

# Annual School Calendar

## Mol an Óige Seasonal Festivals, Events and School Holidays

### Autumn

#### **Classroom Cleaning and Preparation**

Weekend before school starts

Parents are invited to clean and help teachers prepare the classrooms. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

#### **First Day of School**

Usually the week of the first day of September

#### **Junior Infants Welcome Coffee**

First Saturday after school starts (morning).

Families of incoming Junior Infants class are invited to coffee and playdate. *Hosted by the Parent Association.*

#### **Introductory Parent Gathering**

September, TBD by classroom teacher (afternoon or evening)

Parents are welcomed into the classroom for a casual introduction of the academic year. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

#### **Michaelmas / Harvest Festival**

29th September / celebrate Friday before holiday

Whole-school community reunion with a potluck of seasonal foods. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

### Winter

#### **Halloween / Samhain**

31st October or the Friday before the mid-term break. Activities and celebrations at school, including costumes. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

#### **Halloween / Samhain Public Holiday**

No school: last Monday in October

#### **Winter Midterm Break**

No school: first week of November.

## **Parent Association Annual General Meeting**

Weekday beginning of November (evening).

Inform community of work undertaken by the Parents Association. *Hosted by Parent Association.*

## **Saint Martin's Feast Day/Lantern Festival**

November 11. Celebrate the weekend after the feast day. A weather dependent Family Lantern Walk in the evening, from school to glen.

*Hosted by the Parent Association.*

## **Advent Spiral**

First week of Advent.

Festival of light, celebrating the quiet journey into the darkest month of winter. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

## **Christmas Féile**

First Saturday of December (afternoon)

Seasonal festival with craft stalls, traditional Irish music, and other family activities. *Hosted by Parent Association; fundraising event.*

## **Winter Holidays**

No school: last week of December and the first week of January.

## **Spring**

### **Saint Brigid's Day**

February 1 or celebrate the Friday before the bank holiday. Parents are invited to weave reeds into crosses with the children. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

### **Saint Brigid's Public Holiday**

No school: first Monday in February.

### **Community Workshop / Speaking Event**

Weekend in February, TBD by Parent Association. Steiner pedagogy and anthroposophy educational event. *Hosted by the Parent Association.*

### **Easter Garden Gathering**

Afternoon before Easter Spring break.

Easter celebration with garden seeding and storytelling. *Hosted by the school, supported by parents.*

### **Spring Midterm Break**

No school: 2-5 day break (decided on an annual basis) in mid-February.

## **Book Day**

First Thursday in March  
Celebration of literature. Activities at school, including costumes. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

## **Seachtain na Gaeilge**

March 1-17th  
Irish language and culture festival, including céilí at Teach Ceoil. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

## **Saint Patrick's Day**

March 17.  
Participation in local Ennistymon parade. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

## **Saint Patrick's Public Holiday**

No school: 17th March

## **Spring Holidays**

No school: two week spring holidays before and during Easter.

## **Summer**

### **Bealtaine Festival**

First Monday in May.  
Outdoor summer festival with a maypole dance, trad music, and other family activities. *Hosted by the Parent Association.*

### **May Public Holiday**

No school: first Monday in May.

### **Volunteer Appreciation Days**

Weekend in May.  
These events honour the school's community spirit and volunteer efforts. *Hosted by the Parent Association.*

### **June Public Holiday**

No school: first Monday in June

### **Saint John's Eve**

June 23 or nearest date. Family picnic and bonfire in the school field. *Hosted by school, supported by parents.*

### **Last Day of School**

Decided on an annual basis.