

# The Waterpark Times

*Summer Edition 2026*



# Junior Infants

Our Junior Infants had a fantastic time during Active Week, especially enjoying lots of fun-filled water play to help keep cool in the sunshine. There were plenty of smiles, laughter, and splashes as the children took part in a variety of exciting activities. It was a wonderful way to stay active and have fun.



# Senior Infants

Senior Infants had a fantastic day out at Ardmore Open Farm and Mini Zoo. The children enjoyed meeting and learning about a variety of animals, exploring the outdoor playground, and having great fun in the ball play area. It was a wonderful trip filled with laughter, learning, and happy memories for everyone.



# First Class

First Class sang Circle of Friends during the Bí Cineálta and The Waterpark 25 Year Anniversary Ceremony. They went to the Watershed on their school tour and took part in a variety of activities such as swimming, wipe out, waterslides and obstacle courses. What a fun filled day. Enjoy the holidays boys and girls.



# Second Class Celebrate a Sacrament

A very special highlight of the year was the celebration of First Holy Communion. The children looked fantastic and represented themselves, their families, and the school with great pride on the day. A sincere thank you to Ms. Cummins and Ms. Hayes for all their hard work and dedication in preparing the children so well for this important milestone.



# Second Class

Second Class had a fantastic end to the school year, enjoying a variety of fun and engaging activities. From designing and making colourful kites to trying their hand at archery on their school tour, there was plenty of excitement along the way. The children also loved taking part in relaxing yoga sessions with Amelia and finished the term with a well-deserved ice cream to celebrate all of their hard work. Well done, Second Class – we hope you all have a wonderful summer!



# Third Class

Third Class had a wonderful end to the school year. They thoroughly enjoyed their school tour to Kilkenny Castle and the Reptile Zoo, where they explored history and discovered a fascinating variety of animals. The class also loved taking part in paired reading with Junior Infants, showing great kindness and leadership as they shared stories together. Well done to Third Class on a fantastic year, and we wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer!



# Fourth Class

What a fantastic term it has been for this class! They rounded it off with a fun-filled school tour to the Watershed, where they enjoyed swimming, zooming down the water slides, and taking part in a variety of exciting team activities. It was a wonderful way to celebrate all of their hard work throughout the year, with plenty of laughter, teamwork, and happy memories made along the way.



# FTD Brothers

The whole school gathered at the bandstand in the People's Park to cheer on the FTD Brothers as they set off on another marathon in their incredible challenge of running 33 marathons across Ireland. Their inspiring effort to raise awareness and funds for dementia research was met with great enthusiasm from our pupils, who proudly lined the route to encourage the runners. It was a wonderful opportunity for our children to witness the power of community spirit, kindness, and determination in action. Eve and Alfie from 6<sup>th</sup> Class presented two Waterford GAA Jerseys to the brothers and Alfie and Ivy from 2<sup>nd</sup> presented them with a poem from our school. Well done to the FTD brothers on their massive achievement and raising awareness for dementia across Ireland.



# Waterpark

## Welcome Eddie

A very special visitor, Eddie the emotional support dog who works in the CBS in Dungarvan, brought plenty of smiles to Waterpark this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Eddie, watching him perform his clever tricks, and spending time with such a gentle and friendly companion. Eddie certainly seemed to enjoy all the attention too, and his visit brought lots of laughter.



# Waterford Trees for Life

We were delighted to welcome members of Waterford Trees for Life to our school for a wonderful tree-planting initiative. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved, learning about the importance of caring for our environment while helping to plant trees on the school grounds. It was a lovely community project that encouraged teamwork, sustainability, and a lasting connection with nature.



# Fifth Class

Fifth Class had a fantastic end to the school year, enjoying a wide range of exciting activities. Their school tour to Oceanics was a huge success, where they had great fun learning to surf. The class also took part in a virtual tour of Ardnacrusha Power Station, gaining a fascinating insight into how electricity is generated. A particular highlight was receiving the Marine Explorers Award, recognising all of their hard work and learning about Ireland's marine environment. Well done to Fifth Class on a wonderful year, and we wish them all a happy and relaxing summer!



# Doing Waterpark Proud

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and the many wonderful achievements they have enjoyed outside of school. Whether in sport, music, dance, scouting, or other clubs and activities, our children continue to demonstrate dedication, talent and enthusiasm. It is always a pleasure to celebrate their successes and see them representing their families, clubs, and our school community with such pride. Congratulations to you all!



# Sixth Class

Sixth Class had a fantastic end to the year, enjoying two memorable school tours. They explored all the amazing animals at Dublin Zoo before making a splash at the Wibit in Dunmore East, where they had great fun tackling the floating obstacle course. Two brilliant days filled with adventure, laughter, and lasting memories!



# Sixth Class Confirmation & Graduation

Congratulations to our wonderful Class of 2026 on celebrating both your Confirmation and your Graduation. Yesterday was a beautiful occasion, marking the end of one chapter and the beginning of an exciting new one. We are incredibly proud of all you have achieved and wish each and every one of you every happiness and success in the years ahead. May your future be bright, and may you always have the confidence to follow your dreams. Best of luck to you all—you will always be part of the Waterpark family.



# Active Week

Our pupils had an action-packed **Active Week**, enjoying a fantastic range of activities including basketball, rugby, soccer, yoga, hockey, Hyrox, Muay Thai and a visit to the local park, to name but a few. It was a wonderful week filled with fun, teamwork and plenty of opportunities to get active and try something new.

A huge thank you to all of our teachers, SNAs, coaches and volunteers who gave so generously of their time and energy to make the week such a memorable one for the children.



# 25th Year Anniversary Celebration

Our school community came together to celebrate a very special milestone as we marked the 25th anniversary of our school. Held in Waterpark College Hall, the celebration featured wonderful performances from a number of classes, thoughtful speeches from our pupils, and the presentation of our BÍ Cineálta Kindness Awards, recognising children who consistently show kindness and respect to others. It was a memorable occasion, celebrating 25 years of learning, friendship and community, and a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved together.



# Raising our Flags Proudly

A huge congratulations to our Green Schools Committee on proudly raising our seventh Green Flag—a wonderful achievement that reflects the dedication and commitment of our pupils and staff to caring for our environment. Congratulations also to our Bí Cineálta Committee on raising our Bí Cineálta Flag, recognising the kindness, respect and positive school culture that our entire school community works so hard to foster every day. We are incredibly proud of both achievements. Thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our Fifth Class pupils in learning about marine life and protecting our oceans, we are also delighted to have achieved Europe Blue Schools Status, well done to all in Waterpark NS.



# Happy Retirement Mrs. Nolan

A special part of our 25th Anniversary celebrations was the opportunity to honour Mrs. Nolan as she begins her well-deserved retirement. We thank her sincerely for her many years of dedicated service to Waterpark National School and for the kindness, care and support she has shown to generations of pupils, families and colleagues. Mrs. Nolan has touched so many hearts and has been a truly valued member of our school community. While she will be greatly missed, we wish her every happiness, good health and many wonderful adventures in this exciting new chapter. Thank you, Mrs. Nolan, for everything.



# Happy Holidays from everyone at Waterpark!



Have a great Summer everyone