

# St Joseph's National School

## Milltownpass Co Westmeath

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### January Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful break. We are delighted to be back to school and routine this week. Thank you for taking the time to read the following information for January. We have a busy period ahead.

#### Confirmation

Our 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on **Wednesday 28th January** in Mullingar Cathedral at 2pm. We wish them well on this special occasion. A letter outlining further details will be issued to 6<sup>th</sup> class. School is open as normal for all other students on this day.

#### First Confession

Preparation is ongoing for First confession in 2nd class. The ceremony will take place during the school day on February 16th. Children will receive a prayer booklet this week to support their preparation at home.

#### Soccer

Soccer lessons (Klaaskickz) will begin for all students this Wednesday for 6 weeks at a cost of 15 euro per child. Following on from this there will be an opportunity for some senior students to participate in the Westmeath FAI schools Primary 5 soccer tournament.

#### Enrolment for September 2026

We are currently accepting enrolments for September 2025 and until the closing date of **23rd January**. Enrollment forms are available in the office or on the school website.

**Hot School lunches:** 'The Lunch Bag' will begin their service on **January 12th**. Login details were given out in school today. Please get set up asap and we will be happy to help if you have any difficulties.

#### Catholic Schools Week 2026

We are celebrating Catholic Schools Week in our school during the week of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. We would like to extend an invitation to all grandparents of our students to come and join us in school on **Friday January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11am** for a chat and a cup of tea to celebrate your important role in the children's lives.

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**Staff Training**

All teachers will attend training for the New Primary Curriculum on **February 9th**. There will be no school on that day

**Bank Holiday**

Reminder: School will be closed for Bank Holiday on **Monday February 3rd**.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy start to the new year.

Yours sincerely

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Emer Bermingham, Principal