



Naomh Eoin Baiste
Caiseal Mumhan

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Welcome Back/Fáilte ar Ais

Hello everyone! Back to school at last. A special welcome to all our new pupils & their families who have joined us this year. We look forward to a very positive and happy year ahead. Lots of play and learning to do with our friends & peers. I hope you all enjoyed the summer, but it's time again for the routines of school life - like it or not! Wishing everyone in the school community - new staff included - the very best for school year 2025/26.



Hot Lunches

At the start of the year, **all pupils are registered for hot lunches**. This is standard practice. We would encourage boys & families to give it time before considering cancellation. Get into the habit of ordering meals on the App together.

Home-School Communication

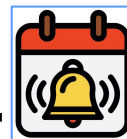
The **Aladdin App** is the main method of home-school communication. Please check daily. It includes a constantly updated calendar of school events.

Navy Shorts OK In September

For the month of September only, the boys are free to wear **plain navy shorts**. From October onwards, navy tracksuit bottoms only.



Reminders for September



1. This school is nut free. No nuts or products containing nuts allowed.
2. The Liam McCarthy Cup, Eoghan & Oisín will be visiting the school on Monday 15 September at 9.30am approx. We are very excited.
3. Slight amendment to Healthy Lunch Policy. Crackers and bread sticks are allowed this year for snacks.
4. All waste goes home with the boys.
5. After school Creative Keyboards lessons (Infants to Sixth) starting on Thurs 18 Sept. After school Art lessons with Jennie (1st-6th) from Fri 19 September.
6. Transitions Meetings for new 1st class (Tues 16th Sept at 6.30pm and 3rd class (Tues 23rd Sept at 6.30pm) Parents of boys in those classes are expected to attend these very important presentations by class teachers.

Make Reading A Habit This Year

As the nights close in, it's a good time to get back into the habit of **daily reading**. Please support your son with this. Consistency is the key. 3rd Class parents new to our Accelerated Reader programme will learn all about it at the meeting with Ms Stapleton later this month.

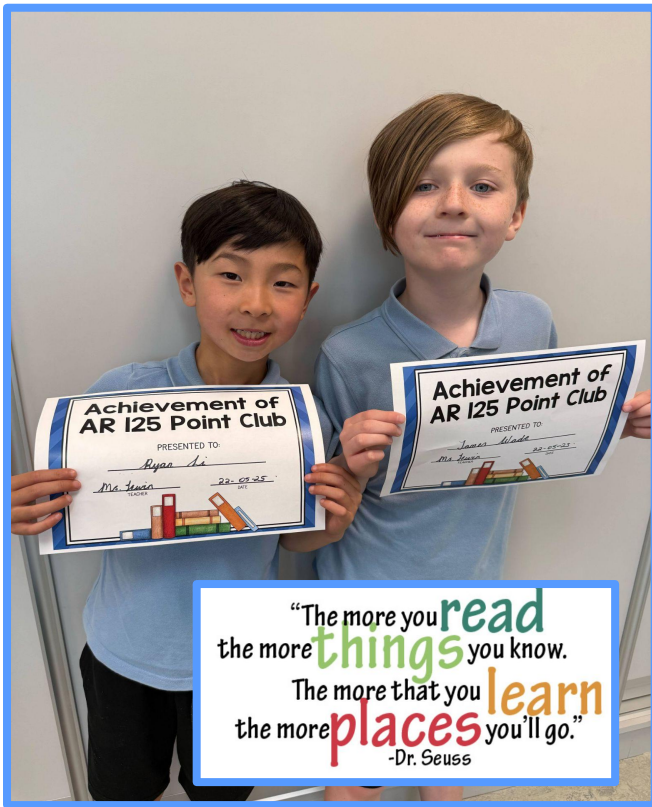
We're excited to try **Ukuleles** with Dereck from Music Generation in the senior end this year.

Balance Bikes in Infants and the **Cycle Right** programme in Rang 5 commence this week.

Gaelic Football with John starts this Thursday in classes from Rang 3 to Rang 6.

Athletics training with Ms O'Donoghue and Mr Ryan starts this week as we prepare for the Cross Country Championships in Thurles on 24 September.

September/October are **Friendship Months**, with a focus on how to be a good friend, make friends and keep friends. The **Creative Cluster** collaboration is coming to an end, but we still have some animation workshops this week. Always a big hit with the boys.



CAPER and AR are our key reading for pleasure initiatives



Our HSCL Rachel

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Welcome back to another school year. A special welcome to our new families. My number is above and my email is rachelhayes@cashelbns.ie. Happy to help if you need anything during the year.



School Lotto

Your support is invaluable

The jackpot stands at **€3000**. Thanks to everyone for their ongoing support. New members would be very much appreciated. Google **OurFundraiser St John the Baptist Primary Schools Cashe l**

News from our BOM, Parent Association & Wider School Community

The chairperson of our Board Mrs **Monica Shannon** writes:

"As Chairperson of the Board of Management, it gives me immense pride and joy to warmly welcome back the boys of St John the Baptist School for the 2025-2026 school year. Each September marks a new beginning—full of possibility, hope, and opportunity—and I truly wish that every boy experiences a year of happiness, growth, and success. Together, staff, parents, and community, we form the foundation upon which the boys can thrive. May this school year be filled with learning, friendship, joy, and achievement."

Sinéad O'Connell is our PA Chairperson:

"On behalf of our Parent Association I would like to welcome back students and staff for the year 25/26. Thank you to all the staff who work so hard year in year out to ensure the best for our boys. A special mention of support to the office staff Siobhan, Geraldine and Shelley and caretaker Con during their strike action. They are integral members of the school community and we fully support their position in this dispute.

The Parent Association AGM will take place September 11th 8pm. As always, we invite new members to join. We look forward to another school year and wish all in the school community the best for the year ahead."