

SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 2 - October 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Happy Hallowe'en to one and all! It feels like just a short time ago since the children returned to school ahead of the 2025/26 Academic Year, yet we find ourselves on the brink of our first half-term break already!

We have had a very busy half-term in Scoil San Carlo Senior School and many of our class groups have had the opportunity to engage in many fun and exciting curricular and extra-curricular activities already, which we hope that they have enjoyed!

It was fantastic to see such a wonderful turnout in the school last Sunday at our annual Hallowe'en Fancy Dress Sponsored Walk. It was a hugely successful day out and the children were in full festive spirit, in their fancy dress ahead of their Trick or Treating on Friday 31st! A huge thank you to our outstanding and hardworking Parent's Association for making the day such a success and to all of the local businesses for contributing raffle prizes. The Parent's Association play such a pivotal role in our school community and this particular fundraising activity hugely influences the little bit extra that we can provide for the children throughout the school year, to add to their school experience. I would strongly encourage you to continue to support the PA's Events & Fundraising Activities in any way possible, as it adds such value to San Carlo Senior School right throughout the school year.

Wishing you all a very happy Mid-Term Break and a safe, happy and enjoyable Hallowe'en night!

Kind regards,

Cian Forde
School Principal



DATES FOR THE DIARY

School Closure:

Presidential Election - Friday 24th October 2025

October Mid-Term Break Closure:

Monday 27th - Friday 31st October 2025

School re-opens Monday November 3rd 2025

Wear White Day - Tailteann & McDonagh Cup Visit:

Friday 7th November 2025

Parent Teacher Meetings:

Week Commencing Monday November 17th 2025

School finishes early at 2:45pm on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th

Curriculum Framework Training Days:

The school will be closed on Fridays 30/01/2026 & 01/02/2026 for staff training on the implementation of the new curriculum.

Christmas Holidays 2025:

Friday December 19th 2025

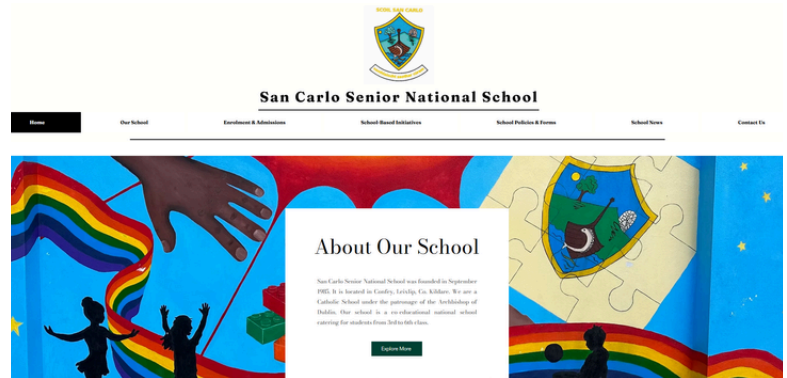
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PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS

Scoil San Carlo Senior School will host our annual Parent Teacher Meetings throughout the week commencing Monday November 17th 2025. Meeting appointment slots will be released via Aladdin Connect after the Mid-Term Break. School will finish at 2:45pm on Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th November to facilitate meetings starting promptly for staff. We would kindly urge you to make every effort to meet with your child's teacher by booking in for a slot. This is an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress thus far this year & to continue to develop strong home-school links, which are a key component in ensuring your child's continued development. Each meeting will last for a duration of ten minutes. For those children who are receiving additional support from our SET Team, we would strongly encourage you to take the time to meet their learning support teacher too. Thank you in advance for making yourself available for our Parent Teacher Meetings.



Check out our new school website, which has been re-launched in recent weeks;
www.scoilsancarlo.ie

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our new school website has been redesigned and relaunched in recent weeks. Please continue to be patient with us as we re-populate it with all of the relevant resources and information you need, as we progress through the school year.

NEW SCHOOL JERSEYS

Ahead of our return to competitive action in the Cumann na mBunscol competitions in the new year, where we will have boys and girls teams representing the school in numerous competitions, we are actively seeking sponsorship for a new set of jerseys. If any parent/parents or local businesses would like to support the school by sponsoring a new set of jerseys, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you & would be greatly indebted to your kindness in supporting the school sports teams.

If you or anyone you know of, is in a position to do so, please feel free to reach out to Mr. Forde via email at principal@scoilsancarlo.ie

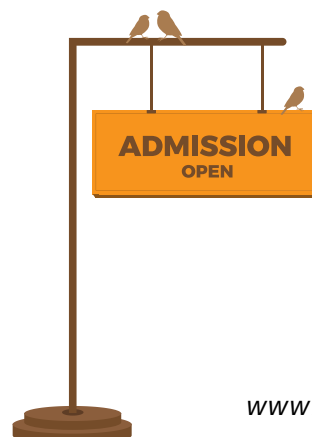


ANNUAL ADMISSIONS 2026 - 2027

Admission applications for enrolment for the 2026-2027 Academic Year opened on Monday 20th October 2025. 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 19th December 2025.

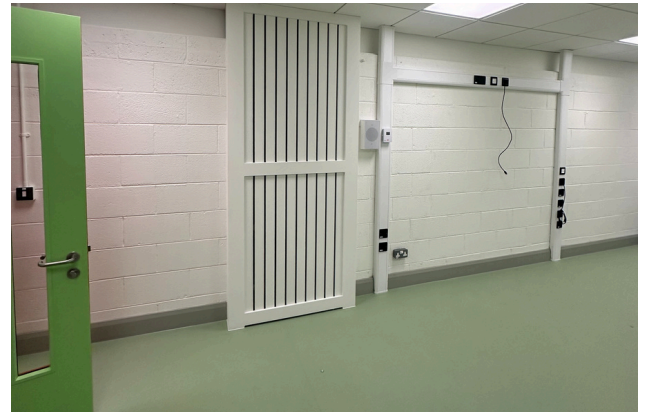




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ROOM 15 BUILDING WORKS

We are delighted to announce that Tricon Construction & McLoughlin Architecture have completed the reconfiguration of Room 15 within the school. This has now given us a state of the art second special class facility and extended outdoor area, alongside a new learning support classroom to facilitate our ever-increasing number of staff & students. We hope that both rooms will be fully operational after the Mid-Term Break. Many thanks to our building partners for their expertise in delivering a fantastic new facility for the school. In addition, a huge thank you to all of our students, staff and parents for their patience and understanding over the past number of months while the works have been ongoing. It is all worthwhile now!



A snapshot of our new classrooms - Room 15 & Room 15A

5TH CLASS TRIP TO HENRIETTA STREET

All three of our 5th classes had the opportunity to visit Henrietta Street along with their teachers Ms. Sirr, Ms. English & Mr. McCreary in recent weeks. They took the train into Dublin City Centre from Leixlip-Confey Station, before embarking on a short walk up to the museum. The students were able to make real-life connections with the learning that has been going on in their classrooms. Visiting Henrietta Street enabled them to make curricular links with Dublin from the Georgian times, right through to the era on tenement buildings, witnessing the growth, changes and continuity of Dublin through various eras.

The students had a fantastic time visiting the museum and really enjoyed bringing their learning to life outside the classroom. Many thanks to all the staff involved with making the trips such a wonderful experience and a great success.





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CROSS - COUNTRY

A huge well done to our school cross-country team, who had the opportunity to represent the school in their new cross country tops, kindly sponsored by DNA, on October 1st in Trinity Sports Campus. Over 50 students represented Scoil San Carlo Senior School in an admirable manner on the day. Most importantly, they ran their hearts out with a smile on their face. Thanks to Mr. Sherlock for preparing the students for the day. Hopefully the first of many outings in athletics for students in the school this year!



The school cross-country team in action in Trinity Sports Campus.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We have been delighted to have had so many external coaches in with us in the school over the first half-term. Each class cohort have had the opportunity to receive coaching in a sporting discipline. Local GDO, Coach Conor has been coaching gaelic and ladies football to our 3rd and 4th classes every Thursday. Coach Adam, from the FAI has been coaching soccer to our 5th classes every Wednesday. Meanwhile, 6th class have recently commenced a series of workshops with Tablet Tennis Ireland on Wednesday afternoons.

In addition, 4th & 5th classes commence swimming in the National Aquatics this Thursday November 23rd for the next 6 weeks. We really appreciate these opportunities for our students to grow and develop, and we thank you for your support with these initiatives.

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

SPONSORED WALK

The aforementioned Hallowe'en Sponsored Walk was a wonderful success. There was a huge turnout of parents and students from both Scoil San Carlo Junior & Senior schools. Despite a wet start to Sunday morning, it transpired to be a beautiful afternoon by the time the walk started. A huge thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers and An Garda Síochána for their assistance in ensuring everyone's safety as a lovely loop was embarked upon by all around St. Catherine's Park, before returning to the school.

The school hall was decorated to great effect by our brilliant Parent's Association, as the raffle then took place, with numerous raffle prizes, kindly donated by local beneficiaries. Students and their parents were also kindly treated to some well-earned goodies back in the hall, before dancing away in their fancy dress to the DJ in the school hall, as part of the disco.

The Parent's Association have very kindly offered to host a pizza party for the class in the senior school, who raise the most money. We wait in anticipation to see what lucky class will receive the fabulous treat after the Mid-Term Break. It would be greatly appreciated if all sponsorship cards and moneys raised could be returned to the school office to Diane or Kay by Thursday October 22nd, prior to closing for the Mid-Term BReak.

Many thanks again to all for their contribution to such a memorable day out in the San Carlo Calendar!



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HALLOWE'EN DRESS UP DAYS

**Wednesday October 22nd -
4th & 5th classes**

Due to swimming on Thursdays



**Thursday October 23rd -
3rd & 6th classes**



6th class engaging with their table tennis workshop during the first half-term

3RD & 4TH CLASS GAA

Last Friday 17th October, our 4th classes had the opportunity to visit Confey GAA, representing the school in a fun and friendly blitz with Scoil Oilibhéir Naofa, Kilcloon. The girls and boys played in separate games & every child had the opportunity to play a significant part in playing a gaelic football or ladies football game. For some students, this was their first ever time representing the school & playing a game. They had a great time practicing the skills they had been working on over the past number of weeks with Conor Gordon, our GDO. Thanks to Ms. O'Leary, Ms. McDermott and Ms. Connolly for all of their preparation with their classes.

On Wednesday 22nd October, our three 3rd classes visited Confey GAA for the first time to play an inter-class blitz. Conor Gordon, along with his team of volunteers hosted the blitz and the children enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning to participate in gaelic games under the guidance of their class teachers Mr. Duignan, Ms. Whelan & Ms. Campion/Ms. Burchéal.

We hope that this is the first time of many this year that the children will have the opportunity to represent the school and engage in gaelic games within the community. As always, all children in the locality are welcome to visit Confey GAA and to try out playing hurling, camogie, ladies football or gaelic football alongside their peers. The club are actively looking for new members. Please contact the school for further details on training times.

WEAR WHITE DAY!

We are very lucky to have the opportunity to welcome members of the successful Kildare Men's Senior Hurling & Gaelic Football Panels to the school on Friday November 7th at 2pm. Alongside welcoming the GAA stars of the county teams, we will also have the opportunity to have the McDonagh & Tailteann Cups in the school on the day.

The children are invited to wear white jerseys/t-shirts or their Confey/Kildare jerseys on the day, as we ramp up the atmosphere in the school and give them a heroes welcome. Some of the children are very excited to receive the opportunity to meet their role models and set their own dreams and ambitions of representing Kildare in Croke Park some day soon!

REST IN PEACE NOEL O'SULLIVAN

It was with deep regret and great sadness that we learned of Noel O'Sullivan's sudden passing earlier in the month. Noel was widely-revered as a great servant to the community of Confey throughout his time in Scoil San Carlo Senior National School as both a teacher and as former school principal. He had a profound impact upon so many students, parents and staff during his tenure in the school. He was a true gentleman and will be very fondly remembered by all. Our thoughts and prayers remain with his family and friends at this sad time.

We hope to reschedule a memorial mass to remember Noel in St. Charles Borromeo Church, Confey after the Mid-Term Break. We will communicate the date and time early in November, when it has been finalised with the parish office.