

St Patrick's College

Summer Newsletter 2026

Principal's Welcome

It has hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year here at St Patrick's College. The past year has been filled with many events and activities, and we hope your child has benefited from these.

Inside the classroom, students have been busy with practical day exams, projects, and Classroom Based Assessments, all of which have been finished to an extremely high standard. Well done to our students and to you, the parents and guardians who supported our dedicated teaching staff with their hard work.

We hope that this summer newsletter gives you a flavour of life in our busy school over the past number of months. Thank you for your continued support of the school. Have a great summer.

Awards Day

The annual St Patrick's College Awards Day was held on Tuesday 19th May last. Students received awards in three different categories.

- Academic Excellence,
- Contribution to School Life,
- Sporting Achievement.

Academic awards were presented to students in all subjects, and the following students received student of the year awards.

1 st Year	Daelin Barbosa and Aoife Porter.
2 nd Year	Eamon Gildea and Grace Porter.
3 rd Year	Shane Gallagher, Zoe Kerrigan, and Aoibhe Webb.
TY	Paulius Egan and Victory Adebisi
5 th Year	Caelan Loughney, Thomas Nealon, and Ashley Carden.
6 th Year	Sean Williams, Paddy Murphy, Ailbhe Mc Loughlin and Michaela Scott.

Congratulations to everyone who received an award on the day.

Awards for Students Outside of School



After her success in qualifying for the young scientist competition last year, Aadila Aliu Iyamah continued with her science project and this year took part in Technovation and Scifest.

Technovation was held in Dublin last April. With the development of an app to run in conjunction with her sign language translating glove, Aadila achieved 2nd place. She will now progress to represent Ireland at the European competition in June.

Scifest was held at ATU Galway in May. Aadila's project "Freedom to Assert Yourself" was the winner of the Scifest 20th Anniversary Award. Another great achievement.

First Year Robot Project Showcase

First year students in St Patrick's College Lacken Cross recently completed an exciting Robot Project during the final term of the school year in Mr. Kissane's Woodwork class.

Students designed and created their own unique wooden robots, showing fantastic creativity and imagination throughout the project. The designs varied from popular characters such as Hulk, Bluey and Spiderman to even a Donald Trump-inspired robot. Each robot reflected the students' individual ideas and personalities, making every project completely unique.

This was a successful cross-curricular project completed in partnership with the Art Department. A special thank you goes to Miss Guinness for all the support and help she gave the students with painting and decorating the robots.

Well done to all students involved in producing such colourful and creative work.



Mayo Mental Health Association

The college's student council recently ran a non-uniform day and bake sale for the Mayo Mental Health Association. The school was lucky to have guest speakers Jenna Walsh and Padraig O Hora visit some of our class groups for important talks about mental health.

The fundraiser raised €500. We would like to thank all the members of our school community who baked and purchased treats on the day. Next year, we hope to have greater links with MMHA and will have their logo on our new school jerseys.



Transition Year Enterprise

The Transition Year Enterprise module is an important part of school life, and this year was no different. Each year, students form their own business and must create, develop and sell a product. We had many enterprising groups this year, but well done to John Maughan, Michael Farrell and Niall Murphy who represented the college at the Mayo finals. The boys won an award for their development of their product through social media.



TY Tour to Spain

Our TY class enjoyed a fun filled and action-packed school tour to Spain and Barcelona after the Easter holidays. Flying from Knock Airport we were delighted to be on the same plane as TY classes from sister ETB schools Moyne College and Colaiste Chomain Rosspoint. Highlights of the trip included a full day in Port Aventura where we bumped into exchange student Martina Camacho. Martina was an exchange student at the college until Christmas and was on a trip with her classmates! A big thank you to Mr Walsh, Mr Freely and Ms Herbert for travelling with the group.



Leaving Cert Graduation

Our 6th Year class and their families and loved ones enjoyed their graduation on May 22nd last. The graduation highlighted the wonderful singing abilities of our students and was a great celebration of the past six years at the college.

The very best of luck to everyone in the Leaving Cert and beyond!



Sports Round Up

What a fantastic year it has been for sport at our school! The school enjoyed several major successes this year and thank you to the teachers and parents who have dedicated their free time to helping nurture our sporting teams this year.

Badminton

The first- and second-year girls' badminton team were recently crowned Mayo champions at the Ballina Sports Centre. The girls have been working hard behind the scenes training and practicing, and their hard work paid off with some convincing wins on the day. Well done, girls.



In the senior section, our Boys team finished second overall, losing out to a very strong Ballyhaunis team after a countback. Well done to everyone who played Badminton this year, either in competition or at lunchtime in the sports hall.

Under 15 Boys Soccer

After a long season, the St Patrick's College U 15 Boys retained the Connacht title with a fine victory over a determined Grange PP, Sligo.

Let by captain Danny Ruane, the team went undefeated all year, scoring 30 goals and conceding 5. Despite falling behind in the final, the boys dug out a victory with goals from Ryan Kenny, James Mc Donnell and a brace from Paidi McHale sealing the deal.

Ryan Cummins Kenny, who was a member of the Mayo team this year was named player of the year. The boy's teamwork is a credit to the school and the community. Well done lads!



Darts Competition

Any visitor to the college will notice a large group of students playing darts outside of the Graphics room. Each year the college runs a competition for 1st and 2nd year students for this ever-popular sport. Congratulations to James McDonnell who defeated a gallant Eamon Gildea in this year's final.



Under 17 Boys Soccer

The U17 Connacht Cup campaign began on a frosty Wednesday in November. Hopes were high after the success of winning two U15 titles in recent years.

Our first game involved a long trip to Athenry to face Archbishop McHale College, Tuam. Despite carrying a few injuries and knocks, the team performed well but were beaten on the day.

With only three teams in the group, the next match against Foxford became a must-win game. Poor weather delayed the fixture until late January, when it was finally played in Enniscrone. In a very even contest, the game finished 1–1, and unfortunately, we were eliminated from the competition by a single point.

In March, we entered the Connacht Shield. In the semi-final against St. Joseph's, Charlestown in Milebush, the sides were level 1–1 at half-time. However, a brilliant second-half display, including a hat-trick from Osartein Adun and a powerful header from Noah Lynn, secured a 5–2 victory.

The final took place in Enniscrone on May 14th against Coláiste Muire, Ballymote. After Ballymote missed a penalty, Inaki Llorente equalised to make it 1–1 and force extra time. Conor Tomas then scored a fine finish to put us ahead before Conor Durkan sealed a memorable 3–1 win on the counterattack.

Special mention goes to Inaki Llorente and Josu Altidill, who are returning to Spain, while Conor Tomas was deservedly named Player of the Year.

Girls Soccer

Our girls' soccer teams had a very competitive year. We entered teams at u15, u17 and u19 age groups. Both the

u19 and u15 teams reached the Connacht quarter finals, having finished 1st and 2nd respectively in their groups. The u17 team topped a very tough group and were defeated in the Connacht semi-final by eventual All Ireland winners, Glenamaddy. An enjoyable season for the girls. Unfortunately, we say goodbye to our five leaving cert players Aoibhe, Shauna, Anna, Melanie and Deirbhile who have represented the school exceptionally for the past six years. They have many Connacht medals and were part of the All-Ireland winning team in 2022. The very best of luck in the future girls.



Junior Cycle Rewards Trip

The first- and second-year classes enjoyed a rewards trip to Lough Key Forest Park following their final exams in May. The class took part in climbing in the treetops, swinging into cargo nets, and zip lining down the many courses available.

It proved to be a great day out and a fitting way to end the year. Thank you to Mr Bolger, Mr Walsh, Ms Herbert and Ms Walsh for taking the time to organise and bring the students.

Finally

I am sure that the parents and guardians of our students will agree with me when I say a big thank you to all the teachers and SNA's who gave their free time to bring students away this year.

Finally, a huge thank you to the people who work behind the scenes at our school- Fiona, Robert, Mary, Diane, Johanna, and Alicia. Thank you so much. Also, thank you to the parents who helped with events and activities during the year.

