

# SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 3 - November 2025



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you to all of you who took the time and made the effort to come into the school to meet our school staff over the past week for our annual Parent Teacher Meetings. These meetings have proven to be such a valuable medium to foster positive and harmonious home-school relationships, which we will hopefully continue to develop over the remainder of the school year and beyond.

There are a busy number of weeks ahead for all in Scoil San Carlo Senior School, as the festive period nears, and we begin to prepare for Christmas. We have lots to look forward to over the coming weeks. Santa will visit the school on the same day as the Late Late Toy Show. The following week, our school choir will perform alongside the Junior School & Confey College choirs in the church. Thereafter, our 3<sup>rd</sup> classes will take to the stage, as they perform their version of the Christmas Nativity. Finally, we are re-introducing our Christmas Concert, where all of our classes in the school will perform a Christmas Carol in the school hall. We would be delighted to welcome all parents to join us for this special occasion.

In the lead up to Christmas, I would kindly ask that all parents and children continue to uphold the spirit of Christmas, as it is such a magic and special time for so many of our children, as we eagerly await the visit of Santa on the 25th of December.

Thank you all for your continued support and co-operation.

Kind regards,

Cian Forde  
School Principal



40 YEARS OF SCOIL SAN CARLO SENIOR NATIONAL SCHOOL  
1985 - 2025

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Garda Santa Visit:

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### 3 Schools Choir Event:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Christmas Nativity:

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### San Carlo SNS Christmas Concert & Christmas Jumper Day:

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Christmas Holidays 2025:

12:30pm on Friday December 19<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Term 2 Commencement Date:

9:20am on Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026



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### 6<sup>TH</sup> CLASS - COMMITMENT MASS

Congratulations to our 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation candidates who initiated their Confirmation journey on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 in St. Charles Borromeo Church. The students participated in their commitment ceremony, presenting their commitment certificates to Fr. Aloysius, and declaring their intention to make the sacrament of Confirmation in March 2026.

Well done to all the boys and girls for their ongoing hard work and engagement on their faith journey in school. Thanks to teachers Mr. Flatley, Mr. Davitt, Ms. Carr and parishioner Ella Doran for their continued efforts and time with sacrament preparation.



### PARENT'S ASSOCIATION UPDATES

The Parent's Association have been working hard behind the scenes to organise the school calendars. Notification of how to order a calendar for your child/children was communicated via Aladdin Noticeboards last week. Please check-in there for further details on how to order!

Christmas Cards are currently being organised in conjunction with our 40th Anniversary celebrations here in the school. Further details will follow via Aladdin in the coming weeks.

There will be a non-uniform day on Friday November 21st, as a fundraising activity for the PA. Children are being asked to contribute €2. However, all and any donations possible are welcomed and appreciated.



Mr. Duignan's Class celebrating being the best fundraisers with a Pizza Party, kindly sponsored by our Parent's Association.

### SPONSORED WALK

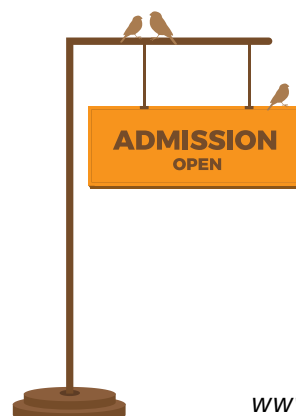
A huge thank you again to all of our students and their parents for the huge fundraising drive towards our annual Hallowe'en Sponsored Walk. The Parent's Association kindly facilitated a Pizza Party for the class group who fundraised the greatest amount in the Senior School. Congratulations to Mr. Duignan's class, who celebrated with their reward last Friday!

### ANNUAL ADMISSIONS 2026 - 2027

Admission applications for enrolment for the 2026-2027 Academic Year are open. Please see the pre-enrolment information on the school website or follow the link below;

<https://www.aladdin.ie/i/5680944377757696>

Admissions will remain open until **19<sup>th</sup> December 2025**.







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### WORLD DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

Last Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated World Diabetes Awareness Day in the school. This was the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. This year's theme was 'Diabetes & The Workplace.' For all of our students and staff, our workplace is our school on a daily basis. We felt that it was really important to support those in our school community who encounter and manage diabetes on a daily basis. To heighten awareness around diabetes & to support those in our school community with diabetes, we encouraged students to 'wear something blue.' Some of our students showed great creativity with their blue accessories last week by wearing socks, bows, hairbands, ribbons and wristbands. Well done to all for participating and helping develop further awareness around this chronic illness.



Some of our students dressed in blue to raise awareness for World Diabetes Day

### HOPE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

The HOPE Foundation were blown away by the generosity of the boys and girls in Scoil San Carlo Senior School with this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. In just under a week, over 120 boxes were donated to the school for collection. It was heartwarming to see the generosity and goodwill of all the students who took the time to think about those less fortunate than themselves this Christmas. It speaks volumes of the school community here in San Carlo to see such committed support to such a valuable initiative. There will certainly be some very happy children opening up their gifts from our students on Christmas Day this year. Maith sibh go léir!



Some of our many students who engaged with this year's HOPE Christmas Appeal





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### CONFEEY GAA SUCCESS

Kudos to the Confey Under 12 Boys Football & Hurling teams who have had great success over recent weeks, culminating in them winning both their football league final against St. Edwards and the cup competition against Ellistown. In addition, the boys also went on to win their Shield Final in their hurling competition against Celbridge last week in great style. Well done!

It is fantastic to see so many of our boys and girls representing their local club in all four codes. All in the school are looking forward to our return to Cumann na mBunscol action in the new year.

As mentioned in the last email, we are looking for a sponsor/sponsors for a new set of school jerseys to wear, as we make a return from our hiatus in GAA action as a school. If you know of anyone interested, please contact Mr. Forde.



Some of our students in action for Confey GAA in recent finals.

### MARATHON KIDS

Over the past eight weeks, our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class students have been completing the Marathon Kids Programme, which was kindly organised again this year by Fingal County Council. Students performed four running sessions each week inching them closer to completing their first marathon as well as learning about the benefits of physical activity, through webinars and information sessions that encouraged an active lifestyle.

The finale saw our students running their last mile and completing the marathon at DCU Morton Stadium, Santry on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025. A huge well done to all of the students for their engagement with the programme. We sincerely hope that they will continue to foster an active lifestyle and that they can see the benefits of such for both their physical and mental health. Thanks to all our staff for their encouragement and organisation of the programme.

### SCHOOL FURNITURE GIVEAWAY

There is a vast array of new school furniture arriving in Mid-November. As such, there will be a number of items of furniture available to be collected free of charge from the school for anyone interested. Some of the furniture that will be available will include large teacher's desks, student's desks and chairs, shelves and cupboards, all of which are perfectly functional and might be practical for us at home or in a local organisation/sports club. Pictures will follow on the school website of what is available in November time. If you are interested in any item, please email the school office at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie) or drop into reception.



Some of our students in action on the track in Morton Stadium, Santry

### RE-TURN FRIDAYS



We are collecting recycled bottles in association with the PA every Friday, as part of our Green Schools Initiative. We are also using it as a means of using the funds to provide resources and opportunities for our students. The Re-turn bin can be found at the front of the school each Friday morning.





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### MCDONAGH & TAILTEANN CUP VISITS

On Friday November 7<sup>th</sup> 2025, we had the pleasure of welcoming some of the stars from the successful McDonagh & Tailteann Cup winning Kildare teams to the school. We were thrilled to have football manager, Brian Flanagan, football players Cian & Ryan Burke, along with Cathal McCabe, Dan O'Meara & Frank Bass from the hurling panel join us at our whole-school assembly, where they were met with a great reception. Frank in particular, as the local hero spoke to children about his upbringing in Confey GAA and how he was inspired by his club endeavours to go on and represent his county. A huge thank you to all of our guests for taking the time out of their busy lives to inspire the next generation of Confey and Kildare GAA/LGFA stars. Thanks in particular to Ken Keogan, one of our parents who assisted in organising the visit for our school.



Our students met some Kildare stars in recent weeks on their visit to the school

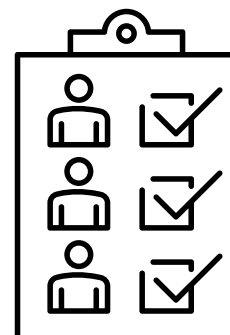


September & October Attendance Cup Winners - Mr. Duignan's Class

### ATTENDANCE CUP

Congratulations for the second time in this newsletter and for the second time this year to Mr. Duignan's class for winning the November Attendance Cup! It was a closely fought race this time around. We look forward to seeing if anyone can wrestle back the cup in December's standings. Thanks for your continued support with our Attendance Strategy. Attached are attendances for the month of October;

Room 1 - 94.5%  
Room 2 - 94%  
Room 3 - 95%  
Room 4 - 92.2%  
Room 5 - 96.6%  
Room 7 - 96.9%  
Room 8 - 94.9%  
Room 9 - 93%  
Room 10 - 93%  
Room 11 - 94.7%  
Room 12 - 92.2%  
Rooms 14 & 15 - 94.3%  
Room 16 - 90.1%



### NOEL O'SULLIVAN MEMORIAL MASS

We will have our remembrance mass for Noel O'Sullivan, our former school principal on Friday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am. All members of the local community and school community are welcome to join us in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Leixlip for this ceremony. We continue to remember Noel and we keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers at this time.