



Easter Break: The school will close on **Friday March 27th** for the Easter break. Collection time is 12 noon. School will reopen on **Monday April 13th at 8.50 am.**

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter!!

School Calendar:

- **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday May 16th at 12 noon.**
- **School Tour:** Crystal Maze – **Thursday June 4th 2026.**
- **Staff Training Closure:** Monday June 8th 2026.
- **6th Class Graduation:** Friday June 12th 2026 at 11.30 am.
- **6th class Tour:** Causey Farm - Monday June 15th 2026.

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

Pupil of the Month: Kevin Popenco, Katie Morrissey, Cooper Crawley Fay, Logan Nugent, Bobby Condrón, Conal Cannon, Lucas Corluka, Hugo Harvey, Cody O'Brien, Hannah Pawlik Stepien, Isla Freyne, Gracie Curley, Caoimh Butler, Dara Deasy, Johnny McGuinness & Kayleigh Stacey.

Handwriting Awards: Malek Mousa, Maryam Kallely, Oliver Crawley Fay, Holly McGuinness, Zach Mullen, Neala San Pen, TJ McGuinness & Emily Keane.

Gaeilgeoir Na Míosa: Cianán Curran, Nikodem Gawełek, Aifric Curran, Pola Wodzinska, Alice Grogan, Lucy McArdle, Emily Keane & Amber Devine.

School Tour:

The date for the school tour is **Thursday June 4th**. Please find below the payment link for this year's school tour to **Cavan Crystal Maze**. The 6th class tour has been booked for **Causey Farm**. This will take place on **Monday June 15th**.

Payments can be made in full or in installments through the following link or on the Aladdin Connect app. <https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

Please pay in full by **May 24th 2026.**

Healthy Eating:

A reminder of our Healthy Eating Policy. It is very important that all families follow this policy, as it can be upsetting and unfair for children who are making a real effort to stick to it when others have treats in their lunchboxes. We are a nut free school so please do not send foods containing nuts to school. The policy can be viewed here: <https://mounthanoverns.ie/policies/healthy-eating-policy-2/>

Daily food routine:

- 11.00 am: Children have a small, healthy snack. Please don't send too much, as this can spoil their appetite for lunch.
- 12.50pm: Children receive their Hot School Lunch.

Did you know? Every classroom has a fruit tray with apples and oranges available for children.

Foods that are not permitted as part of a healthy lunch/snack:

- Chocolate, biscuits, cakes, doughnuts
- Sweets, chewing gum, crisps
- Fizzy drinks or cans/glass bottles

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

First Holy Communion: **Saturday May 16th 2024** at **12 noon** in Duleek Church.

Congratulations to the boys and girls who made the sacrament of First Confession this month.

Best wishes to the children, their families and their teachers as they prepare for the sacrament of First Communion over the coming weeks.

There will be a Communion Reception after the ceremony in the school GP Room. We are asking for volunteers to help with this reception (baked goods, sandwiches, helping with set up and serving on the day). If you can help out, please let us know (the Parents Association or Ms. O'Loughlin).

Sports in School:

Well done to all the children who participated in the FAI 5-a-side and the GAA Mini 7's this month.

Thank you to Ms. O'Donnell & Mr. McGroggan for all their work in preparing and organizing the school teams. Thank you also to Mrs. Kennedy for her help with the games.

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.

Easter Raffle: Many thanks to Mount Hanover Farms for the fabulous Easter hampers for the raffle. The winners are as follows:

Infants: Aoibhínn McAuley

1st/2nd: Anna McGuinness

3rd/4th: Eddie Hanratty

5th/6th: TJ McGuinness

Aladdin Connect: Please check your emails/texts for your access codes for Aladdin Connect.

Please click on the unique access code provided to you and complete the registration process that follows. You will then be prompted to download the Aladdin Connect app onto your phone. Please use the details you created during registration to sign into the app. Once you have the app downloaded please follow the steps to verify your mobile number to ensure that you receive app messages. Going forward, all school texts and emails will be sent through the app. You will also receive the end of school year report through the app. The app also allows you to see your child's attendance records and their previous end of school year reports.

If you have any problems, please let us know: mounthanoverns@gmail.com

Our Kids Code: Our school has been successfully selected to participate in 'Our Kids Code', a fantastic STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Maths) initiative run by Meath County Council and Trinity College Dublin (TCD).

We are paired with Bellewstown NS for this project, which aims to bring creative computing to life for our students.

This project focuses on family oriented coding and creativity. It's not just about screens; it's about building, designing, and problem-solving. The target group for this program is 3rd and 4th Class children and their families.

☑ We Need Your Help!

To get this project off the ground, we are looking for two parent volunteers to join our planning team. You will help us plan and organise the very first workshop. The workshop will take place after the Easter Break after school hours. You don't need to be a software engineer or have coding experience. We just need enthusiastic parents who are organised and interested in supporting a fun, hands-on learning environment for the kids.

This is a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of a program backed by TCD, helping our children develop essential skills for the future in a fun, community-focused way.

If you are interested in helping us shape this project or have any questions about what's involved, please contact me by email (mounthanoverns@gmail.com).

Sherpa: Our after school care/club is now up and running and open for bookings. 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 Chairs: New school chairs were purchased for all the children in March. The old chairs have been donated and they are on their way to a school in Africa. Many thanks to our caretaker, Gavin, for organising the transfer.