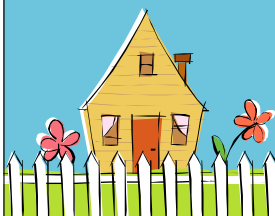


GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

June 2026



Staffing Appeal

The Board of Management application to the Staffing Appeals Board of the Department of Education & Youth has been successful. The Appeals Board has given provisional approval to the school to retain the mainstream post on appeal for the 2026 - 2027 school year. This post will only be retained if the required enrolment figure (**75**) is achieved on 30th September 2026 and accordingly, it is provisional sanction for the post that is granted at this stage.

School Reports

School reports for all classes will be sent out before the end of the school year.

School Calendar 2026 – 2027

The school calendar for the coming school year will be made available to all families before the end of the current school year.

Library Books & Book Rental books

All book rental books, library books and other school resources used during this school year 2025 – 2026 will be collected during the final week. **Please ensure pupils return any textbooks and library books with a school stamp on them.**

Primary School Books Scheme

The government has announced the continuation of the free primary school books scheme for 2026 - 2027. The school will purchase all schoolbooks, workbooks and copybooks for all pupils for September from books grant received. You will not receive a stationery list this year and each class teacher will send an email with items your child will need in their pencil case.

School Tours

Junior & Senior Infants school tour will take place on **Thursday 11th of June** to Turoe Pet Farm.

1st – 6th Class school tour will take place on **Monday, 22nd of June** to the Just for Fun Camp at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick with details to follow. We wish to sincerely thank the Parents Association who are kindly contributing towards the bus costs for both tours from fundraising during the year. We hope all pupils enjoy their school tour trips.

Sports Day

A school sports day for all classes will take place on **Wednesday, 17th of June** (weather permitting).



Pupils should wear comfortable sports clothing – tracksuit bottoms/ shorts, apply sun-cream, wear a sunhat (depending on the weather).

6th Class

As 6th class pupils are nearing the end of their final year, we wish Aoife, Cillian, Daniel, Jayden, Maggie, Mia, Nataliaia & Nela every happiness in secondary school in the years ahead. A prayer service will take place on **Thursday 18th of June at 7p.m. in the school hall** for the pupils and their families & grandparents followed by light refreshments.

Heritage in Schools Scheme

Martin Curley from the Heritage in Schools Scheme will work with pupils in 3rd & 4th class on Family History on the **9th, 12th, 15th, 18th & 19th of June**. Pupils will have an opportunity to research their family history and look at online civil and census records.

Whizzkids

Whizzkids coding sessions with P.J. Mullen are continuing each week since the 29th of April for all pupils from 1st – 6th class. The Board of Management is subsidizing €20 per pupil with €25 payable per pupil. Payment can be made on the homepage of the school website www.glinskns.ie and clicking on the Make a Payment button. Thank to all families who have paid to date.

Curious Minds Gold Award

Glinsk N.S. has received a Research Ireland Curious Minds Gold Award for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) work across all classrooms based on a Log of Evidence submitted.



Research Ireland gave the following feedback on our application

“Congratulations to Glinsk National School! You have been awarded the Research Ireland Curious Minds Gold Award for your work in STEM throughout the year. Your submission clearly demonstrates that the learners are actively engaged in a wide range of exciting activities and workshops. You were very lucky to have the opportunity to investigate water quality in Ballincurry Lake. It is fun doing kick sampling and checking out what indicator species you discover. I admire that your spring clean included the village, bringing your care for the environment outside the school grounds. It is a great idea to bring maths outdoors with a maths trail and using twigs to create shapes. Every slide shows happy learners enjoying STEM activities and no doubt there are many budding scientists and engineers in the school. You should all be very proud of your work. Well done and keep up the good work.”

Evaluation of the School Meals Scheme

The Department of Social Protection is asking primary school communities to participate in an Evaluation of service review of the School Meals Scheme, specifically the Hot School Meals Programme in primary schools. The Department of Social Protection has engaged Ipsos B&A to carry out this evaluation. Pupils and staff received the survey by email and have completed this survey. Parents will receive the survey through My Welfare at <https://services.mywelfare.ie>

Primary Schoolbooks Scheme Survey

The Department of Education & Youth are carrying out an evaluation of the Primary Schoolbooks Scheme and are seeking feedback from school staff, parents & guardians in order to understand what worked well and where improvements can be made. Your feedback will help shape how the scheme develops in the future and can be given at link below. This survey remains open until **Friday, 26th of June 2026**.

<https://dessurveys.education.gov.ie/surveys/primary-schoolbook-scheme-202526-parent-survey>

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Spanish Day

The pupils in 5th and 6th class took part in the **"Say Yes to Languages"** programme. As part of this programme, they learnt all about Spain and Spanish culture. Our tutor Monika, spent 10 weeks teaching some basic Spanish to the pupils. We also learnt about other Spanish speaking countries. On **Friday, 12th of June**, we will hold our first Spanish Language Day in the school hall, where we will celebrate all things Spanish.



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Gaelic Football Tournaments

- Glinsk N.S. hosted the annual Tom Lohan & Noel Connelly memorial Gaelic football tournament at Glinsk G.A.A. pitch on **Friday 5th of June**. We will welcomed teams from Creggs N.S, Lisheen N.S., Ardeevin N.S., Glenamaddy N.S. & Kilcroan N.S.

Thank you to Glinsk G.A.A. for the use of the pitch and facilities. Sincere thanks to Stephen Neary for setting up the pitches ready to play, referees Emma Griffin & Taylor Neary who did a great job on the day and all who came to support the teams.

Congratulations to Creggs N.S. girls' team on winning the Noel Connelly shield and Glinsk N.S. boys' team on winning the Tom Lohan Cup.

Congratulations to Lisheen N.S. on winning the girls Gaelic Skills Competition & Creggs N.S. on winning the boys Gaelic Skills Competition.

- Creggs N.S. will host the annual Mark Fitzmaurice & Conor Connelly memorial tournament on **Tuesday, 16th of June** at Creggs G.A.A. pitch at 10:30 a.m.



Runners-Up – Noel Connelly Shield Competition



Winners – Tom Lohan Cup

Summer Holidays

Glinsk N.S. will close on **Wednesday 24th of June** at 12 o'clock for the summer holidays. We thank you all sincerely for your support, co-operation and help throughout the school year. We wish you all a happy, enjoyable and safe summer holidays. Go raibh míle maith agaibh.



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