



Newsletter September 2026

It is hard to believe we are at the end of September already! I hope the boys and girls have had a positive return to school. We have been busy in St David's over the last month. Please see what each class have been up to below.

Please see our updated school calendar with additional school closure dates included, as outlined in correspondence earlier in the month.

Junior and Senior Infants:

We have had a super start to the new academic year! We welcomed our lovely new junior infants to our class. Senior Infants have been brilliant at helping them settle in to St. David's NS. We have been learning all about ourselves. We looked back at what we were like when we were babies, we learned the song "Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" and built houses from blocks during playtime. We also were learning about our 5 senses. We made microwave popcorn and used all of our senses - sight, hearing, touch, taste and smell! We also have begun Playball lessons which is great! We are so excited for all the fun things we will learn, do and make this year.



1st and 2nd Class:

We have had a very busy and exciting September in 1st and 2nd Class! We have been learning all about our teeth and how we can look after them. We explored healthy and unhealthy foods for our teeth and loved practising how to brush them correctly using playdough and plastic bottles! We also became scientists during our sugary drinks investigation, measuring and comparing the amount of sugar found in Coke, Ribena and orange juice.

In Maths, we have been working hard on our doubles and have now moved on to exploring place value.

Bhíomar ag cleachtadh comhráite simplí: Dia duit! Conas atá tú? Cad is ainm duit? Cén aois thú? Cé mhéad duine atá i do chlann? Táimid ag éirí níos muiníní ag labhairt Gaeilge gach lá!

We have been very creative in Art! We created colourful Picasso-inspired cubism portraits using collage, shapes and coloured card. We also explored the colour wheel and created beautiful circle artwork inspired by Kandinsky.

One of our favourite parts of the week has been Playball! We loved practising our basketball skills with the coaches each week and are very excited to begin learning some hockey skills next.

It has been a fantastic start to the school year, filled with lots of learning, creativity and fun!



3rd and 4th Class:

We've had a busy and exciting start to the school year! In Maths, we've been learning all about 2D shapes. We put on our "maths eyes" and went exploring in the school yard to see how many shapes we could spot. We were surprised by how many we found!

In Art, we've been getting to know one another by creating self-portraits. We included pictures of our favourite things and interests to show a little of what makes each of us unique.

We've also been lucky to have Playball visit us each week. So far, we've had great fun playing hockey, basketball and soccer. We're looking forward to seeing what we'll try next!



5th and 6th Class:

We are back to school after a great summer. We have two teachers this year; Mrs Hickey and Mrs Hogarty. Both teachers teach English, Irish, Maths, PE, Art, Religion and SPHE. Mrs Hickey also teaches us History, Geography and Drama. Mrs Hogarty also teaches us Science, STEM and Music. We have Playball classes each week with Big Dave too.

In English, we have been working on recount writing. In Maths, we are measuring angles this week with our protractor. We have been learning about Irish mountains, rivers and lakes in Geography. In Science, we were all given a name of a plant or animal to be and we created a food web using string across our classroom. It showed us the interdependence between plants and animals and became all tangled up.

We are enjoying being the senior class in the school and the extra responsibilities that brings. We are trying to set good examples and show the younger classes our kind hands, kind feet, kind words and kind actions. We are working hard and having fun each day.





Ms Murphy's Class:

Our class has settled in really well and we are having lots of fun together!

This month, we have been learning rhymes and songs such as Humpty Dumpty and Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star. We are also beginning to learn about rhyming words, practising syllables, and counting how many words are in a sentence. We have also been enjoying some lovely stories, including The Very Hungry Caterpillar and The Little Red Hen. We have been developing our independence by learning how to peel eggs and brush our teeth, and we have been learning all about stars. We have also been practising colours and matching through lots of fun, hands-on activities. We have really enjoyed our Playball sessions this month and have had lots of opportunities to get active, play and have fun together. We also celebrated some birthdays this month, with some lovely treats to help mark the special occasions.

It has been a wonderful month of learning, playing, exploring and celebrating together



Ms McGuckin's Class:

We have been loving being back in school after our summer holidays. We have been living being back in the sensory and the playground. During circle time we were practicing brushing our teeth and the song '5 Little Monkeys'. We have been playing with trucks and pasta during playtime. We have also really enjoyed painting during our art lessons.



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GO PHONE FREE WEEK

5 - 9 OCTOBER 2026

Following on from our successful launch of this initiative in 2024, we are delighted to announce that we will be hosting our annual **Go Phone Free Week** from **5 - 9 October 2026**.

More information will follow shortly, so be sure to look out for the exciting programme of events including **Games, Shows, Talks, Dress-Up Day, and Art Competition!**

Remember, our door is always open!

Kind regards,

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