Scoil Bhríde
Parents' Association (formerly Parents' Council) Committee
Activities / Events Summary Report 2025/2026

Parents' Association Committee Officers	
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A huge thanks to all the Parents' Association members and helpers for all their hard work and commitment throughout the year. There have been some truly enjoyable and memorable activities and events (outlined below) during the year for both children and members of the Parents' Association.

Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association (PA) is looking for new members, ideally a minimum of 2 representatives from each class to get involved in these and other activities for our children. It's a great way of making new friends while planning and organising events / activities such as those outlined below. If you would like to get involved or you have any ideas or suggestions, please contact one of the committee, we'd love to hear from you and we'd be delighted to welcome you on board.

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Activities and Events August 2025 - June 2026

Junior Infants Coffee Morning – August 2025

The parents of new junior infant pupils were welcomed into the school by the Principal Ms Sheila Dempsey for tea and coffee with lots of delicious fresh cakes and buns kindly donated by the generous parents of the school.

Nyles & Rafe Shopping Evening – November 2025

Parents & Teachers were invited to sample a glass of bubbly while chatting and browsing the shop searching for fashion and gift bargains. 10% of all sales on the evening and extended over the weekend was donated to the school by the proprietor Jill Ledwith.

Clothes Collection December

The 1st Clothes collection fundraiser of the year was held in December 2025 and was a great success. An excellent way of encouraging sustainability with recycling clothes while raising money for school activities.

The 2nd clothes recycling collection was held in May 2026. Thank you to all parents for clothes donations.

The next one will be in early Sept. '26.

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Santa Visit – 5th December 2025

The children were so excited to welcome Santa Claus & his trusted Reindeer to the school. Their surprise arrival in the green vintage car driven by John O Neill was greeted by excited shrieks and laughter. There were Nice List certificates & book marks for all the children. The children in each class shared lovely songs & stories with these special visitors and members of the Parents' Association.

Christmas Jumper Swap

In a bid to help the planet and encourage sustainability the Parent's Association in conjunction with the school Eco Team organised the christmas jumper swap again this year. The children were delighted to exchange their christmas jumper tokens for a christmas jumper.

School Calendar December 2025

The Parents' Association designed and created the Scoil Bhríde school calendar for the year 2026 with class photos kindly taken by the teachers. The finished product looked amazing decorated with all the children's artwork and is a lovely keepsake.

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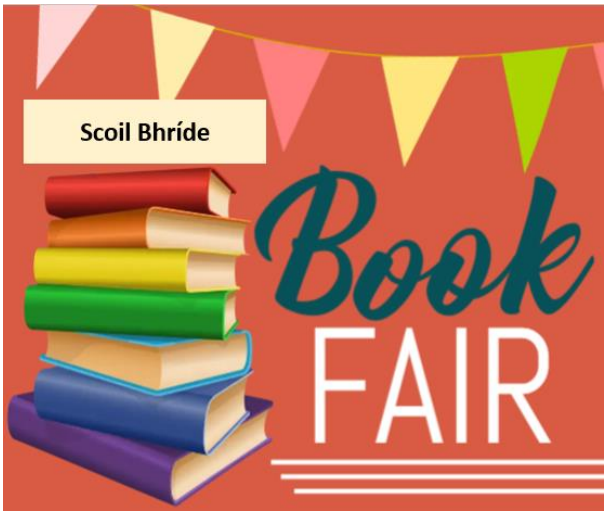
Confirmation Class Doughnuts – February 2026

Krispy Kreme doughnuts were provided for each child to celebrate their confirmation. The children enjoyed this delicious treat immensely.

St Valentine - Non-Uniform Day

The children celebrated St Valentine by wearing red, purple, & pink clothes.



Book Fair – 11th March 2026

There was an extensive array of books for all ages and interests on display at the annual Book Fair. The 5th & 6th class students helped the Parents' Association to organise all the books and assist the children to select suitable books. The children had great fun selecting multiple books to read and excitedly showed each other their prized selections. A great way to promote reading and recycling of books.

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La Féile Pádraig / Lá Glas - 13th March 2026

The children from all Nationalities celebrated the Irish National holiday - La Féile Padraig / Lá Glas by wearing green.

Mad Hatters Walk 27th March

The creativity and ingenuity of parents and children in creating and wearing their fabulous hats for the annual Easter Mad Hatters sponsored walk was amazing to behold. Well done everyone.

1st Holy Communion Reception

The 2nd class children made their 1st Holy Communion on the 9th May in Kilbride Church. All the 1st Holy communion children received a special candle and treats. The children and their families were treated to a splendid reception in the school. The delicious cakes, buns and sandwiches kindly donated by parents and tea / coffee were much appreciated. The hall was beautifully decorated with balloons and flowers for this very special occasion.

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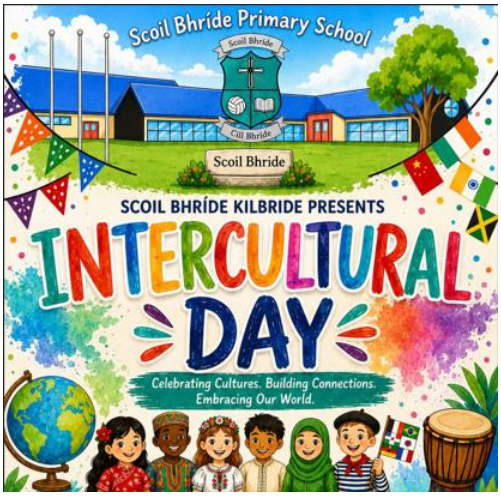

Intercultural Day 2026

Intercultural Day was a huge success with music, dance and foods from many cultures enjoyed by parents, guardians and children alike. The Parents' Association provided refreshments for the parents and guardians on the day.

Sports Day – 2026

The sports day is always a highlight of the school year. The sunshine helped make the day even more enjoyable. An ice cream was enjoyed by all the children on the annual sports day on the 17th June.

Graduation Day – Reception

Graduation Day – an important milestone for 6th Class pupils was celebrated on the 24th June with songs and a slideshow depicting highlights down through the years since junior infants. Ms Dempsey presented the children's graduation booklets, commended them for being excellent mature role models and wished them well for their future. Refreshments and sweet treats were provided for all the children and their families and were very much appreciated by everyone.

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Badminton lessons

The Parents' Association provided the funding for all classes to enjoy badminton lessons during the year. The lessons were very popular with all the children.

Agree2Agree Programme

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Scoil Bhríde PA Committee members undertook training in the National Agree2Agree programme for schools along with teachers and Ms Dempsey. This will inform internet safety endeavours at the school.

National Parents' Council

The Scoil Bhríde Parents Council was renamed the Scoil Bhríde Parents' Association (PA) during the year. The Parents' Association became members of the National Parents' Council (NPC). The NPC supports parents, children and parent associations. They organise events / seminars /webinars on parenting topics (such as: internet safety for children) during the year for parents. Details of these were shared with parents. The NPC website: https://www.npc.ie has extensive resources for parents, teachers, and members of school Parent Associations.

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Upcoming Events

- Refreshments Reception for Junior Infant parents and guardians - August
- Clothes Collection – early September
- Halloween Costume Swap – early October