

Scoil Cholmcille, Mount Hanover

February 2026

Newsletter

School Calendar:

- **First Confessions** will take place on **Saturday March 14th** in Duleek Church at **2pm**.
- **St. Patrick's Day Closure:** Tuesday March 17th 2026.
- **Staff Training Closure:** Wednesday March 18th 2026 & Monday June 8th 2026.
- **Easter Holidays:** School closing at 12 noon on Friday March 27th. Re-opening on Monday 13th April at 8.50 am.
- **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday May 16th at 12 noon**.
- **School Tour:** Crystal Maze – Thursday June 4th 2026.
- **6th Class Graduation:** Friday June 12th 2026.
- **6th class Tour:** Monday June 15th 2026.

Sports in School: The boys and girls GAA and soccer teams are back in action. The 5-a-side FAI Soccer competition takes place in the MDL on **Tuesday March 3rd** for the boys and **Tuesday March 10th** for the girls.

The GAA teams are competing in an East Meath School league and they have monthly games in this competition.

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

Pupil of the Month: Bobby Ray Ingamells, Lily McGuinness, Lena Gawelek, Mollie Corbally, Katie O'Brien, Anna McGuinness, Isla Connor, Lucas Corluka, Eddie Fitzpatrick, Louis Mullen, Fiadh Cannon Jordan, Conor McGuinness, Jake Lynch, Amelia O'Brien, Harry Flood & Aoife Cannon.

Handwriting Awards: Emmy Sherin, Elliot Bracken Ryan, Kaiya Cannon, Joseph Kallely, Cody O'Brien, Katie McEntegart, Petra Smyth & Shane Woods.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Xander Spinenco, Aoibhinn McAuley, Aifric Curran, James Toner, Joe Durkan, Paddy Curran, Charlie Collins & Tom Kelly.

Standardised Testing: Please note the following dates for this year's standardised tests (1st – 6th class children):

Drumcondra Reading Tests: May 6th & 7th 2026

Drumcondra Maths Tests: May 26th/27th/28th 2026.

A standardised test is used to measure a child's achievement in English reading and maths compared to other children throughout the country at the same class level or age level. The English reading tests give information about how well your child can understand what he/she has read. The tests do not gather information on your child's written or spoken English. The maths test finds out how well your child can use numbers for different purposes and solve maths problems. The results of the tests will be communicated to you in the End of School Year report.

School Staff: Please note the following staffing arrangements for the remainder of the school year.

Junior Infants: Mr. Caoláin O'Reilly

Senior Infants: Ms. Brigid O'Donnell (Acting Assistant Principal)

1st & 2nd Class: Ms. Mary Clayton (Acting Deputy Principal & Deputy Designated Liaison Person)

3rd & 4th Class: Mr. Pádraig McGroggan

5th & 6th Class: Ms. Lorraine O'Loughlin (Principal & Designated Liaison Person)

Special Education Teachers: Ms. Jessica Donagh & Ms. Mia Farrell

Congratulations to Ms. Maher and her husband on the birth of their baby boy. Best wishes to Ms. Leddy as she heads starts her maternity leave.

Confirmation: Congratulations to our 6th class students who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday February 11th. I hope that you all had a lovely day with your family and friends.

Sherpa: Our after school care/club is now up and running and open for bookings. Sherpa Kids is Ireland's leading school age childcare provider, proudly supporting families for over 10 years across more than 120 locations nationwide. Sherpa Kids programmes combine **engaging, play-based activities** with **practical support for families** — offering affordability, convenient hours and assistance with school pick-up. Book now:

<https://enrolmy.com/sherpa-kids?emyatb=4w7ygdi834#/name/%25STAY%20AND%20PLAY%25!>

School Tour: Please find below the payment link for this year's school tour to The Crystal Maze:

<https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

Payments can be made in full or in installments - **minimum deposit payment of €5 per child** required by **March 1st**.

Please pay in full by May 24th.

Denim Day: **Denim Day for Dementia** takes place nationwide on **Friday, 27th February!** We are getting involved **this year**. We are asking everyone to **wear their denims** on **Friday, February 27th**, and donate to support families impacted by dementia. Collection boxes will be in school on the day. Please support this very worthy charity by giving whatever you can. Donations can also be made online: <https://alzheimer.enthuse.com/pf/lorraine-o-loughlin>