St. Oliver's Times

Autumn Term 2026

Welcome Back

Welcome back to another school year in St Oliver's and to another edition of "St Oliver's Times". We look forward to another year filled with learning and fun. Here are some of the exciting events happening in our wonderful school.



Welcome to new Junior infants

The three Junior Infant classes began their exciting school journey and are having lots of fun together with their teachers and friends.







Maths Week

We celebrated Maths Week in October. All classes are asked to send in "Maths Eyes" homework to show that Maths is all around us. Each class had an opportunity to play some fun Maths Games in the Halla including Connect 4, a fishing game and building a tower with paper cups.



On Friday, each class went to a Maths assembly where each class had been asked to dress up. Great fun and learning were had by all. Thanks to the Maths team for co-ordinating a week full of learning and fun.

Roots of Empathy

Ms Joanne Culhane's 5th class began the Roots of Empathy programme with their instructor Catherine Hickey this October. They met their mini-teacher Baby Ollie and his mother Sarah for the first of 9 visits this month. They are experientially learning and developing their social and emotional skills for life.







Junior and Senior Choir

Our school choirs have officially returned! Rehearsals take place every Wednesday from 2:30 pm to 3:15 pm. We are absolutely delighted to welcome many new voices this term, including our enthusiastic 1st Class students who are joining a St. Oliver's National School choir for the very first time.



Dyslexia Awareness Month

October is World Dyslexia month. Our Reading Class highlighted this throughout the school with a blitz of Famous Faces with dyslexia photos. The aim was to simple start conversations about dyslexia among our pupils and staff. Some of our Reading Class children spoke about their personal experiences in their peer classes.

School Mass

On Monday 5th of October, we celebrated our start of year school mass in the Church of the Resurrection. It was a wonderful ceremony full of prayer and music.



Anseo Programme

St. Oliver's NS is a pilot school for the Anseo Programme which is a national Tusla initiative designed to improve school attendance across Ireland by supporting families. Schools use app-based tracking to notice early on if a student is missing too many days. Instead of penalizing absences, the programme works in partnership with parents to overcome barriers like illness or school anxiety.. Ultimately, it aims to build a supportive bridge between home and school so every child feels connected to their education. More details to follow.

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Cumann na mBunscol



St. Oliver's took part in the Cumann na mBunscol Urban Division 2 South competition which was held in Crokes recently. We played 3 other schools, the Mon (Killarney), Scoil Mhuire (Killorglin) and St. John's (Kenmare). A great day out was had by all players and mentors.

Basketball

Congratulations to our basketball team who took part in the Killarney Community College Future Stars basketball tournament on Tuesday 20th of October. It was a great day, with excellent basketball skills and teamwork shown in all our matches. The TY students were very professional in organising the games on the day with the help of their teachers.

We are so proud of our team who were overall winners of the tournament defeating the Gaelscoil in a very tight, sporting final. George Burchill picked up the MVP Award for the tournament. Huge credit goes to all the team for how they represented St Oliver's on the day.







Creative Clusters

CREATIVE CLUSTERS

Creative Clusters is back for year 2! Just to remind everyone our Creative Clusters is called WOW - Walking Our World! We are working together with Coolick N.S. and Loughquittane N.S. to learn all about our local environment. It is children teaching children! Last year St. Oliver's brought the other schools to the River Walk in the National Park and taught them all about our local nature. This November St. Oliver's are going to learn about the Blue Pool Walk from Loughquittane and in March Coolick are going to teach us all about the bog in Kilcummin! Our hope is to map our three walks on an app so that we can spread the word and everyone will learn about Killarney's fabulous nature! Exciting times ahead.

Autumn Adventures

Junior Infants Trip to Killarney House

On Friday 9th October the Junior infants went on an autumn walk to Killarney House. They had great fun spotting signs of autumn and collecting some autumn leaves, acorns and pinecones.

6th Class Trip to Tomies Wood



6th Class embarked on an exciting adventure to Tomies Mountain during the month of September. It was a fantastic opportunity for the class to bond, challenge themselves, and experience the beauty of Killarney first-hand. Along the way, they got their first taste of exploring the area while learning about its rich history, unique environment, and natural heritage. A brilliant day of adventure, discovery, and making memories together!



4th Class walk around Killarney



Some of the 4th Classes enjoyed an autumn nature walk through Killarney National Park. They got to view the wonderful photography exhibition in Killarney House. The children learn all about local biodiversity. They took in many natural geographical features that our beautiful national park has to offer.



5th Class Trip to Killarney Lakes



5th Class has an epic day on the Lower and Middle Lakes, setting off from Ross Castle, passing through Bricín Bridge, Dinis Cottage, the Old Weir Bridge, the Meeting of the Waters and having lunch on Inishfallen Island. It was a great day out with super weather.

Halloween dress-up

All the boys and girls had great fun at the Halloween disco where they all dressed up and danced the day away to their favourite Halloween songs.



Important Upcoming Dates

- Monday 26th - November 1st: Mid-term Break
- November 2nd: Back to School
- December 8th: School Closure
- Winter Break: Closing 12pm on Tuesday December 22nd
- School reopening on Wednesday January 6th



Autumn Art and Activities
Around the School











Senior Infants have been busy doing Autumn Art (trees, squirrels & owls), Bat Reports, Halloween Art (Apple print pumpkins & wreaths)



2nd Class was busy carving pumkins during the week.





























