



GLINSK N.S. NEWSLETTER

October 2026

Goal Jersey Day

This year €170 raised for GOAL. Thank you to all who contributed generously to this charity.

Maths Week 2026

Pupils will take part in Maths Week Ireland 2026 from the **10th – 18th of October**. Maths Week Ireland promotes, awareness, appreciation and understanding of Maths.

Soccer

Tony McElinn from Roscommon Youth & Districts Soccer commenced weekly soccer coaching sessions for all classes on Tuesday 29th of September. The emphasis is on enjoyment and participation while also learning skills of the game.

Dates to Note:

- Parent - Teacher meetings will take place on **Monday 9th & Tuesday 10th of November**. (conditional on resolution of current industrial action with more details nearer the dates). If you have a preference for one of these days, please contact the class teacher before **Friday 23rd of October**.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Thursday 11th of March 2027** at 4 p.m. in St. Bride's Church, Ballintubber.
- The Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated on **Saturday 15th of May 2027** at 10:00 a.m. in St. Michael's Church, Glinsk.

Cycle Right Training



Pupils in 5th & 6th class will commence a Cycle Right course with Cycle Safe Ireland on **Tuesday 3rd of November**.

Cycle Right is the national cycling safety training programme, facilitated and overseen by Cycling Ireland, the national governing body for cycling in Ireland. The programme is part funded by the Department of Transport and the Road Safety Authority (RSA). Pupils will receive a permission form in advance of the course beginning from the class teacher. The cost of the cycling course is €22 per pupil. Galway County Council provides a subsidy of €10 per pupil, reducing the cost to €12 per pupil.

Pupils should bring their own bicycle and helmet for the days that cycle training takes place. Bikes should be parked in the bicycle hut and only used during the day for cycling training. If a pupil does not have their own bicycle & helmet, Cycle Right will provide both and will require numbers in advance of the course beginning. Pupils should only cycle to or from school unaccompanied where a completed permission form under the arrival & dismissal policy is completed.



Food Dudes

The school will complete the Food Dudes programme the week beginning the **19th of October**. All pupils will receive a portion of fruit & vegetables each day that week. Junior Infants and new entrant pupils will receive a Food Dude lunchbox as this is their first introduction to the Food Dude programme. Please see www.fooddudes.ie for further information and the attached letter.

Design A Card

All pupils will work on a Design A Card Christmas card before the Halloween break. Sample cards with order information will be delivered to the school in November.

Toys

We kindly ask children not to bring toys or other items from home into school. While we appreciate that children enjoy sharing their favourite things with friends, toys can sometimes lead to disagreements or upset during the school day.

We would really appreciate your support in helping us to avoid unnecessary disagreements among pupils and are fortunate to have a good variety of toys and activities available for all pupils to enjoy and share at school. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Fís Film Awards 2027

The Fís film project encourages teachers & pupils to explore the medium of film and digital media in the primary curriculum. Fís helps develop many different areas of the primary curriculum including creative thinking, language, imagination, collaborative learning and problem-solving skills.

Pupils in 4th & 5th class worked on the Fís Film project last June and wrote a storyboard called ***The Incredible Case of the Disappearing Pencil***. We were fortunate to record our film using the GoPro Hero 13 camera purchased by the Parents Association from fundraising last year. We are delighted to receive an email from the Fís Film team to inform us that our film is shortlisted for the 21st national Fís Film Awards ceremony which will take place at the ***Helix Theatre, D.C.U. on Thursday 11th of February 2027***.

Well done to all the pupils for all their great work from writing the storyboard right through to filming. Our film is available to watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SyhhxnOe62s>

Musical

Glenamaddy Community School are staging the musical **Shrek** in Glenamaddy Townhall Theatre. Pupils in 5th & 6th class will attend the musical on **Wednesday, 21st of October** (conditional on resolution of current industrial action.) Tickets for the musical are €5 per pupil and bus costs €5 per pupil (Total €10 per pupil).

School Absence

School roll books are recorded electronically on Aladdin. When a child is absent, the class teacher is required to select an absence reason from a drop-down menu. It is important to notify an absence by completing an absent note in a timely manner on the homepage of the school website on www.glinskns.ie Otherwise the absence will be entered as “**unexplained.**”

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.

Shoebox appeal

Over the past few years, we have participated in the Team Hope Christmas shoebox appeal. Shoeboxes go directly to children that are victims of war, disease, or poverty. Leaflets with a list of items that can be included in the shoeboxes for any family that would like to donate a shoebox to Team Hope (*optional*) will be available in the school before the Halloween holidays.



Halloween

Pupils are invited to dress up for Halloween on **Friday 23rd of October** and we will play some traditional Halloween games!



Oíche Shamhna - Enjoy the Halloween holidays!

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