

# Courtenay National School Newsletter, 22nd February 2026



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**Courtenay NS is full of energy, learning, fun and friendship.**

**Follow the link below to join us on Instagram and see it all in action!**

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## ★ The Week Ahead in Courtenay NS ★

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb**

**Back to School  
after  
Mid- Term**

**Tues 24<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Hurling Training  
1st class  
@1.15pm**

**Wednes 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Music Generation  
Junior & Senior  
Infants**

**Wednes 25<sup>th</sup> Feb**

**Football Training  
2nd class  
@1.15pm**

**Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Early School Closure @ 12.00pm noon**

## COURTENAY NS AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES

### Chess Club



**Tues 2.15pm - 3.00pm  
3rd - 6th Class**

### GAA Hurling



**Tues 2.15pm - 3.00pm  
3rd Class**

### Soccer



**At NCW Astro Pitch  
Wednes 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
5th & 6th Class**

### Gaelic Football



**Wednes 2.15pm - 3.00pm  
4th Class**

### Basketball



**Thurs 2.15pm - 3.00pm  
5th & 6th Class**

**Join In, Play More,  
Learn More!**

**After School Fun,  
Completely Free!**



## *Innovating for Our Community\_* *4th Class STEM in Action Showcase*



On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Minister Patrick O'Donovan, former Courtenay pupil and teacher, Councillor Tom Ruddle, Councillor & Cathaoirleach of the Municipal District of Newcastle West, Michael Collins, Senior Engineer Ben Noonan, and members of the Newcastle West Town Team to see our 4th Class STEM projects in action.

Following a research walk around our school and Newcastle West, the boys identified practical ways to improve our community. They confidently presented their innovative ideas to their parents and invited guests. The Councillors highly commended the quality and creativity of their work and invited the boys to present at an upcoming District meeting.

Minister O'Donovan praised their Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths learning, creativity and presentation skills, noting that the experiences gained now will stand to them in secondary school and in their future careers.

He also visited 5th & 6th Class for an engaging Q&A, giving pupils an insight into a day in the life of a politician and outlining his role as Minister with responsibility for Sport and Communications. He spoke about online safety and highlighted the importance of the friendships formed in primary school. A sincere thank you to all the parents, guests and community representatives who attended and continue to support our pupils.

4th Class can be very proud of themselves and their parents can be extremely proud too.



*Minister Patrick O'Donovan - "Back to my roots and back in the classroom for the day!"*







## *Analog Devices Workshop in 6th Class*

6th Class enjoyed a fantastic STEM workshop with Learn-it in partnership with Analog Devices.

6th Class explored hands-on activities, problem-solving challenges and real world applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



[Click here to see Analog Devices Workshop in 6th Class](#)

## *Coding! Building! Problem-solving!*

On Tuesday, 3rd Class proudly showcased their LEGO Spike projects for the school. Follow our Instagram Link below to see LEGO Spike, hands-on learning at its best!



## *Courtenay Cúinne*

Ar an Máirt, bhí lá iontach againn ag ceiliúradh Lá na bPancóg i Scoil Ó Curnáin.

Cliceáil ar na links chun é a fheiceáil ar ár leathanach Instagram.

