

Brannoxtown Community National School

A warm welcome to our new Junior Infants!

Dear Junior Infant Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe that we are already nearing your child's **first day of primary school!** We hope you are all enjoying the summer and getting excited for this very special milestone. In just over two weeks, we will welcome our new Junior Infants through the doors of Brannoxtown CNS for the very first time. We know that starting school is a big moment - for parents as well as children - and we want your child's first experience of school to be happy, relaxed and full of excitement.

OUR FIRST DAY - TUESDAY, 25TH AUGUST

9:30am - 11:00am

The later start gives our newest pupils a quieter arrival, time to meet their teachers and classmates, explore their classroom and begin getting comfortable in their new surroundings.

For the first two days: bring a small snack and drink.

Our Phased Start

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th August	9:30am-11:00am - snack only
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th August	8:50am-11:00am - snack only
Monday 31st August-Friday 4th September	8:50am-12:00pm - snack & lunch
From Monday 7th September	8:50am-1:30pm - full school day

Once the children move to their full day, morning drop-off is **8:40am-8:50am**, school begins at **8:50am**, and Junior Infants finish at **1:30pm**.

Getting Ready for the Big Day

There is no need to do anything elaborate to prepare over the next couple of weeks. Talking positively about school, encouraging your child to manage their own coat and belongings, open their lunch box and drink bottle independently, and recognise their own name can all help build confidence. Please make sure that all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Books, Materials & School Bags

The Junior Infant Learning Toolkit is included on the next page. **All school books and copies will be provided by the school**, so families only need to provide the materials listed there. When choosing a school bag, please make sure it is **large enough to comfortably fit an A3 folder**. There is no need to purchase additional books, copies or stationery.

Those First Goodbyes

Some children will walk straight in, some may need a little encouragement, and others might find saying goodbye difficult at first. We will be there to welcome each child and help them settle at their own pace. The first weeks are about making friends, building confidence, learning routines, playing, exploring and, most importantly, beginning to feel that Brannoxtown CNS is their school and a place where they belong.

Múinteoir Síle, Múinteoir Eimear and all of us at BCNS are really looking forward to getting to know this lovely new group of Junior Infants.

For now, enjoy the remaining weeks of summer together. We'll be busy getting everything ready here and look forward to seeing our new Junior Infants at **9:30am on Tuesday, 25th August**.

Warm regards,

Deirdre Murphy

Principal

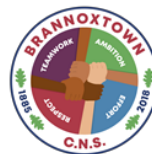
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Back to School List 2026/2027: Junior Infants & Senior Infants

1.	Junior Grip Triangular pencil	X 4
2.	A pencil sharpener & eraser set	X1
3.	Small whiteboard eraser	X1
4.	A set of crayons/twistables/triangular colouring pencils	X 1
5.	Large glue stick (e.g., Pritt Stick)	X 4
6.	Children's scissors	X 1
7.	A set of whiteboard markers (minimum three markers)	X1
8.	Pencil Grips	X2
9.	B5 Mesh Wallet	X2
10.	A3 Mesh Wallet	X2
12.	A4+ Mesh Storage Wallet	X2

**Please ensure ALL your child's belongings
are clearly labelled with his/her name and class.**



Brannoxtown Community National School (CNS)

School Calendar 2026/2027

School Day: ☑

Drop-off:	8:40am – 8:50am	
School begins: ☑	8:50am	
Breaks:	Snack begins at 10:30am.	Lunch begins at 12:30pm.
School ends:	1:30pm: Junior & Senior Infants	2:30pm: First to Sixth Class

Junior Infant phased enrolment:

Tuesday 25 th & Wednesday 26 th August (2 days):	9:30 - 11:00 (Bring snack only)
Thursday 27 th & Friday 28 th of August (2 days):	8:50 to 11:00 (Bring snack only)
Monday 31 st of August – Friday 4 th of September	8:50 to 12:00 (Bring snack & lunch)
Monday 7 th – 11 th of September	Full school day: 08:50 – 13:30

Calendar Event	School Closure Dates (Inclusive)
School begins	Tuesday 25 th of August: Junior Infants (9:30-11:00) Tuesday 25 th of August: Senior Infants – 6 th Class (08:50 – 14:30)
October Mid-Term Break One week closure	School closes on Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th of October (inclusive)
Winter/Christmas Break Two-week closure	School closes on Tuesday the 22 nd of December. School reopens on Wednesday the 6 th of January
St. Brigid's Day One day closure	School closes on Monday, 1 st of February
February Mid-Term Break Two-day closure	School closes on Thursday 18 th – Friday 19 th of February (inclusive)
St. Patrick's Day One-day closure	School closes on Wednesday 17 th of March
Spring/Easter Break Two-week closure	School closes on Friday the 19 th of March School reopens on Monday the 5 th of April.
May Bank Holiday One-week closure	School closes on Monday 3 rd – Friday 7 th of May (inclusive)
June Bank Holiday One-day closure	School closes on Monday, 7 th of June
Summer Holiday	School closes on Wednesday the 23 rd of June.

Additional Days, Brannoxtown CNS:

**Families will receive advanced notification of any additional closures or half-days that may arise to facilitate election events, DES directed closures to engage with CPD etc.*



Brannoxtown CNS 2026 - 2027 Calendar



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KEY DATES	
	FIRST DAY
	HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL
	SCHOOL CLOSED - STAFF TRAINING
	LAST DAY