

Important Dates

Christmas holidays 12 midday, 20th December -
5th January inclusive

Special Persons' Day 23rd January

Bank Holiday 3rd February

Parent teacher meetings on Thursday 13th and
Monday 17th February 2025

Feb Mid-term: Thursday 20th & 21st February

March Bank Holiday: 17th March

Easter Holidays: Monday 14th April –Friday
25th April

First Holy Communion: Saturday 3rd May

May Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Confirmation: Saturday 10th May

June Mid-term: Monday 2nd –Friday 6th June
Re-opens Monday 9th June

Summer holiday: School closes on Friday 27th
June @ 12pm



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Newsletter Christmas 2024

*Nollaig shona agus athbhliain faoi
mhaíse daoibh go léir!*



Green Schools

Our green school committee members have been checking classrooms at break times to check electricity and water consumption. They also ensure that children are aware of the items that go into rubbish, recycling and compost bins. Recently, they also completed a clean up of the school grounds! Go raibh míle maith agaibh.

Active Schools

The whole school took part in an Active Break challenge everyday for the last four weeks. All classes had great fun doing various different movement breaks to help reenergize them throughout the school days. We also held a slogan competition recently with Jay O'Shea of 3rd class, the overall winner with his wonderful slogan of "Wiggle, Jiggle, Jump and Giggle". Well Done Jay!

Scór na bPáistí

The pupils are preparing at the moment for the Scór na bPáistí competition which takes place at the end of January. Míle buíochas to Ms. K. Doyle, Mr. Murphy and Ms. O'Toole for preparing the pupils for their respective competitions.

New Staff

We would like to welcome Ms. O' Connor to our school. She has been working hard with junior infants. We also wish Ms. D. Doyle all the best for her maternity leave.

Carol service

Well done to all the pupils, and their teachers and SNA's on all of the work in preparation for the Carol service on 19th December.

After school clubs

Well done to all the pupils who took part in coding club, under the guidance of Ms. Stanley and Mr. Murphy. Lego club with Ms. K. Doyle and Ms. Wright will begin on Monday 6th January.

Homework club will reconvene on Tuesdays and Thursday from 7th January for pupils in 3rd-6th classes.

Swimming

Swimming lessons have finished up for this year. Well done to all the pupils on their progress in this essential life skill. Gymnastics will begin in February and further information will be issued in January.

Parents' Association

We wish to thank the PA for their continued support and for organising Santa visit on Tuesday 17th December. The pupils received some Christmas goodies were really excited to see the man himself! The 6th class pupils have received their half zip tops which they will wear for the rest of the year. A big thank you to the Parents' Association for sponsoring these tops.



FreshToday

Please login regularly to the FreshToday app in order to keep up-to-date with any menu changes.

Before/ After School Care Options

Elaine of 'Cots to Crayons' (mob: 085 2737203) and Tara of 'Firefly Childcare' (Mob: 087 9963113) both provide collections from the school and after school care. 'Firefly Childcare' also runs a breakfast club before school should you require it.

Mobile library:

The mobile library continues to visit the school every second Friday. Children (2nd-6th class) are asked to bring in their book and library card, if they have one, on these days.

Seomra Fiadh

Some lovely stencil work has been carried out on Seomra Fiadh in recent weeks. We are waiting for the weather to improve before this can be completed.



Safe Routes to School

School management met with member of An Taisce and local council engineers to discuss our Safe Routes to School application. This was a very positive meeting and we hope to have a further update regarding this matter in the near future.