



Newtownwhite ETNS

SUMMER NEWSLETTER 2026

End of school year message from our Acting Principal Tracey Jones:

Thank you to our School Community – we have had a great year of learning with lots of fun along the way! Well done to our pupils for your hard work & thanks to our families & staff for your continued support. Wishing you all a safe and happy summer holidays
See you all in the new school year.



Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club service will continue to run from 8:15am – 8:50am daily. The fee is €3 per morning per child. Thank you to the staff for volunteering their time to run this wonderful service.

Afterschool Club

Please contact Tracey (Acting Principal) on principal@newtownwhiteetns.com for more information.



Free Hot Meals

We hope to have free hot school meals daily from Martina's Homemade Foods for all pupils starting from Monday 21st September 2026. Families will receive confirmation of this on the first week of September.

School Bus (Bus Éireann)

At present we have a school bus service that operates as follows:

8:30am - Departing **Motor Tax Office Ballina**

8:38am - Departing **The Mulberry Tree, Killala Road, Ballina**

8:50am - Arrive at **Newtownwhite ETNS.**

Our school bus drop off times are as follows:

2:30pm - Collection from **Newtownwhite ETNS**

2:43pm - Drop off at **The Mulberry Tree, Killala Road, Ballina**

2:51pm - Drop off at **The Motor Tax Office Ballina**



We expect that the above schedule will remain the same for the 2026 -2027 school year however this is yet to be confirm by Bus Eireann.

Bus Eireann supply this service to our school & therefore for any queries in relation to the school bus service please contact Bus Eireann School Transport Office on 0818 919 910



Coach
Education

GAA Coaching

Every Wednesday we welcomed James Harrison to our school as our GAA Coach for the 25/26 school year. James took each classroom for a training session on our school yard and taught them GAA skills & drills. We really appreciate all his hard work.

Mayo Fire Service

On Thursday 23rd April we welcomed members of the Mayo Fire Service to Newtownwhite ETNS. They spoke with the pupils in our Middle Room regarding the importance of Fire Safety Awareness and Fire Prevention in the home. They returned on Monday 25th May to surprize the Junior Room Pupils with a visit. The children were allowed to explore the Fire Jeep and see all their equipment up close. It was very cool!



Swimming Lessons

Our pupils completed their 6th Swimming Lesson on 27th May in Ballina Swimming Pool. We are so proud of the children for putting in such a great effort at the Swimming Lessons as Swimming is such a wonderful and important life skill to have. Well done everyone!

Tennis Lessons

Tennis Lessons for all pupils in Newtownwhite ETNS with Artur began on 8th May and finished on 12th June 2026. The 6 weeks of lessons took place on Ballina Tennis Court. Everyone really enjoyed getting to learn the rules and skills associated with the game of tennis. We are so lucky to have such a wonderful facility nearby.



Sports Day

Our Annual Newtownwhite ETNS Sports Day took place in Ballina Town park on Friday 12th June 2026. Thank you to Mayo County Council for granting us permission for the use of the park. It was a fabulous day and each pupil was presented with a medal of participation at the event.

School Tour

Our School Tour for 2026 took place on Enniscrone Beach!

Thursday 28th May: Junior Infants – 2nd Class

Friday 29th May: 3rd Class – 6th Class

We were delighted to come on board with Brian in Tonnta Adventures who provided the itinerary & supplies for the 2 days. Plenty of fun, games & laughter was had by all children & staff!

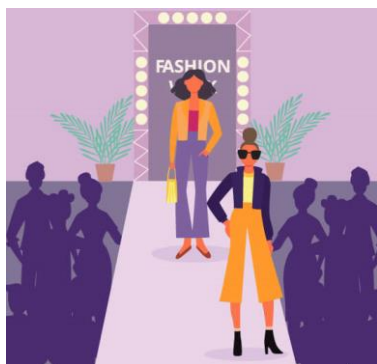




Parents Association

Bake Sale:

The Annual PA Bake Sale was held on 4th April 2026 in the Jackie Clarke Museum. An incredible total of €809.82 was raised. A massive thank you to everyone who helped out in any way, to those who donated bakes and treat and to all those who purchased items too. Much appreciated.



Fashion Show

Our first ever Newtownwhite ETNS Fundraising Fashion Show was held on Sunday 13th May 2026 in The Great National Hotel Ballina. Thanks to all the companies that came on board to be part of our fundraising event and to everyone that took part in any way. It was a wonderful event. We raised a total of €1,925.18. Thank you for your support. Thanks to our PA for organising all of the fundraising for our school.

New Members:

If any parent(s) would like to join our Parents Association, please email the Secretary of the Parents Association on: newtownwhiteparentsassoc@gmail.com. They have a great team and any help, support & ideas are always welcome.



Student Council



Car Wash Fundraising Event:

Our Student Council along with Leon organised a fundraising car wash at Newtownwhite ETNS on Tuesday 16th June. The event was a massive success with a constant flow of customers. The team effort on the day was fabulous to see. Between sales & donations on the day a total of €200 was raised. The Student Council will now decide how they wish to spend the money they have raised to best meet the needs of our school community. Well done to everyone involved!

HERE'S THE NEWS

Re-Turn Bins

Just a reminder that our re-turn bin helps us to help the environment. It is now located beside our Clothes Bank. Thank you for your continued support.



Clothes Bank:

Thank you to everyone who continues to recycle old, new and damaged clothing in our clothes bank. If you know of any company that has unwanted / lost & found clothing, please let them know about our school clothes bank.

Forest School:

Thank you to Leon for hosting a Forest School at Newtownwhite ETNS on Wednesday 17th June 2026. He invited pupils from across all classes to experience his forest school environment where they learned lots about nature, timber, outdoor safety & so much more.



Staffing & Classroom Allocations for 2026 /2027 School Year:

- Junior Room (*Junior & Senior Infants & 1st Class*)
Caroline Walkin
- Middle Room (*2nd & 3rd Classes*)
Tracey Jones
- Senior Room (*4th, 5th & 6th Classes*)
Siobhán Breslin
- Special Ed. Teacher
Martina Manning & Leon McAleenan
- Special Needs Assistants: **Sinead Hughes & Elaine McDonagh**



We wish our Deputy Principal Kate Battle well on her Career Break for 2026 /2027



Our Fabulous 6th Class Pupils!

Best wishes to Nicole, Ellen, Anna, Mia,
Sophia, Aaron, Alex & Sebastian.

6th Class Hoodies

Thanks to the Parents Association for covering the cost of the 6th Class Hoodies. Our 6th Class pupils kindly requested a light blue shade of hoodies. As always, there was great excitement when each pupil received their own personalised hoodie just after the Spring Break so that they were able to wear them for their final term in Newtownwhite ETNS.



6th Class Day Trip to Ballina

Our Annual 6th Class Trip took place on Wednesday 10th June 2026. The pupils along with Siobhán and Elaine went to Jimmy's for a treat, then a spot of shopping in Ballina town followed by a meal together in Jalan Jalan. It gave our 6th class pupils some quality time together before they move onto Secondary School.

6th Class Graduation Friday 19th June 2026

We will celebrate our wonderful 6th class pupils at 12pm on Friday 19th June. We want to give them a very special farewell. We are very proud of all they have accomplished in Newtownwhite ETNS and know they will go on to do great things.



Wishing everyone a lovely Summer Holidays and looking forward to welcoming you all back to Newtownwhite ETNS on Thursday 27th August 2026

Our 2026 /2027 School Calendar can be found on our website www.newtownwhite.com