



25th May 2026



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School Tour Payment Request

Miriam will be sending out school tour payment requests later today on Aladdin. We would be grateful if you could let the class teacher know as soon as possible if your child will not be attending the tour.

Upcoming School Closures:

Reminder that the school will be closed for pupils this Wednesday, 27th May for staff in-service training. The school will also be closed this Friday, 29th May and re-open on Tuesday 2nd June after the bank holiday.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Our Green Schools have been working with St. Tiernan's this year on a Pocket Forest initiative. More details on the next page! Well done to all involved!





Green Schools Committee Partnership Project at St. Tiernan's Community School

During January and May 2026, our Holy Cross Green Schools Committee took part in a really exciting biodiversity project at St. Tiernan's Community School. This project was a partnership between Holy Cross School, St. Tiernan's Community School (Transition Year students), Pocket Forests and Dundrum Town Centre. It was our first ever time taking part in a four-partner biodiversity project together and we really enjoyed it.

Over about five hours of work, we helped to plant more than 80 native trees and shrubs in a large circular green area near the entrance to St. Tiernan's Community School, just before the car park. Some of the trees planted included hawthorn, hazel, holly, rowan, crab apple and alder buckthorn. We helped to prepare the ground, add compost, plant the trees and learn more about biodiversity, pollinators and nature.

We went back to the site in May 2026 to check on the progress of the planting and see how the woodland area was developing. In one of the smaller photographs, you can see a special wooden plaque made by the woodwork students in St. Tiernan's Community School. The plaque was placed on site and recognises the work completed by all of the pupils and partners involved in the project.

We would especially like to thank Aisling Byrne, Environment and Community Executive from Dundrum Town Centre, Pocket Forests, the staff and students from St. Tiernan's Community School and our wonderful Green Schools Committee for all of their hard work, commitment and teamwork throughout the project.

This planting project will form a part of our submission for the Nature Hero Awards 2026, which will be submitted later this week. There are many other wilding, biodiversity and nature projects in our school. We are very proud of all of the biodiversity, environmental and community projects taking place in Holy Cross School.

New Additions to School Library

You will remember that in early March we had our Book Fair in the school. Each year, the school receives credits from Scholastic, based on sales in our book fair, which the school can use to purchase books. This year, thanks to wonderful support from families, we have been able to purchase and replace a significant amount of books for each class as well as upgrading some of our class novels. Many thanks to all of our families for their support and also to Ms. Faulkner and Miriam for arranging the book fair and the new purchases!



GAA this week



Our Junior Team rounded off their season last week with yet another victory - well done to all!

We are still awaiting details of the Senior Boys Semi-Final fixture. It is due to take place this Thursday and when Mr. Fitz receives notification he will speak to the players involved regarding arrangements. Best of luck!



Summer Camps in Holy Cross

This Summer there will be the following camps running in Holy Cross. You can sign up for the various camps by following the below links. If you need further information on any of the summer camps, please get in contact with the organisers rather than contacting the office.

Holy Cross Art and Sport Camp

Open to current Holy Cross pupils

When: June 29th to July 3rd from 10am to 2pm.

Cost: €90 per child, €170 for 2 children, €250 for 3 children

To book, please use the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeA_aiX-QRzAKOxE6PVRLcPKxZdRnv64hyP0XISPaCUFaEKIg/viewform?usp=header

Stretch n Grow Summer Camp

Open to Montessori to Senior Infant aged children (3-6yrs)

When: July 6th to July 10th from 10am-1pm

Cost: €120.

To book, use the following link: <https://stretchngrow.ie/camps/>

Multi Activity Camp (Drama, Art, Football, Sports and Games)

Open to incoming Junior infants to 6th class children

When: July 13th-17th from 10am to 2pm. Free early drop off from 9.30

Cost: €90/€170 for two.

To book call or text Sandra O Hanlon 087 3318948 or email dundrumcamp@gmail.com

Dance Summer Camp

Join us for Dance, Fun, Sport and lots of activities for age 4+ (no dance experience required)

When: 20th - 24th July 10.00 am - 2.30 pm

Cost: €120 per dancer (€20 booking deposit per dancer required to guarantee place). 10% sibling discount available.

Day Rate €25. Places are restricted. Please email to register your interest dohertykendrickbutleracademy@gmail.com

Some other local Summer Camp options:



ST. OLAF'S FUNFINITY SUMMER CAMP

Activities

- P.E games
- Outdoor Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Science and Technology
- Much much more

Details


- Camp day is 9.00am - 2.00pm in St. Olaf's N.S (Juniors-6th)
- The camps have been designed by qualified primary school teachers with your child in mind.
- Places are limited and will be assigned on a first come/ first served basis.
- To register, please fill in the registration form attached.
- Price- €110 per week
- Second child-€100 per week
- Third child- €90 per week

Dates

July 6th - 10th
 July 13th - 17th
 July 20th - 24th
 July 27th - 31st
 August 4th - 7th (*€90- 4 days)
 August 10th - 14th

Contact Us

Please return forms to Campfunfinity@stolafs.ie



St Olaf's Funfinity Summer Camp Registration Form

Child's Name: _____

Please place a Y beside your chosen week/s from the list below:

July 6th -10th _____

July 13th -17th _____

July 20th - 24th _____

July 27th - 31st _____

August 4th - 7th (*€90- 4 days) _____

August 10th - 14th _____

Primary Contact

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Does your child have any allergies that you feel we should know about?

Who is authorised to collect your child?

Online Payment can be made to:

John Murtagh
 IBAN: IE20 MONZ 9100 4043 5009 99

Please include child's name with payment.

Any queries contact: campfunfinity@stolafs.ie



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 Ronan Byrne
 • UCD Marian Captain
 • Superleagues 2026 Young Player of the Year

SIGN UP TODAY!!

WEEK 1: JUNE 29 - JULY 3RD
 WEEK 2: JULY 6TH - JULY 10TH

VENUE: St Tiernans Community School, D16, KW26

PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (JUNIOR CAMP) 9.00 AM - 12.00 PM	€120	SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS (SENIOR CAMP) 12.30 PM - 3.30 PM	€120
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SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY! LIMITED TO 40 SPOTS PER SESSION!!

BOOKING CONTACT: email: skinevane@gmail.com or WhatsApp: 0852754756