

Courtenay National School Newsletter, 8th February 2026



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Principal: Laura Horgan Deputy Principal: Annette O'Donnell

★ The Week Ahead in Courtenay NS ★

Tues 10th Feb

Safer Internet Day

Hurling Training
1st class @1.15pm -
2.00pm

Wednes 11th Feb

Feast of Our Lady of
Lourdes

2nd -6th class will
attend Mass at 10am
in the Church

Wednes 11th Feb

Music Generation
Junior & Senior Infants

Football Training
2nd class @1.15pm-
2.00pm

Thurs 12th Feb

Music Generation
12pm - 2pm
3rd, 4th & 5th

Afterschool Activities

Our Afterschool Activities offer pupils a great opportunity to stay active, learn new skills and enjoy time with friends.

A sincere thank you to all our staff who generously volunteer their time to make these activities possible.

Please see the poster below for full details.

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!

Slán le Mr. Scanlan

On Friday, we bid farewell to Mr. Scanlan as he finished his time in Courtenay NS. Staff and pupils gathered in the hall to thank and acknowledge Mr. Scanlan's contribution to our school, recalling the learning, professionalism and fun shared in his classroom over the years.

Mr. Scanlan spoke warmly as he reflected on his time in Courtenay NS, acknowledging the experience and learning he gained during his time here. He paid tribute to the Courtenay children for their energy, resilience and sense of care and pride in their school. In particular, he fondly recalled his involvement in the Cumann na mBunscoil West Final victory and the joy, excitement and strong sense of community it created within the school.

We wish Mr. Scanlan every success and happiness in his new role as Principal of Carnane NS.

In true Courtenay style, 6th Class marked the occasion by challenging the staff to a soccer match, with Mr. Scanlan's goalkeeping skills often proving the difference between winning and losing in recent matches. The final result on Friday saw Team Staff emerging as winners in a tough match. 6th Class are already in training for the rematch in June and Team Staff are recruiting for a new goalkeeper!!

Courtenay Céinne

Slán agus go n-éirí an t-ádh leat, a Mhúinteoir Scanlan. Go raibh maith agat as gach rud a rinne tú i gCourtenay NS. Guímid gach rath ort i do ról nua mar Phríomhoide.



6th Class and Staff pictured with Mr. Scanlan after a fantastic and highly competitive soccer match, played in great spirit and full of fun.



Mrs. Horgan and Mrs. Gilliard presented Mr. Scanlan with a gift on behalf of the Courtenay staff, colleagues and friends.

Our Parents' Association representatives, Mark D'Arcy and Trudy Dooley, also presented Mr. Scanlan with a token of appreciation on behalf of the students and parents to mark his time in Courtenay NS.



Weekend of Rugby & Quiz time for Courtenay

Congratulations to Mark, Jerry and David who had the fantastic opportunity to play at Thomond Park on Friday night during half-time of the Ireland XV V's England A international.

A wonderful achievement and a very special experience for the boys!



Well done to our U13 quiz team who competed in the Credit Union Quiz in Pallaskenry on Saturday morning.

The boys performed brilliantly and did themselves and Courtenay proud on the quiz scoreboard.

Maith sibh, a bhuachaillí, agus Mr. Devine.



Celebrating St. Brigid in 3rd Class



Well done to Dermot in 6th Class who won a county medal in boxing.

Senior Infant Visit to Newcastle West Library

