

Fáilte ar ais agus athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir.

Reminder - No Parking on Road Outside School

The road directly outside the school gate is a public road. However, parents/guardians/childminders etc. are asked not to park on this road at drop-off and collection times. Due to the number of children walking, access for the school buses and for the general safety of all, we are again appealing to drivers not to park on this road. We have tried placing cones to prevent cars coming down the road, however, they have been driven over. We are conscious that often those that park on the road are most often not parents and do not receive the newsletters so I am appealing to parents to pass the message on. Children can use the back gate to leave at 3pm and there is good parking available in the community field car park. Thank you for your support with this.

Catholic Schools Week January 18th - 24th

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2026 is *'Normal lives, Called to Holiness'*

The daily themes are:

Monday:	Called to Holiness through Prayer
Tuesday:	Called to Holiness through Love and Friendship
Wednesday:	Called to Holiness in Family Life
Thursday:	Called to Holiness through Service and Courage
Friday:	Called to Holiness through Joy and Mission

Grandparents' Day

Grandparents' Day takes place on Friday, January 30th and in class the children will be completing special activities for their grandparents. We understand some children may not have grandparents to share their activities with and so children will have the option to complete their activity for someone special to them instead. The children will bring their activities home with them so that they can share them with their grandparents/special person. Please let your child's class teacher know if Grandparents Day will be a sensitive time for your child.

Due to the large number of pupils in our school it is unfortunately no longer possible to invite all grandparents to visit our school on Grandparents' Day. However, as we started several years ago, we cordially invite the grandparents of 3rd class pupils to celebrate Grandparents' Day with us. We look forward to welcoming them to our school at 1.30 p.m. for a visit to the 3rd Class classrooms as well as a short presentation by the 3rd Class children and some light refreshments.

Hot School Meals Update

Since we returned to school last week, contractors employed by The Lunch Bag have been busy working on the installation of the kitchen unit for preparation of our hot school lunches. Two School Meal Operatives have also been employed by The Lunch Bag who will work in our school each day heating and distributing school lunches. More information will be sent ahead of the launch day including all instructions from The Lunch Bag. This scheme is fully funded by the Government and parents can choose to opt out should they wish to do so.

School opening time

The school will open to receive pupils at 9.05 a.m. No responsibility is accepted for pupils arriving before that time. Classes will commence each day at 9.20 a.m. and finish at 3 p.m. (2 p.m. for infants). Parents should make their own arrangements to have children met at the school gate and the person to escort them should be at the school no later than 3 p.m. as the school cannot accept responsibility for looking after the children after that time.

I wish to remind the parents of senior classes again that children playing in the tennis court before school are not supervised by school staff and the school can not be responsible for accidents/behaviour.

Punctuality

All pupils should be in school by **9.17 a.m. at the latest** to ensure that they are settled into their class for 9.20 a.m. start. Please support your child in developing good habits around punctuality.

3 p.m. collection from back gate

If children are not collected at 3 p.m. they will return to the main school entrance with the supervising teacher and await collection by parents at the front door.

Hand Towels

Please ensure that your child has a clean hand towel/face cloth every day for hand drying.

Parents Association Sponsored Reindeer Run Update

A huge "Thank you" from the Parents Association for the "Reindeer Run" donations. A total of €5,202.70 was collected.

Dates for your Diary:

- ❖ Catholic Schools Week 2026 - 19/01/2026 - 24/01/2026
- ❖ Bank Holiday: Monday 2nd February
- ❖ Mid-Term Break: Thursday 19th and Friday 20th February
- ❖ School Closure Day (Primary Curriculum Framework Day 1 training for teachers): Monday 9th March