



Corridor Echoes

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Bake Sale 2026



A huge thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff for making this years bake sale such a huge success! Our Student Council, led by Ms Tuohy, did so much work in organising, promoting and running the bake sale - we are very grateful to everyone involved. €1,340 was raised and our pupils have already given their input into how the money should be spent. Using the money raised we will purchase two sets of Izak 9 Cubes. This is an innovative, hands - on learning resource consisting of 27 colourful, multi—sided cubes packed with numbers, shapes, fractions and symbols. Working alongside interactive digital software, students collaborate in small teams to solve math puzzles, track patterns and problem solve. The Izak 9 resources bring math to life by turning abstract math concepts into concrete, visible ideas; they build teamwork where pupils need to talk, debate and share problem solving strategies with their peers while also building confidence and making math more engaging.



Above: Izak 9 resources which will be purchased using funds raised from the Bake Sale. The resources will cost €1500 in total and will include both the physical and digital resources.

Left and below: Members of our Student Council who organise the Bake Sale each year.



Right: Junior Infant pupils, with their 6th class buddies, in Ferrybank Library.

School Admissions for 2027/28

The school will begin accepting applications for admission for 2027/28 from Monday 2nd November. Copies of the admissions notice and application form have been shared with local pre schools. These documents are available from our school website (www.ferrybankbns.ie) under the [Downloads tab](#) or you can access the online application form by [clicking here](#). The closing date for receipt of applications for next year is 22/01/2027.

The Redeveloped Primary School Curriculum

The redeveloped curriculum is designed to enhance learning, teaching, and assessment, ensuring a highly responsive and modern education for all children. For our curriculum enactment this year, our school will be focusing on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Education. The Department of Education has allocated whole-school curriculum planning and training days for schools. Consequently, our school will have 3 additional closure days this year to facilitate these official Oide and school-led closures. Scheduled closure dates include:

- **Wednesday, 2nd December 2026** – School Closed (Teacher Curriculum Training)
- **Thursday, 27th May 2027** – School Closed (Teacher Curriculum Training)
- **Third Closure Date** – To be confirmed.

Helpful Links for Parents:

- [Department of Education's Primary Curriculum Leaflet for Parents](#)
- [NCCA Primary Curriculum Online Portal](#)
- [NCCA Primary Parent and Child Guides](#)



Go Orange for Solas

Our school supported the Solas Centre's Orange Day and raised in excess of €525. Thanks to all our pupils, parents and staff for supporting this very worthy cause and to Ms. Quillinan for organising the event.

School Mass

Our beginning of school year Mass will be held on Thursday 5th November which parents are welcome to attend.

Left: Pupils were busy during October and produced some fantastic artwork which is on display throughout the school at the moment.



Maths Week: All classes celebrated Maths Week in October. We had additional resources from the teachers' centre such as IZAK 9 Cubes, Bee-Bots and Lego Spike Kits where pupils explored STEM concepts by building machines with motors and programming them to carry out specific actions.

School Calendar for 2026/2027

The school calendar is available to download from our website or it can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Please note the following closures/dates between now and Christmas:

- ⇒ School reopens on Monday 2nd November after the Halloween break
- ⇒ School closure to facilitate staff training on Wednesday 2nd December
- ⇒ Final day of term on Tuesday 22nd December - half day.

Dates for Sacraments

The dates for the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are as follows:

- ⇒ First Confession - 04/03/2027.
- ⇒ Ceremony of Light—10/02/2027.
- ⇒ Confirmation - 26/02/2027
- ⇒ First Holy Communion 15/05/2027.

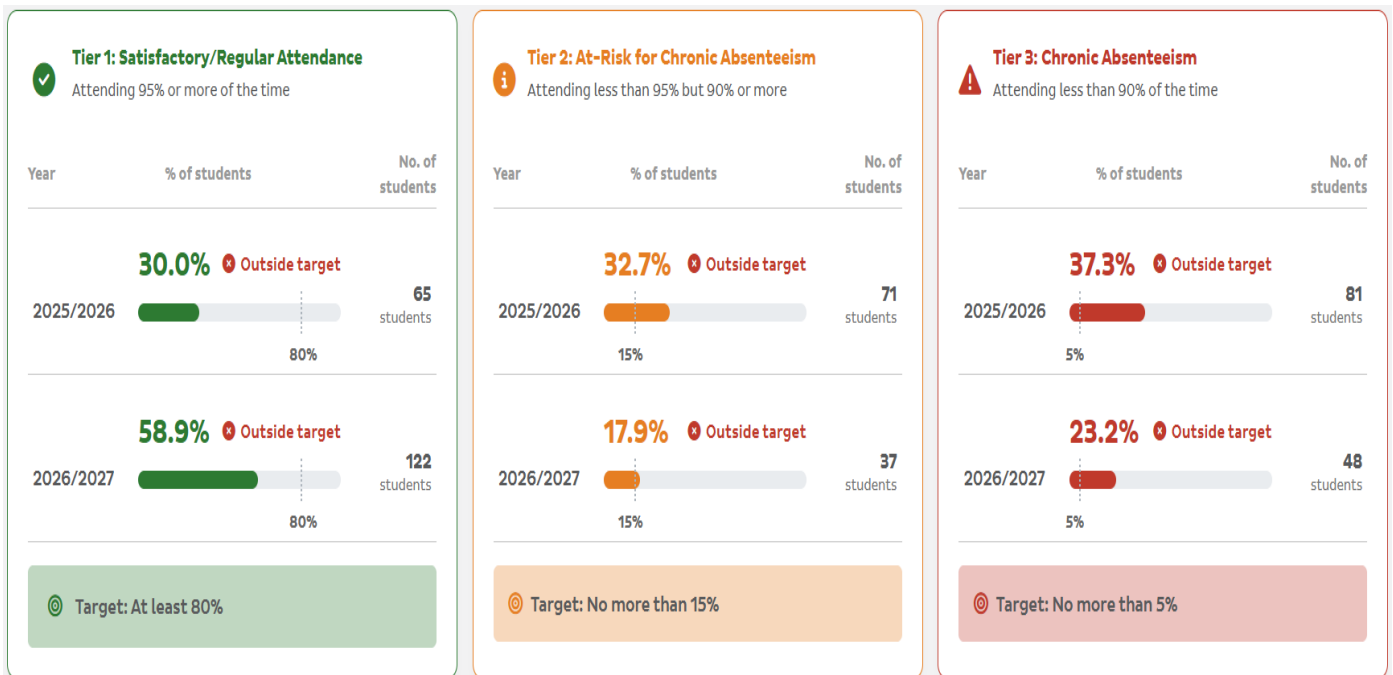
School Policies

The Board of Management completed the annual review of the Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment. New mandatory templates and the New Child Protection Procedures for Schools (2025) were adopted by the Board. The current [Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment](#) and [notification of the Board's review](#) is available on our school website under the '[Downloads](#)' tab where parents can view it. Please note the principal, James Robinson, is the designated liaison person for our school. Ms Quillinan, our deputy principal, is the deputy designated liaison person in St. Mary's BNS.

RSC Cross Country Competition

Pupils from 1st to 6th class participated in the annual cross country competition in September. Pupils took part in trials in school and then six pupils from each class competed in the RSC. Well done to all of the pupils involved and thanks to all the staff for their support.





Attendance: Above you can see our attendance statistics for the current school year and last year. How do we compare to what is expected and what are we aiming for in 2026/27? **All schools aim to have:**

- **At least 80% of their pupils in Tier 1** ie that they are attending 95% or more of the time. A school our size should have 141 pupils or more in Tier 1. Last year we had 65.
- **No more than 15% of pupils in Tier 2** ie that they are attending less than 95% but more than 90% of the time. A school our size should have less than 32 pupils in this category. Last year we had 71 pupils in Tier 2.
- **No more than 5% of pupils in Tier 3 (chronic absenteeism category)** ie pupils attending less than 90% of the time. A school our size should have less than 10 pupils in Tier 3. Last year 81 pupils were in this category.
- What would we like you to do?
 - * Please check your son's attendance for last year to see what Tier he was in.
 - * Ensure all absences are explained on Aladdin.
 - * If there are barriers to your child coming to school please contact us.
 - * Encourage regular school attendance. If a pupil has a head cold, cough etc please send them to school.
 - * Please check the school calendar before booking holidays to minimise the number of days missed in school.

Mayor's Visit

We were delighted to welcome Mayor Lola O'Sullivan to our school in October. The boys gathered together to welcome the Mayor to our school. She spoke to the boys about the importance of friendship, kindness and the importance of attending school everyday. The Mayor acknowledged all of the hard work and commitment on improving attendance in our school. She presented the boys with certificates for attendance and friendship.

