

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

January 2026

Newsletter

Welcome Back:

Welcome back to all our students as we begin Term 2. We have a busy term ahead. The 6th class children will celebrate their **Confirmation on February 11th at 12 noon**. We will be closed on **Monday February 2nd** for the Bank Holiday. Midterm break is on Thursday **February 19th & Friday February 20th**. Please note that Wednesday February 18th is a normal school day with home times unchanged.

School Tour 2026: We have booked our school tour for **Tuesday June 4th**. The whole school will be travelling to The Crystal Maze. The cost is €30 per child. Many thanks to the Parents Association for covering the cost of the bus. A **€5 deposit per student is required by February 18th**. Payments can be made via the following link: <https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

6th Class Tour: the 6th Class Tour to Causey Farm has been booked for Monday June 15th 2026. The cost is €47 per child. Payments can be made using the above link.

Catholic Schools Week: Catholic Schools Week 2026 began on Sunday 18th of January. The purpose of the week is to highlight and celebrate the contribution that Catholic Schools make to our local communities. This year's theme is ***Catholic Schools: Normal Lives called to Holiness***

Assembly: Congratulations to our certificate winners for this month. The winners were as follows:

Pupils of the Month: Adam McGuinness, Emmy Wall Narcisse, Jessica Taaffe Cudden, Síne Kirwan, Arthur Keane, Kaiya Cannon, Blayke Murray, Cillian Narcisse, Zack Flaherty Wogan, Jack McGuinness, Adam McEnteggart, Lucy McArdle, Caleb Collins, Siobhán Briscoe, Alex McEnteggart & Seán Connell Cudden

Handwriting Awards: Dovas Pangonis, James Mehegan, Conal Cannon, Aoife Mullen, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Gracie Curley, Nina Hall & Cian Deasy.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Lucie Weldon, Archie King, Mollie Toner, Sadie Mehegan, Eadie Freyne, Evelyn Cassely, Dara Deasy & Michael Power.

Quiz Team: Best of luck to our U-11 and U-13 quiz teams who will compete in the preliminary round of the 2026 Credit Union Schools Quiz on Mon 9th February 2026 in the Parish Centre in Ardee.

Sacrament Classes: Please note the following dates:

First Holy Communion Class:

First Confessions will take place on **Saturday March 14th at 2pm** in Duleek Church.

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 16th 2026** at **12 noon** in Duleek Church.

Confirmation:

The Confirmation Ceremony will take place on **Wednesday February 11th at 12 noon** in Duleek Church. The children must wear their school uniform for the Confirmation ceremony – no tracksuits. Best wishes to the children, their families and their teachers as they prepare for these sacraments over the coming weeks.

School Absence Reminder: If your child/ children are absent from school, please inform the school as soon as possible (via Class Dojo or the school office). The school must inform the TUSLA/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” which may be investigated by TUSLA.

If your child is sick or is absent for other good reasons, no action will be taken by TUSLA- Child and Family Agency. However, if there is concern about your child’s attendance at school or about the reasons given, you may be visited by an Educational Welfare Officer who will discuss your child’s education with you.

Music Generation: Our Music Generation lessons for 3rd-6th class have resumed. These lessons are subsided by Music Generation, and they will continue until May. The children are learning the violin and they have made great progress so far.

School Drop Off: We appreciate your cooperation with our morning drop-off routine.

To ensure a safe and smooth start to the day for all students, please remember to:

- ◆ Keep Moving: Please avoid blocking the flow of traffic for other cars.
- ◆ No Unsupervised Children: For safety, no child should be left unattended outside the school gates before or after school hours.
- ◆ No Pushing/Crowding: Children should not be pushing or rushing to get out of cars or towards the entrance.
- ◆ Parking: If you are parking only park in the designated areas and never park in areas which are restricted for buses, drivers with permits or individuals with special access.
- ◆ Exercise patience: On wet or busy mornings be patient and expect slight delays.

Standardised Tests: Standardised testing for the children in 1st – 6th Class will take place on the following dates.

If possible, please avoid booking holidays for these dates.

Spelling: February 17th & 18th **Reading:** May 6th & 7th **Maths:** May 26th, 27th & 28th.