SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



A Message From the Principal



Dear Parents/Guardians,

- On behalf of all here in Scoil Iosaef Naofa, it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone back for
- another school year. A special welcome to all our entrants especially our new Junior Infants for
- 2025/2026. This month's edition is again full of the many events and activities happening
- throughout our school. We look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday for our Annual School Walk.
- Finally, this publication and indeed the many before it would not be possible without the hard work
- and dedication of our editor Ms Ryan, we are indebted to her.
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- **Eoin Kennedy**
- Principal

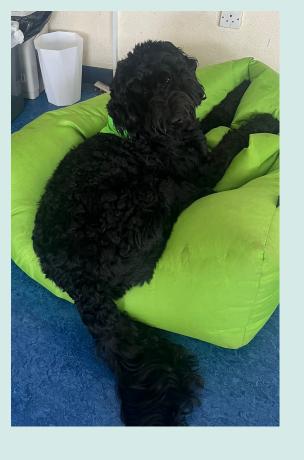


Our annual School Walk takes place this Sunday 28th September. Please note that next week is the final week to return sponsorship cards.

Thank you for supporting this vital fundraiser, which helps us provide essential ICT equipment

for our school!





Fred Focus

Fred is a puppy that came to us from the a charity called My Canine Companion. My Canine Companion is a charity that supports families and schools with a canine (dog) companion. Fred is calm, very cute, loves to sleep and he is puppy teenager,

A school therapy dog is professionally trained to provide comfort, affection and love to the people he meets every day. The dog is trained to follow special commands that help him to understand his job. We will all use these commands with Fred. Fred is very important to our school community.











Active Flag

The 2025/2026 Active School
Committee has be appointed.
The boys are looking forward
to planning and leading
different active challenges in
preparation for the Active
School flag! Well done boys

Green Schools:

This year's committee is currently being formed, and the boys will be working hard towards achieving our first Green Flag for Litter and Waste. We are excited to see their ideas and efforts make a real difference in keeping our school clean and eco-friendly.

We are looking forward to seeing the boys working hard this year!



Lego Club – Every Tuesday at 2:40pm Chess Club – Every Thursday at 2:40pm

All are welcome to join, learn new skills, and have fun



Our Student Council gives pupils a voice and helps them take part in school life. Representatives are chosen by their classmates to share ideas, discuss improvements, and plan fun activities. It's a great way to learn about teamwork, responsibility, and leadership while making our school an even better place for everyone!

Congratulations to our Principal's Award winners for September!

These pupils have shown outstanding effort and dedication, working hard in all aspects of the classroom. We are very proud of their achievements and the positive example they set for others.

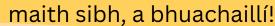




Fáilte go dtí Scoil Iosaef Naofa

We are so proud of our boys who won Gaeilgoir na Coicíse! They have been making a fantastic effort to speak Irish with their peers and staff throughout the week.

Their commitment and enthusiasm during September really stood out









Garda James Masters Visit

Recently we were delighted to receive a visit from Garda James Masters. Garda Masters is a member of the Cobh Community Garda Team. Garda Masters gave talks to our fifth and sixth classes and will return shortly to visit our other classes. Garda Masters is pictured here alongside Mr Kennedy and our current Student Council.





The boys in Fifth Class at Scoil losaef Naofa were lucky to take part in an Art Blast Fellowship workshop with local artist Áine Farrell. Art Blast is a wonderful initiative that brings professional artists into schools and communities, giving young people the chance to explore creativity, express ideas, and showcase their work to the public.

Over the course of the workshop, the boys created two powerful collaborative artworks around the theme of Climate Change, which links directly to the school's ongoing Green Schools Programme.

The first piece (green and blue) represents a healthy planet-full of trees, water, and life, where nature and people can thrive together. The second piece (red and orange) depicts a planet in crisis-on fire and damaged by the effects of climate change, showing what might happen if we don't act to protect our world. Both artworks were proudly displayed in Gibb's Pharmacy for Culture Night

We are thrilled to have been part of this inspiring project and hugely grateful to Aine for her guidance, creativity, and encouragement. The boys loved every moment and are so proud of what they created!





Board of Management



The Board of Management of Scoil Iosaef
Naofa Cobh wish to welcome everyone, pupils,
parents, guardians and ourdedicated staff
back for another school year.

Policy review

We recently reviewed and ratified our schools "Bí Cineálta" policy ahead of our new school year. The Board of Management wishes to thank all pupils, parents/guardians and staff for their involvement and collaboration with this policy



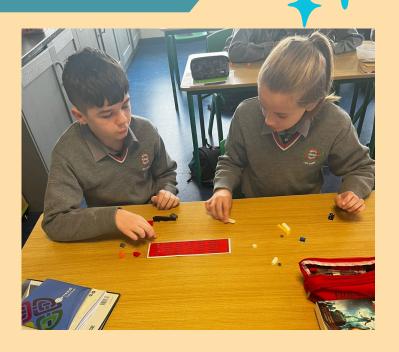


SNA Appreciation Post

We celebrate the incredible work of our Special Needs Assistants (SNAs) Your kindness, patience and dedication make our school a place where every child belongs. We thank you for making learning safe & fun, bringing calm, care and compassion, reminding us all what true teamwork looks like and supporting the whole school community.

6th Class - Ms. O Donovan





Our 6th Class boys are settling back into school life this September and are already proving to be fantastic role models for their younger peers.

In Ms. O'Donovan's class, the boys have been working in pairs to improve their Irish through fun and engaging activities.

They also celebrated Dot Day in a creative way, using Quiver to bring their artwork to life with augmented reality!







Beyond the classroom, 6th Class ran trials for distance running, helped promote the school walk, and continue to take wonderful care of Fred, the school dog. They've also been busy with lots more fun activities, showing great teamwork and enthusiasm in everything they do.

Well done, boys - what a brilliant start to the year!





Ms.O'Donovan Junior Infants



We are thrilled to give a very warm welcome to our new Junior Infants, who have made a fantastic start to school life. From day one, they have settled in so well and are already showing great enthusiasm for learning and exploring new things.













The boys have been busy learning classroom routines and building friendships, helping to create a happy and supportive atmosphere. They enjoyed lots of fun activities on their very first day, including fine motor games to strengthen little hands and fingers for writing. A highlight of their first week was their visit to the school playground, where they had the chance to explore, play, and share lots of laughter together.

Fred, our beloved school dog, also popped in to say hello! His visit brought big smiles all around and made their first week even more special.









We are so proud of how well Junior Infants have settled into school life, and we can't wait to see all the wonderful learning, growth, and adventures that lie ahead this year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

School Walk - 28th September 11:30 am

Sacraments:

6th Class Confirmation: 26th February 2026 at 1pm 2nd Class Confession: 2nd March 2026 at 7pm 2nd class Communion: 16th May 2026 at 10am





AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Lego Club
- Hurling Training
- Chess

Instagram and Facebook:
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