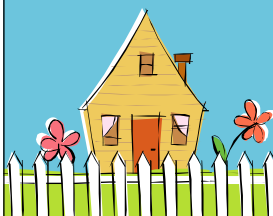


# GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

September 2025



## Welcome Back

We welcome everybody back to school after the summer holidays. We especially welcome our new pupils Bobby, Donnacha, Emily, Harvey, Lorcan, Noah, Ruby, Saoirse Mae, Tommy, Willow & Amber and look forward to helping them settle into school routine.

- Mary Timothy – Secretary
- Eileen Caufield – Cleaner
- Lorraine Fallon – S.N.A.
- Melissa Kenny S.N.A.
- Ms. Julie Brennan (Junior & Senior Infants)
- Ms. Sharlene Coyle (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> class)
- Ms. Gráinne Nolan (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class)
- Ms. Ciara Roughneen (5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class)
- Ms. Tara Chambers (S.E.T.)
- Mr. Cathal Connolly – (Principal admin days)

## E-mail addresses

You can contact the school on (094) 9655257 or e-mail [glinsknschool@gmail.com](mailto:glinsknschool@gmail.com) Staff can also be contacted at the following e-mail addresses:

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## Dates to Note:

As noted on the school calendar sent out last June, the school will be closed for one day per term for teacher in-service, 1 day on the new Child Protection Procedures and 2 days for the new primary curriculum. The school will be closed on the following dates:

- 21st November 2025
- 24th February 2026
- 18th May 2026

## Gymnastics



Gymnastics sessions for all classes will take place in school on 24<sup>th</sup> of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> of October.

## Culture Day

National culture day will be celebrated on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of September**. Glinsk N.S. will celebrate culture day. Pupils are invited to dress to celebrate their culture on this date.

## School Mass

We welcome Fr. Pravin to the parish and wish him well in his ministry. Fr. Pravin will celebrate mass in the school hall on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> of September at 11 a.m.** All are welcome.

## Pupil Insurance

Arachas Insurance Company has a Personal Accident Insurance cover for school pupils. There are 2 options available under the optional scheme.

**Option 1:** Cover for school related activities only which costs €4.60 per pupil

**Option 2:** Cover on a 24-hour basis, 365 days per year which costs €7.10 per pupil

Please find attached an application form for this **optional insurance scheme** for interested families which can be completed and returned to the school by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of October**. Printed copies of the form are available on request from the class teacher. Payment by card can be made securely through the school website at [www.glinskns.ie](http://www.glinskns.ie) Click **Make a Payment** at the top right-hand corner of the home page and select Arachas Pupil Insurance

## Aladdin

The school is using Aladdin software since the beginning of this school year. Aladdin Schools is an Irish owned and run, award winning online Management Information System (MIS) / Student Information System (SIS) specifically designed to simplify administration in primary schools.

We gather and process your child's personal data for the purposes of administering the education of your child. To facilitate this, we will input your child's data into the schools Management Information System, Aladdin. Aladdin is a secure software as a service application which is owned and run by Cloudware Ltd. (T/A Aladdin Schools), from where the data is only processed for the above purpose.

School roll books will be recorded electronically on Aladdin. Where a child is absent, the class teacher is required to select one of the options below from a drop-down menu. It is therefore important to notify an absence through the school absent note on the school website in a timely manner as otherwise the absence will be entered as “**unexplained.**”

## School Instagram Account

You will receive a form about the school Instagram account. Please read the form indicating your preference and return to the school.

## H.S.E. – School Health Programme

Please read the attached letter carefully on the H.S.E. School Health Programme following new legislation signed by the Minister for Health.



## Glinsk NS Parents Association

The Parents Association would like to encourage parents to follow the new **Glinsk NS Parents Association** Facebook page. This is an ideal means of finding out about upcoming fundraising events and how this money is used to benefit all pupils in the school.

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Instagram: glinskns

### Voluntary Contribution

The voluntary family contribution is based on the number of children attending the school. This voluntary contribution goes directly towards the cost of photocopying, art materials and school activities for pupils e.g. gymnastics, Drumadore workshop etc. The voluntary family contribution can be contributed at any time during the year with amounts as follows: Contributions can be made online through the school website.

- 1 pupil attending school - €60 per year (or €20 per term)
- 2 pupils attending school - €120 per year (or €40 per term)
- Maximum for 3 or more pupils attending - €150 per year (or €50 per term)

### School Absence

If your child is absent, please **complete an online absence form on the homepage of the school website** on [www.glinskns.ie](http://www.glinskns.ie) The school must inform the NEWB (National Education Welfare Board) if a child is absent for more than 20 days in a school year. All absences both explained and unexplained must be reported annually.

### Homework

Homework will be assigned to all classes from **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> of September**. Please ensure homework diaries are signed each night. Pupils receive library books regularly from the PM+ reading scheme & Oxford Owl series. Please ensure your child read's his/ her library book and sign the reading record. Please ensure all library books and other school books are minded.

### Cumann na mBunscol

Cumann na mBunscol Mini 7s competitions for girls & boys will be played before the end of September with dates to be notified to the school by the are co-ordinator.

### Tag Rugby Blitz

Connaught Rugby are hosting a Nations Rugby Series for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class primary school pupils. Pupils in 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> class will take part in a tag rugby blitz at Creggs RFC on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> of September** (weather permitting). Each school will be given a country to represent on the day. The games are **non-competitive**, playing 7 a-side on a ¼ pitch. Please bring €8 for the bus.

### School Calendar

The school calendar available at <https://www.glinskns.ie/calendar/> is updated regularly with school events and workshops.

### Text – a – Parent

If you have changed your mobile number or have not received the text sent at the end of August, please contact the school to ensure that you receive future texts and that the correct number is on the contact list. Or if you have changed your e-mail address, please contact the school with your current e-mail address.



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