management meeting, 16th June, 2026.

Lost Property: Lost property will be available to view or collect outside the main door on Friday 26th June, from 8.30 to 11.50am.

School Calendar 2026 2027: Our calendar for the new school year will be available to view on our website from July at: www.sfxjunior.com .

Upcoming dates and reminders:
Tuesday 1st September : School reopens after Summer for all classes except Junior Infants
Wednesday 2nd September: All Junior Infants (10am to 11.30am)
Friday 26th June: School closes for Summer holidays at 11.50am

Go mbeadh Samhradh sábháilte agus taitneamhach aghaibh go léir. Wishing you all a safe and happy Summer break and as always thank you for supporting our school and school community in so many ways throughout the year.



Le gach dea-ghuí,

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