

# Summer Newsletter

June 2026

Mount Hanover NS



**Summer Wishes:** As the school year draw to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support that you have shown this school year. Your support and co-operation is very much appreciated.

I would also like to acknowledge the staff here at Mount Hanover NS for their hard work and dedication this year. I have had the privilege of leading a fantastic staff and I am very proud of them. They have, as always, gone above and beyond in their various roles to create and offer the very best to all the children.

Many thanks to our cleaners, Izabela and her team at Dustbusters, and our caretaker, Gavin. Thank you for all the extra care and attention that you have given to the school this year.

A special word of thanks to our wonderful secretary, Jennifer. I'd like to thank for her hard work and dedication.

Have a lovely summer beak everyone. **School closes at 12 noon tomorrow for everyone.**

We look forward to welcoming you back on **Wednesday August 26<sup>th</sup> 2026.**

**Good Luck:** Goodbye and Good Luck to our 6<sup>th</sup> class students. I would like to wish you the very best as you begin the next stage of your educational journey. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow and learn over the past 8 years. Thank you for all that you have brought to the school and for sharing your talents and interests with us.

Thank you also to the families who are leaving the Mount Hanover NS community this year. You have all made a huge contribution to the school and have left a lasting legacy. This year we are saying goodbye to the following families: Kelly Family, Woods Family, Connell - Cudden Family, Power Family, Devine Family, Flood Family, Stacey Family and the Cudden Family.

You have been actively involved for many years in the life of Mount Hanover NS. You have left a lasting impression on the school and for that I sincerely thank you. Many of you have served on the Board of Management or the Parents Association. You have lent you talents to the school by creating and maintaining the school garden or lending your expertise to school building projects to name but a few. Thank you for your dedication and hard work. You will be greatly missed by us all.

**Parent Helpers:** Thank you to all the Parent Helpers who came onboard this year. A special mention to Clodagh Smyth and our gardening crew who have worked so diligently this year. Thank you for your time, knowledge and expertise. It is very much appreciated by us all.

**School Books 2026:** The free schoolbook scheme is continuing again for the upcoming school year.

All schoolbooks will remain the property of the school so that books can be re-used in future years. Schoolbooks will be provided on loan to children for the duration of the 2026/27 school year and must be returned to school at the end of the school year.

This scheme does not include art/craft or photocopying fees so these will apply for the 2026/27 school year (€40). An optional payment for personal pupil insurance will also be available (€9). The payment page can be accessed here: <https://www.aladdin.ie/p/6180051006521344>

Stationery lists for **1st to 6th Class** may be found below. Please ensure that your child has these items on their return to school. Infant classes will have everything supplied for them.

#### **1st/2nd Class**

##### **Stationery:**

- Well stocked pencil case – pencils, rubbers, sharpener, 1 large Pritt sticks, 3 whiteboard markers.
- Twistables or similar (no markers)

#### **3rd- 6th Class**

##### **Stationery:**

- Well stocked pencil case- red pens, blue pens, black pens, whiteboard markers, 30 cm ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, twistable crayons/colouring pencils, 1 large Pritt stick, pencils, highlighter.

**\*\*Please label all the above items with your child's name \*\***

##### **All Classes:**

Art and Craft material, photocopying and stationery: €40

Personal Pupil Insurance (24hr cover) **\*\*Optional\*\*** €9

**Payment can be made through the Aladdin App or through the following portal:**

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

Please ensure payment is made on or before **September 18<sup>th</sup> 2026**

The school calendar for 2026/2027 has been released on Aladdin and Class Dojo. It is also available to view on our school website:

<https://mounthanoverns.ie/school-updates/school-calendar/>

The end of year school reports have been released on the Aladdin Connect app. Please log into the app to view your child's report.

**Assembly Winners:** Well done to our prize winners for June. They are as follows:

**Pupil of the Month:** Emmy Wall Narcisse, Alfie Quinn, Elliot Bracken Ryan, Maryam Kallely, Arthur Keane, Aifric Curran, Sadie Mehegan, James Toner, Nathan Maguire, Aoibha O'Brien, Lucy McArdle, Adam McEnteggart, Emma Moore, Daniel McGuinness, Tom Kelly & Johnny McGuinness.

**Gaelgeoir na Míosa:** Lily McGuinness, Cooper Crawley Fay, Bobby Condrón, Adam Hall, Emilee Rose Crosby, Isla Freyne & Alex McEnteggart.

**Handwriting Awards:** Bobby Ray Ingamells, Jessica Taaffe Cudden, Finn McGuinness, Kevin Mokl, Joe Durkan, Ellie Weldon, Peter Crosby & Kayleigh Stacey.

**Class Teachers 2026/2027:** The staffing schedule for the 2026/2027 school year is as follows:

**Junior Infants:** Ms. Mary Clayton (Acting Deputy Principal)

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

**1st/2nd:** TBC

**3rd/4th:** Mr. Pádraig McGrogan

**5th/6th:** Ms. Lorraine O'Loughlin (Principal)

**Special Education Teacher (SET):** Ms. Jessica Donagh

**Shared SET & Principal Release Post:** Ms. Mia Farrell – Shared with Newtown NS 1 day per week.

**SNA:** Mrs. Mary Kennedy

**Secretary:** Mrs. Jennifer Donoghue.

Recruitment for the vacant maternity leave position will take place during the summer break - August. Once an appointment has been made, you will be informed.

Congratulations to Ms. McGinty and her husband on the birth of their Baby Girl earlier on this month.

**Primary Curriculum Framework:** As you may be aware the department of Education and Youth are rolling out a new Primary School Curriculum. The new curriculum is shaped by children, parents, teachers, school leaders, education experts and research. The Primary School Curriculum focuses on 7 key competencies for children. These are the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that help them learn and grow. They show how your child develops important life skills through everything they do at school, from playful and engaging lessons to working with others and everyday experiences. The curriculum will be introduced gradually. From September 2026, schools will add one new curriculum area each year until they are all in place. This will take about 6–7 years. Teachers will be learning new ways of teaching and taking part in courses to support this. Sometimes, schools may need to close for a short time while teachers take part. This training will help give your child a better learning experience. The school will let you know when this is happening. More information can be found here:

[https://oide.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Leaflet\\_for\\_Parents-English.pdf](https://oide.ie/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Leaflet_for_Parents-English.pdf)

# School calendar 2026/27

August 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31						1	2
32	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
33	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
34	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
35	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
36	31						

September 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36		1	2	3	4	5	6
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39	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	28	29	30				

October 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40				1	2	3	4
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42	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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45	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
46	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
49	30						

December 2026							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49		1	2	3	4	5	6
50	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
51	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
52	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
53	28	29	30	31			

January 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
53					1	2	3
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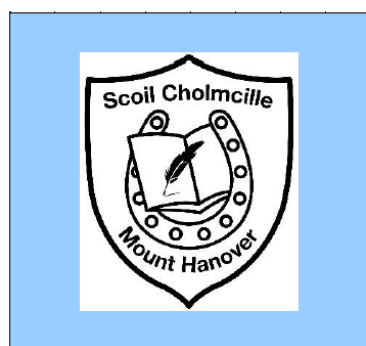
February 2027							
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8	22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027							
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12	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
13	29	30	31				

April 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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16	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
17	26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
17						1	2
18	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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21	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
22	31						

June 2027							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
22		1	2	3	4	5	6
23	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
24	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	28	29	30				



	School Reopening	<b>October Mid Term Break</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
	Half Day – 12 Noon	<b>Christmas Break</b>	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December – Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
	School Closed	<b>February Mid Term Break</b>	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
		<b>Easter Break</b>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April