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Ficheall

Pupils from 4th, 5th and 6th class had an internal chess league and a number of boys were selected to participate in the Féile Fichille in Carrickpherish. Thanks to Mr. Rynne for organising and the class teachers for preparing the boys. The boys did very well on the day and as a result, were invited to the Comórtas Fichille. Comórtas Fichille is a day to celebrate the invited teams' excellence. Many factors exist in deciding which teams to invite to a Comórtas tournament, chief among them is the ranking from the Féile Fichille. While the Féile Fichille is seen as a day out, a day's reward for learning and practising a new skill for weeks, the Comórtas Fichille tournament can be seen as a day's reward for performing so well at the Féile Fichille. Well done to all involved!



Easter Raffle

Thanks to members of our Parents' Association for organising our annual Easter Raffle and to all our parents, pupils and staff for their support. A total of €1450 was raised. Thanks to all the local businesses who sponsored prizes including Tesco Ferrybank, Aldi Ferrybank, Walsh's Garage, Mulligans Pharmacy, Dealz Lisdugan, Tesco Poleberry, Lidl Ardkeen, Woodies, SuperValu Hyper, Flynn Refrigeration, Billy Ryan Tyres, Journi Credit Union and John Whitty Electrical, who sponsored several hampers and prizes for the raffle. We are grateful to local shops and businesses for supporting the raffle on their premises by selling tickets for the raffle - Ferrybank Post Office, Gentile's Take Away, Ferrybank Barbers and Shade's Salon.



Anti-bullying / Bí Cineálta Policy

The Board of Management completed its' annual review of the school's Bí Cineálta Policy at our last meeting on 04/03/2026. The notification and the updated Bí Cineálta Policy can be viewed/downloaded from our school website under the downloads tab. Pupils focused on what it meant to be a good friend in February where we had Friendship Fridays.

Review of Code of Behaviour

We are currently reviewing our school's Code of Behaviour Policy. We are seeking input from pupils, staff and parents. If you would like to make suggestions for amendments to the policy, please email them to admin@ferrybankbns.ie and include "Code of Behaviour" in the subject line. Our school's Code of Behaviour is available on our website www.ferrybankbns.ie under the downloads tab.



Confirmation March 2026

Congratulations to pupils from Rang a Sé who celebrated their Confirmation on Thursday 12th March. Thanks to Mr. Fitzgerald who prepared the boys so well for the day. Thanks also to Fr. Whearty and Angela in the Parish office for all of their help and support.

Sacrament classes

First Confession: Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at 7pm. Pupils wear school uniform.

First Holy Communion: Saturday 16th May 2026 at 11am.

Catholic School's Week

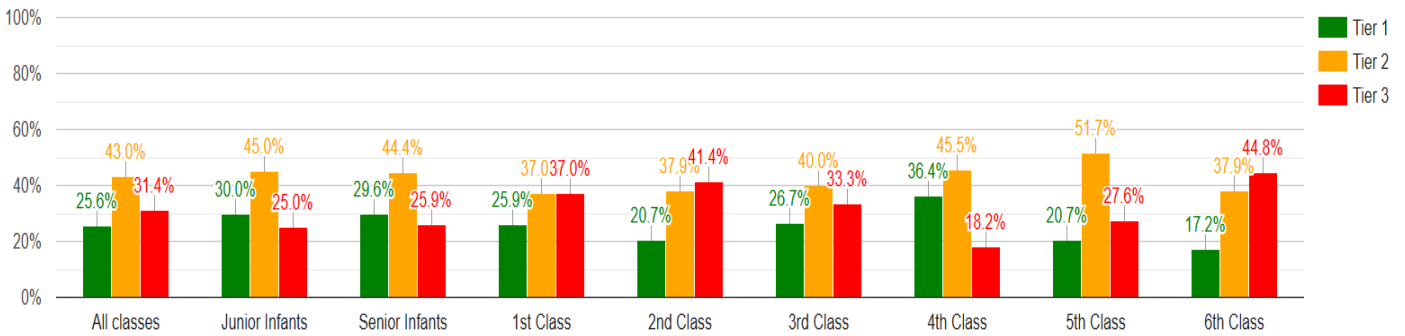
We celebrated Catholic School's Week earlier this term. We were delighted to welcome so many of our Grandparents, who came from far and wide, to our school. It was lovely to receive messages/ photographs from Grandparents living abroad also. A special thank you to Ms. Quillinan, our deputy principal, for organising the day, and to all our staff who facilitated this event.

Lollipop Day

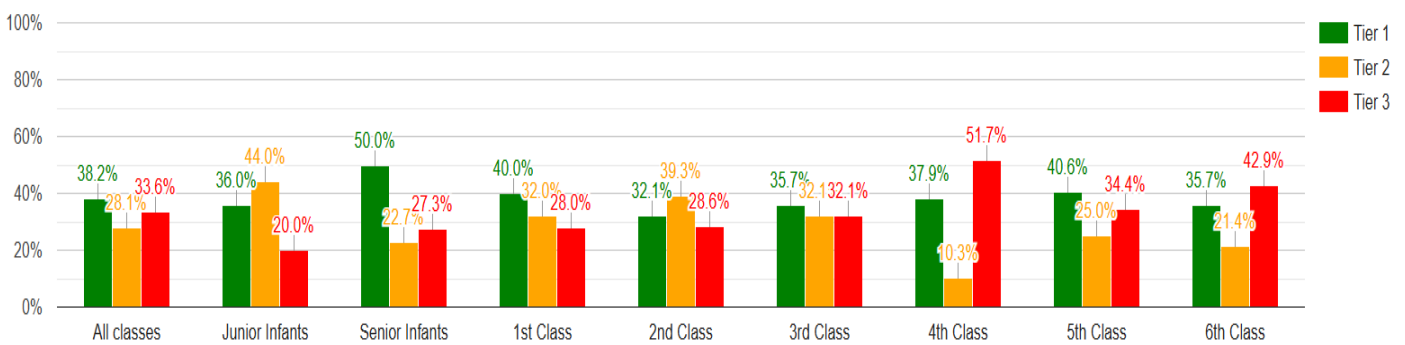
Thanks to all our pupils, parents and staff for supporting this annual fundraiser. A special thank you to Ms. Grant who organises the event each year. A total of €600 was raised for the annual Oesophageal Cancer Fund awareness and fundraising campaign. Thanks again for your continued generosity!



Attendance statistics for the 2024/2025 school year



Attendance statistics for the 2025/2026 school year (so far)



What have we learned from reviewing our attendance data?

- ⇒ Good attendance is a habit. As you can see above, Junior Infants and 4th class had the best attendance in 2024/25; this year Senior Infants and 5th class are at the top ie the same two groups again.
- ⇒ We have seen an improvement every month this year (with the exception of December) in comparison to last year (using our monthly data).
- ⇒ While we are on target to meet this year’s target ie to have 30% or more of our pupils in Tier 1 (the green column), we ultimately want to get to a minimum of 80% in Tier 1.
- ⇒ From our data, we see 28.1% of our pupils are at risk of chronic absenteeism (yellow tier—this should be under 15%) while **33.6% of pupils are already in the chronic absenteeism category (red tier—this should be less than 5%).**
- ⇒ Pupils missing just 2 days of school per month find themselves in tier 3 or the red tier.
- ⇒ There is a significant link between attendance and pupil outcomes
- ⇒ Parents can monitor their child’s attendance on Aladdin. If a family feels there is any barrier to their child attending school regularly please contact the school.

QUICK ADVICE

IS MY CHILD WELL ENOUGH TO ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY?

yes

- ✔ A runny nose or slight sniffles
- ✔ A mild cough or sore throat
- ✔ Feeling a bit tired, but still able to take part in class

no

- ✘ A high temperature or fever
- ✘ Vomiting or diarrhoea
- ✘ Contagious illnesses
- ✘ [HSE website for more info](#)

School Uniform and Tracksuit

A reminder to please ensure pupils are wearing their full school tracksuit/uniform on the correct days. Thanks to parents and pupils for this effort.

In the event that your son does not have the correct tracksuit/uniform on a particular day, please notify the teacher via Aladdin Connect.



School closures:

- Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April - School closed for Easter Break.
- Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday
- Friday 22nd May - School closed for staff in-service
- Monday 1st to Friday 5th June - school closed
- Friday 26th June - final day of school

Hot lunches

Please log in to the FreshToday app to update your son's lunch order for the final term. There have been a number of new additions to the Menu including wraps and sandwiches/rolls. In situations where a family no longer want to receive a hot lunch, please notify the school and we will arrange for cancellation.



Polycarbonate Tunnel

We look forward to installing a new polycarbonate tunnel on our school grounds later in Term 3. Thanks to Mr. Rynne who secured an education for sustainable development grant of €2,500 to put toward this project. More details to follow in Term 3.



Above: Boys in our junior classes were learning all about spring in recent weeks. We had a visitor to the school, a pet lamb, as we finished up for Term 3.



World Book Day

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Pupils dressed up as their favourite character and spoke to their peers about the book they are reading. Classes had a parade through the school to show off their books and costumes. Thanks to Ms Quillinan who organises the event each year!