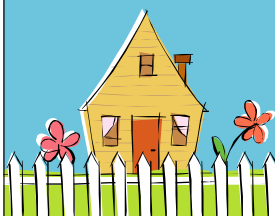


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

March 2026



Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Elphin diocesan catechists will hold a Zoom session for parents/ guardians of First Holy Communion candidates on this **Thursday, 5th of March at 8 p.m.** Please check your email for the zoom link received by email last week. Every good wish to pupils receiving the Sacrament of Penance on **Wednesday 18th of March.**



Sacrament of Confirmation

A Ceremony of Light will take place on **Monday 23rd of March at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet** for pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates receiving the sacrament are requested to bring their baptismal candle to this ceremony. Every good wish to pupils receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Thursday, 26th of March.**

Dates to Note:

- World Book Day takes place this **Thursday, 5th of March** – all pupils are invited to dress as their favourite book character.
- Confessions for pupils preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the school at 12 o'clock on **Wednesday, 18th of March.**
- Pupils in 2nd class preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion will receive the Sacrament of Penance (First Confession) on **Wednesday, 18th of March** at 7 p.m. in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday 26th of March 2026** at 11:00a.m. in St. Mary's Church, Kilbegnet.
- The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 25th of April** at 10:30 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, Glinsk.

STEPS Engineers Week



STEPS Engineers week took place from the **28th of February - 6th of March** and celebrates the world of engineering. The aim of the week is to promote engineering and the importance of the profession to children in Ireland. Pupils took part in different engineering activities during the week including Mark the Science Guy's New Engineers Week Show: **'Engineering the weather'.**



Daffodil Day

National Daffodil Day takes place on **Friday 20th of March.** Daffodil pins and badges costing €3 each in aid of the Irish Cancer Society will be on sale in the school on that date.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for 1st – 6th classes continue on Fridays at Roscommon Leisure Centre pool. The cost of transport which is payable for all pupils participating in swimming lessons (subsided by the Board of Management) is as follows:

- 1 child - €20
- 2 children - €40
- 3 children or more - €50

Payment options are available on the homepage of the school website by clicking on **Make a Payment** or payment is also accepted by cash, cheque, or bank transfer. *Thank you to all families who have made payments to date.*

Green Schools

Congratulations to the winners of the Habitat Hero art competition run by our Green Schools Committee. We are busy working towards obtaining our Biodiversity Flag. Each classroom learned about different habitat heroes from the dandelion, hedgehog, squirrel and owl. Our Green Schools Slogan is ***From bug to beast; we protect and keep!***

Arnold Donnelly from Inland Fisheries will visit the school on ***Tuesday 11th of March*** to give a biodiversity presentation.



Green Schools Habitat Hero art winners

World Book Day

Pupils in 5th and 6th classes will be attending an online workshop with Author Kevin Moran on Thursday, 5th of March, hosted by Children's Books Ireland.

Pupils will also take part in "The Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz" as part of the National Year for Reading. This 45-minute quiz will feature two rounds of questions, one football - themed and one book related pitched by some fantastic soccer players and authors.



Incredible Edibles

We are taking part in the Incredible Edibles programme again this year, which teaches children how to grow their own fruits and vegetables, while exploring the journey of food from farm to table with emphasis on the significance of quality ingredients.

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Seachtain na Gaeilge - Celebrating our Irish Culture & Heritage

Seachtain na Gaeilge events take place nationally from the 1st – 17th March. We will have different activities during the week “as Gaeilge” beginning the 9th of March for all classes to take part in. We will have a Lá Glas on **Monday 16th of March** and pupils are invited to wear green on this date.

Croagh Patrick Climb

Well done to Shaun & Mia Doherty and all their family & extended family who climbed Croagh Patrick last Saturday, 28th of February which was Rare Diseases Day. They took on the climb to raise awareness around Rare Disease Day and fundraise for Rare Diseases Ireland on iDonate which supports families around Ireland affected by Rare Disease. It was a fantastic achievement to climb Croagh Patrick in difficult weather conditions.

Minor Schools Swimming Championships

Good luck & best wishes to Aoibhinn O’Neill representing the school in the national finals at the National Aquatic Centre, Dublin on the **29th of March**. We are very proud that Aoibhinn is representing the school. Swim fast Aoibhinn and most of all enjoy the experience of swimming at the NAC.

James Shevlin Memorial Quiz

Glinsk N.S. hosted the annual James Shevlin Memorial Quiz on the 17th of February with teams from Creggs N.S., Kilcroan N.S., Williamstown N.S., Ardeevin N.S. Glenamaddy N.S. and Glinsk N.S. took part. Thank you to Carmel, Aidan & Martina being present at the quiz and making the presentations.

Our sincere thanks to the quiz mistress, Mary O’Mahony and quiz master, Marty Ward who took charge of the quiz on the day. Congratulations to Glenamaddy N.S. (runners-up) & Kilcroan N.S. winners of the James Shevlin memorial cup. Thank you to the Shevlin family who generously treated all teams present.



James Shevlin Memorial Quiz - Presentations to Glenamaddy N.S. (Runners - up) & Kilcroan N.S. (Winners)

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FAI Schools Primary 5s

The F.A.I. Schools primary 5s competitions will take place as follows for pupils from 4th – 6th class:

- Girls – Thursday 19th of March at Shiven F.C
- Boys – Tuesday 24th of March at Shiven F.C.

Bes of luck to all teams in the competition.



KPMG Junior Juries

Pupils in 3rd & 4th class are participating in the KPMG Junior Juries program. The KPMG Children's Books Ireland Awards Junior Juries' Programme encourages children and young people to engage with reading in an innovative way. There are 10 books shortlisted on the KPMG Children's Book Awards 2026 and pupils will read discuss and assess the shortlisted books. At the end of the process the class will collectively vote for their favourite book and submit our response to the Junior Juries programme.

Hurling Coaching

Hurling coaching session for infants – 2nd class pupils with Ian Fahy from Ballygar Hurling club has commenced and will continue weekly.

School Absence

Reminder: If your child/ children are absent from school, ***please complete an online absence form on the homepage*** of the school website 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. Where there is no absent note, absences are returned as "unexplained."

Happy Easter

School closes on Friday 27th of March at 3 p.m. for the Easter break and reopens on Monday 13th of April.



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