

# LUCAN ETNS

February 18th 2026

Welcome



Tá suil againn go mbeidh sibh go maith agus go bhfuil a chlann i mbarr na sláinte! We hope everyone is well and your families are in good spirits and health as we near the mid-term break this Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup>. And hopefully the children and their families will get some well deserved dry weather for the break!

The last number of weeks have been a very busy number of weeks for all the staff and pupils at Lucan ETNS. On Friday January 30<sup>th</sup> we bid farewell to our outgoing principal Ultan Casey who gave so much to our school community over the last three years. The children, staff and Ultan enjoyed a wonderful assembly that morning with hardly a dry eye in the house on an emotional morning. We would like to wish Ultan well in his new post at Tullamore ETNS, the school will greatly miss Ultan and he has left a great mark on our school.

Our school now welcomes our new principal Séamus Lynam whom many of the school community will know. Séamus has been our deputy principal for the last three years and we would like to wish Séamus well in his new role at Lucan ETNS as principal. Séamus will bring great experience to the school with over 20 years teaching experience in Ireland, England and the United Arab Emirates.

## Ultan's Farewell Jan 30<sup>th</sup> 2026



**Handmade Art from the children & staff.**



**Ultan's beloved Aston Villa cake!**

## Dates for your Diary

- Rang Lugh/Celine's Class Assembly - 23rd February @9am
- Rang Danú/Rachel's Class Assembly - 2<sup>nd</sup> March @9am
- Mid-term break - 19th - 22nd February

## Focus Weeks

- Book Fair 3rd - 6th March
- Seachtain na Gaeilge 9th - 13th March



## School Value Good Manners

This week at assembly our school began to focus on the value of 'good manners' for the next number of weeks. At assembly we spoke about how the use of positive good manners can really brighten up our school atmosphere. We are lucky to have so many children in our school who support others and ensure that everyone is treated with kindness and respect.



## Festivals and Communities

This week is a really special week for so many of our families celebrating a variety of celebrations and religious festivals.

On Tuesday February 17th we mark the start of Chinese New Year, which is most exciting for all of our families who will mark this wonderful occasion.

In addition this week will see the beginning of the Holy Month of Ramadan for many families. Ramadan Kareem to all who will be celebrating Ramadan.

And also for our Christian community it will see the start of the season of Lent on Wednesday Feb 18th.

Best wishes to all families celebrating these festivals and celebrations and the children will learn about all of these in the coming weeks at our school assemblies

## Fifth Class Trip

Last Tuesday, Ruth/Catriona's and Muireann's 5<sup>th</sup> classes went to a workshop in Irish Aid where we played games and had a drumming workshop to learn about how we can help developing countries.

We had fun in the playground in St Stephen's Green and then finished with a trip to the National Art Gallery where we discovered lots of art from around the world. We had an amazing day despite the rain! By Luke, Nicole, Tessa & Myrto.



# Sixth Class Trip

Last Thursday, Sarah B's Class went to visit Dáil Eireann. Along the way we visited Trinity College.

At Trinity we learned about the history of the college and we were shown a paving stone, which if you stand on you get 100 years bad luck! When we arrived at the Dáil we went up to the chamber to listen to the debate. The Ceann Comhairle welcomed our school to the Dáil on the microphone!

After our tour of Leinster House, local TD Paul Gogarty gave us treats and we had a great chat with him. On the way home we visited the Séamus Heaney exhibition which was great fun! By Orlaith.



## School Soccer Teams

The school soccer teams have started training this week and are very excited about their upcoming league & cup fixtures. Tom, Colum, Celine and Katie are putting the boys & girls through their paces.



## School Basketball Teams

The school basketball teams have had an exciting last number of weeks. With the girls and the boys teams doing fantastically well are now awaiting to play their semi finals.

Best of luck to Sarah Q, Katie and the teams in the big game.

## Mobile Library Visit

A few classes were lucky to visit The Mobile Library when it visited our school on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This is a once off visit, but we are on the waiting list and hope that in the future they will visit our school on a regular basis.



## Morning Arrival

A reminder for all parents that the school gates open at 8.30am and the 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Class children are supervised in the yard until 8.50am when they enter the school for their lessons. We would encourage all parents to give their children the chance to come to school before 8.50am to chat to their friends in the yard and enter the school in a relaxed manner. Thank you.



## School Drop Offs and Pick Ups

The school would like to thank all parents for their continued support whilst dropping off & picking up their children from the school. It would be most appreciated if parents refrain from parking on the orange markings and on the children's crossing points. Thank you.

## Free School Meals

The hot school meals are being well received by our pupils and the children seem very happy thus far with the new initiative. Please remember parents to place your order online to ensure your child is provided with a lunch.

# School Book Fair 2026

We are looking forward to The Book Fair which will take place from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March until Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please find below the dates and times of class visits. We are looking for parents to volunteer in the running of the fair and would appreciate it if you could help out. Thank you all in advance.

## Scholastic Book Fair & World Book Day 2026:

\*Tir na Nóg (Sheena's Class) will go with their corresponding classes)

Day/Time	Tuesday 3rd	Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th
			<b>World Book Day</b>	
			<b>Dress Up for WBD</b>	
8.50 - 9.15	Sarah's J.I.	Aishling's J.I.	Celine's S.I.	Rachel's S.I.
9.15 - 9.40	Amanda's 2nd Class	Muireann's 5th Class	Tom's 1st Class	Amanda's 2nd Class
9.45 - 10.15	Karen's 4th Class	Sarah Q's 4th Class	Muireann's 5th Class	Karen's 4th Class
11.00 - 11.30	Emma's 1st Class	Sarah B's 6th Class	Emma's 1st Class	Carla's 3rd Class
11.30 - 12.00	Ruth/Cathriona's 5th Class	Colum's 3rd Class	Sarah Q's 4th Class	Katie's 6th Class
12.45 - 1.15	Tom's 1st Class	Sarah O's 2nd Class	Sarah O's 2nd Class	Sarah B's 6th Class
1.15 - 1.45	Katie's 6th Class	Carla's 3rd Class	Ruth/Cathriona's 5th Class	Colum's 3rd Class
1.45 - 2.30	Andrea's Class	Parents	Parents	Parents
	Parents			

## Review a Book for our School Executive

In honour of World Book Day 2026 on Thursday 5th March, we are asking students and parents to write a short Book Review of their favourite book! Hand in your book review to your Teacher and we will display any entries in our Library or Reception area!



# LETNS Executive Committee Corner! Each Newsletter we hope to bring you information and information on activity relating to the LETNS Executive Committee!

There are several groups who help our school be active, vibrant and offer the best experience for our children, by working together!

The Executive Committee is an elected group of parent volunteers and two teacher representatives, who meet every month to ensure the school maintains and strengthens it's pillars, supports staff recruitment and oversees the maintenance of the school building and grounds.

The Committee have achieved great things over the past few years including - fence fixing around the Astro, solar panel installations, new pathways, tree cutting, What Makes Our School Great Poster at Art Exhibition, Library Improvements and lots more!

The PTA supports school activities and strengthens parent-teacher collaboration.

The Board of Management oversees school governance and ensures quality education delivery.

The Student Council represents student voices and promotes school community involvement.

The Green Team encourages sustainability and leads environmental initiatives in school.

This year's focus for the executive is on improving our Library area and so your child/children will be adopting a library shelf with their class teacher, to look after over the coming months!

Librarians in the making!

We are appealing to any parents or grandparents who might wish to become involved in our school as library volunteers, to leave their name at our Office and the Executive Team will be in touch with next steps!

## **Sarah O' Second Class - Love in Many Languages**

