

First Holy Communion

Our 2nd Classes celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May in the Church of the Resurrection. Following the ceremony, the children returned to the school with their families and friends to enjoy a wonderful celebration together.

A sincere thank you to the Parents Association for organising such a successful event — our first school Communion party since before Covid and the lockdown period. The celebrations continued the following Monday when the children proudly led the school's May Procession.



Sports Day

St. Oliver's had 2 wonderful sunny days in April for Sports Day. Activities included rugby, novelty races, Zumba, yoga with Ms. Denise and the ever popular bouncy castle!



It coincided with Active Week so plenty of dancing and Zumba moves in the school-yard before school. Great fun was had by all!

Mad hair Day

Our school recently held a fun and colourful Mad Hair Day to raise funds for My Canine Companion while also promoting awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Students and staff came to school with an incredible variety of crazy hairstyles, bright colours, and creative designs, bringing lots of laughter and excitement throughout the day. The event was a wonderful success and helped highlight the importance of celebrating differences, showing kindness, and supporting inclusion for everyone in our school community. We are very grateful to all the families who supported this worthwhile cause and helped make the day so enjoyable for all.



Sports...

Cumann na mBunscoil

Congratulations to the girls' football team on reaching this year's semi-final. After impressive victories over The Mercy and Scoil Mhuire in the earlier rounds, they travelled to Tralee to take on Gaeilscoil Mhic Easmainn in the semi-final. The girls gave a fantastic performance and left everything on the field, but unfortunately luck was not on their side on the day.



Soccer Team Winners

Congratulations to our 4th class boys' soccer team who won the Kerry FC soccer blitz shield final on penalties against CBS Tralee recently.



Athletics



Huge congratulations to the boys and girls who represented our school so well when partaking in the Kerry Athletics in Castleisland. Well done to everyone for taking part and congratulations to the children who won medals.

Super Sevens Basketball

Well done to everyone who took part in the Super Sevens basketball tournament.



Beebots & Lego Spike

Classes enjoyed practicing their coding skills using the Bee-bots and Lego Spike. They learned so much about logical sequencing, spatial awareness, early coding and computational thinking skills through sequencing, problem-solving, and logical thinking activities while having so much fun.



Italian Visitors

Back in mid May we had some visitors from Casperia in Italy. The town is 50 km north east of Rome and is twinned with Killarney. They visited our school and area as part of the Erasmus + project which aims to link in countries and cultures together. On the first day, we did a walking tour with our former teacher Tommy Galvin. Tommy brought us to Killarney House and Gardens, the Demense and Knockreer House telling the group about the history of the area. Our Italian friends loved it. They also visited Muckross House and Muckross Traditional farms. On their final day, they visited our school for some lessons in 6th class and we joined them in a short tour of St Mary's Cathedral. They loved their time in our beautiful town and we hope there'll be a return visit in the future!



School Choir Performances

St. Oliver's NS Senior and Junior Choirs delighted family members with a wonderful afternoon performance on Wednesday, 3rd June. Both choirs showcased an impressive selection of songs they had learned throughout the year, treating the audience to a varied and entertaining programme.

The concert also provided a special opportunity to celebrate Ms Amy ahead of her wedding. The choirs gave her a heartfelt send-off by performing one of her favourite songs, Flying Without Wings, before presenting her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.



Quiz Team

St. Oliver's Senior Quiz team successfully qualified for the National Credit Union Quiz which was held in the RDS in Dublin in April 2026. The school and county were represented in the U13 competition by Liam, Phillip, Amelia and Arran. It was an exciting competition with the children competing against 58 teams. They were in strong contention in a highly competitive event and finished in the top 10, a fantastic achievement. We are very proud of them.



Blue Star Programme

St. Oliver's school participated in the Blue Star Programme for the 8th time this year 2025-2026. The idea of the Blue Star Programme is to foster better understanding and knowledge of the European Union and how it affects our lives. This is achieved through classroom projects, learning and activities. Throughout the school children learned about other EU countries, researched projects, engaged in art work and incredible 3D art, explored food from other countries including tasting! dressed up, some learned new languages, put up wonderful displays and participated in quizzes. An impressive array of work was completed with great enjoyment.



TY Students

A group of TY students from the Pres came for 5 weeks and worked with 1st class and 4th class teaching French, Spanish and Volleyball. This was organised through their TY Year Head Mrs Ber Forde. They were also a great support on our Junior Sports Day and helped out at a variety of stations throughout the day. The children loved having them and we look forward to them again next year.



Ice Bucket Dunking



The Dunk a Teacher event was a huge success and created plenty of excitement throughout the school. Students eagerly voted to see their chosen teachers take the plunge, with Ms Catherine, Mr Graham, and Dan all good sports as they faced the freezing water. One of the highlights of the day was the surprise water-gunning of our principal.



Chess



This was a great year in St. Oliver's for chess. We started up a chess club last year which has gone from strength to strength. This year we became officially recognised as a Ficheall School and participated in our first Feile competition coming second place overall. This was a great achievement by our students as it was our first time attending such an event. We also held our own competition with over one hundred children taking part. Finally, we hosted Gaeilscoil Faithleann in a friendly tournament promoting chess across our community. Many thanks to Mr Shaun Keane for facilitating this great pastime in our school. Congratulations to all the children who made the effort to learn or improve their chess skills during the year.



The Casey Brothers



Recently, our 5th classes were delighted to welcome our student John Casey, his brother Pa, and their dad to speak about their incredible boxing journeys. The boys have achieved outstanding success in the sport, winning numerous national titles, while Pa has also proudly claimed a European championship title.



They spoke eloquently and passionately about the dedication, discipline, and hard work involved in their training schedules, as well as their ambitions and dreams for the future. The students were fascinated by their stories and inspired by the determination and commitment the boys have shown in reaching such a high level in boxing. It was a truly enjoyable and motivating visit for all involved.

Handwriting Competition

2nd Class

Mateusz Jaskulski won the silver award for the An Post National Writing competition. He had to write a letter to a girl called Flora, detailing how he would 'make better happen' in his community. He accompanied this with a beautifully designed postcard drawn to show some of his ideas.



The Kerry Rose



We were fortunate to have a visit from the Kerry Rose, past pupil Caoimhe Lynch. Caoimhe met her former teachers and spoke to the children in the halla. We also had a visit from American teachers to our school who were delighted to meet the Kerry Rose!!

