

SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 9 - June 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we come to the end of another school year, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a truly memorable and rewarding year for Scoil San Carlo SNS. It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as Principal during my first year in this wonderful school community, and I am deeply grateful for the warm welcome, kindness, and support I have received from pupils, staff, parents, the Board of Management, and our wider community.

This year has been one of celebration, achievement, and growth. A particular highlight was marking the 40th anniversary of Scoil San Carlo Senior School. This was a wonderful milestone that gave us the opportunity to celebrate our rich history, honour those who have shaped our school over the past four decades, and look forward with confidence to an exciting future.

Throughout the year, our pupils have excelled in every aspect of school life. From engaging classroom learning and creative projects to sporting competitions, music, drama, STEM initiatives, Green Schools, school tours, and the many other curricular and extra-curricular activities, there has been a tremendous sense of enthusiasm, participation, and school spirit. None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our exceptional staff, whose hard work and care for our pupils is evident every single day.

I would also like to sincerely thank our parents and guardians for the trust, encouragement, and partnership you continue to show. Your support plays an invaluable role in the success of our school and in the education and wellbeing of every child.

To our wonderful pupils, thank you for making Scoil San Carlo SNS such a happy, vibrant, and welcoming place. Your enthusiasm, kindness, resilience, and eagerness to learn are what make our school so special. We are incredibly proud of all that you have achieved this year.

As we close another successful chapter, I wish all of our families a happy, safe, and restful summer break. I hope everyone enjoys the opportunity to relax, spend time with loved ones, and create many happy memories. We look forward to welcoming you all back in September for another exciting year at Scoil San Carlo SNS.

Have a wonderful summer!

Cian Forde
School Principal



Congratulations to our 6th Classes, who graduated on Thursday 25th June 2026

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Summer Holidays:

Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 12:30pm

2026/2027 Academic Year Commences:

Tuesday 1st September 2026 at 9:20am





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RETIRMENT MESSAGES - A TRIBUTE TO MS. RHONA SIRR & MR. MARTIN FLATLEY

Ms. Rhona Sirr

At the end of this school year, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. Rhona Sirr as she retires after an outstanding career spanning 34 years in education, having been a valued member of the Scoil San Carlo SNS family since 1992.

Throughout those years, Rhona has touched the lives of countless pupils, families, and colleagues through her unwavering kindness, professionalism, and dedication. As both an exceptional class teacher and Assistant Principal, she has been a constant source of support, wisdom, and leadership. Her calm presence, thoughtful guidance, and wonderful sense of humour have enriched our school community and made Scoil San Carlo SNS a happier place for everyone.

Rhona's passion for teaching has inspired generations of pupils. Whether encouraging creativity through Art, nurturing curiosity in Science, bringing stories to life through English, or fostering a love of nature through gardening and environmental projects, she always encouraged children to explore, discover, and believe in themselves. Her classroom was a place where learning was joyful, every child felt valued, and every success was celebrated.

Beyond the classroom, Rhona has been a trusted colleague, mentor, and friend to so many. She has always given generously of her time, offering encouragement, advice, and practical support whenever it was needed. Her commitment to our school, her colleagues, and the children in her care has been nothing short of extraordinary.

While we will greatly miss seeing Rhona in the corridors and classrooms of Scoil San Carlo SNS, her legacy will continue to live on through the many lives she has influenced and the lasting contribution she has made to our school over more than three decades.

On behalf of the entire Scoil San Carlo SNS community, we extend our sincere thanks to Rhona for her dedication, friendship, and exceptional service to the school. We wish her a long, happy, and healthy retirement filled with new adventures, treasured moments with family and friends, and every happiness in the years ahead. Thank you, Rhona. You will always be a cherished part of the story of Scoil San Carlo SNS.

Mr. Martin Flatley

This year marks the end of a chapter in the history of Scoil San Carlo SNS as we congratulate Mr. Martin Flatley on his retirement after 36 years of dedicated service. Since joining our school in 1990, Martin has played a significant role in shaping the lives of generations of pupils and has become one of the school's most familiar and respected figures.

For many children, sixth class and Room 12 were synonymous with Mr. Flatley. His classroom was a place where high standards were expected, effort was rewarded, and every pupil was encouraged to develop confidence, independence and resilience before taking the next step to secondary school. His firm but fair approach earned the respect of his pupils, who quickly recognised that behind his high expectations was a teacher who wanted every child to succeed.

Martin's enthusiasm for Gaeilge was evident in every lesson. He brought the language to life through stories, songs and conversation, helping pupils to appreciate not only the language itself but the richness of Irish culture and tradition. His love of music was another hallmark of his teaching, with melodies and laughter often drifting from his classroom and creating lasting memories for the children he taught.

Over the past three and a half decades, Martin has witnessed enormous change in education and in Scoil San Carlo SNS itself. Through it all, he remained a constant presence; dependable, knowledgeable and deeply committed to his profession. His experience, wisdom and sense of humour made him a valued colleague, while his willingness to share advice and support was appreciated by staff both new and established.

As Martin begins a well-earned retirement, we thank him for the commitment, professionalism and care he has shown throughout his career. His contribution to Scoil San Carlo SNS reaches far beyond the classroom, and the positive influence he has had on so many young people will continue to be felt for years to come.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish Martin every happiness, good health and fulfilment in the years ahead. May retirement bring many opportunities to enjoy family, friends, music, travel and all the interests that a busy teaching career often leaves little time for. Thank you, Martin. You leave with our sincere gratitude and very best wishes for the future.





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6TH CLASS GRADUATION

On Thursday, 25th June 2026, the Scoil San Carlo SNS community gathered to celebrate a very special milestone as we honoured our Sixth Class pupils at their Graduation Ceremony. It was an afternoon filled with pride, laughter, reflection, and emotion as we celebrated the many achievements and memories of our graduating class before they embark on the next stage of their educational journey. The ceremony was beautifully enhanced by the wonderful musical performances from Ms. Carr's and Mr. Davitt's classes, whose singing created a warm and uplifting atmosphere throughout the afternoon. Mr. Flatley's class also performed a selection of beautiful recorder pieces, showcasing the musical talents they have developed during their time in Scoil San Carlo SNS.

One of the highlights of the ceremony was hearing the pupils share their favourite memories of primary school. Their heartfelt reflections reminded everyone of the friendships, experiences, and special moments that have shaped their years in Scoil San Carlo SNS. Equally inspiring were the carefully chosen quotes each pupil selected to represent their hopes and dreams for the future, reflecting the confidence, ambition, and optimism with which they leave our school.

Our visitors were also treated to a stunning display of Sixth Class artwork that filled the hallway, celebrating the creativity and individuality of every pupil. A particularly moving part of the celebration was the collection of videos featuring photographs and memories from the pupils' years in Scoil San Carlo SNS. These treasured keepsakes captured countless happy moments and will undoubtedly be cherished by both students and staff for many years to come.

A sincere word of thanks goes to Mr. Davitt, Mr. Flatley, Ms. Carr, and Ms. O'Brien for the tremendous time, care, and dedication they invested in organising such a memorable celebration. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the Parents' Association for organising the wonderful Graduation Party, giving the pupils a fitting opportunity to celebrate together. Finally, thank you to Pauline and Fiona for the beautiful balloon displays, which added a wonderful sense of occasion to this very special evening.

Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2026. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you and wish you every success and happiness in the years ahead.





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ACTIVE SCHOOLS WEEK & SPORTS DAY



Active Schools Week was once again a fantastic success in Scoil San Carlo SNS, providing our pupils with a fun-filled week of physical activity, teamwork, and opportunities to experience a wide variety of sports and wellbeing activities. The week celebrated the importance of leading an active and healthy lifestyle while encouraging every child to get involved, challenge themselves, and most importantly, have fun.

A sincere word of thanks must go to Ms. Helen O'Shea, whose outstanding organisation and planning ensured the week ran so smoothly. Her dedication, enthusiasm, and attention to detail made Active Schools Week an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone.

Throughout the week, pupils had the opportunity to participate in sessions delivered by a fantastic range of coaches and local organisations. We are extremely grateful to Liffey Bank FC, Luke from MU Barnhall RFC, Conor Gordon, GDO with Confey GAA, Laura from Star Kids Yoga, Dance LA, and Enzo from Tennis Ireland for sharing their expertise and enthusiasm with our pupils. Each activity introduced the children to new skills while promoting teamwork, confidence, and a lifelong enjoyment of physical activity.

A special thank you also goes to St. Catherine's Park for once again providing a wonderful outdoor setting where many of our classes enjoyed walks, games, and nature-based activities throughout the week.

The highlight of the week was undoubtedly our annual Sports Day, held at the excellent facilities of Confey GAA. We extend our sincere thanks to Confey GAA for their generosity in making their grounds available to us once again. The superb facilities provided the perfect venue for a day full of excitement, friendly competition, and school spirit. It was wonderful to see pupils encouraging one another, demonstrating resilience, and celebrating each other's achievements throughout the day.

Active Schools Week showcased everything that is special about Scoil San Carlo SNS—participation, inclusion, teamwork, and community spirit. Thank you to all of our staff, volunteers, coaches, and community partners who helped make the week such a memorable success. We are already looking forward to another fantastic Active Schools Week next year!





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CLASS ALLOCATIONS

Please see below the teaching staff that have been allocated to each class grouping for next year. There are a number of classes, who have not been appointed a class teacher yet. This is subject to recruitment over the summer months.

3rd Class A - Pending Appointment

3rd Class B - Ms. Campion & Ms. Burchéal

3rd Class C - Pending Appointment

4th Class A - Pending Appointment

4th Class B - Mr. Conor Duignan

4th Class C - Pending Appointment

5th Class A - Mr. Colm Noctor

5th Class B - Ms. Bláthnaid Connolly

5th Class C - Pending Appointment

6th Class A - Ms. Kellie Carr

6th Class B - Mr. Niall Sherlock

6th Class C - Ms. Helen O'Shea & Ms. Catherine Vallely

Autism Classes - Mr. Michael Davitt & Ms. Laragh O'Leary

SET Team - Ms. Riona Quinn, Ms. Mary McDermott,
Mr. Peter Smith, Ms. Kate O'Brien,
Mr. Eoin McCreary



2026/2027 BOOKLISTS & RESOURCE FEES

In recent weeks, Diane & Kay, in the office sent home an overview of the resource fee and the school resources required for the next academic year via Aladdin Connect to all parents and guardians. Attached with this correspondence, you will also have received an overview of the schoolbooks and copies that will be provided to all students under the DEY Free Schoolbooks Scheme. A sincere thanks to Ms. Riona Quinn, Kay & Diane for their hard work in ensuring that all students will be ready to hit the ground running in September.



ATTENDANCE CUP

Congratulations to **Ms. English's 5th class**, who won the June Attendance Cup, with an excellent attendance of 94.9%. It has been a very competitive year in the Attendance Cup Standings, with many classes winning awards on multiple occasions. However, the overall winners of this year's cup and winning the Pizza Party are Mr. Duignan's 3rd Class!

2025/26 Class Winners:

September - Mr. Duignan's Class

October - Mr. Duignan's Class

November - Ms. O'Brien & Ms. Sirr's Class

December - Ms. Burchéal & Ms. Campion's Class

January - Ms. McDermott's Class

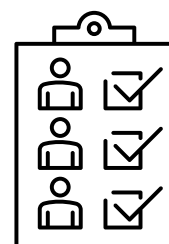
February - Mr. Duignan's Class

March - Ms. English's Class

April - Ms. Sirr's Class

May - Ms. Whelan's Class

June - Ms. English's Class





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UNDER 10 GIRLS FOOTBALL CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL FINAL

It was all roads to Hawkfield Centre Of Excellence on Tuesday 16th June 2026 for our second county final of the year. This time around, it was our younger cohort of students from 3rd and 4th class representing the San Carlo SNS jersey with great pride. The girls under the stewardship of Ms. Caroline Whelan, Ms. Niamh McCabe and Mr. Conor Duignan, had a stellar group campaign winning all of their games. The girls played determined and stylish football, demonstrating their excellent skillset to navigate their way through their semi-final with an excellent victory too. This saw them land themselves and the school in the U10 Girls Division 2 Ladies Football Final against Scoil an Linbh Íosa, Prosperous.

The girls played an outstanding brand of football on the day, with all members of the panel playing a part in the game. The girls led at half-time and mounted a serious comeback in the second half, when things were going against them, to once again take the lead going into the final minutes. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be San Carlo's Day, as Scoil an Linbh Íosa scored a last minute goal to win the game.

A huge well done to the girls and their mentors on representing the school so admirably throughout the campaign and for reaching the county final. All of us here in the school community are so proud of your efforts and the way you held yourselves in both victory and defeat. We know that you will back to right the wrongs of this year's loss in the Autumn Under 11 Campaign. Maith sibh cailíní!





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SCHOOL TOURS



3rd Class Tour - Causey Farm

On Tuesday, 23rd June 2026, our 3rd classes enjoyed a fantastic school tour to Causey Farm. The children had a wonderful day taking part in a range of fun, hands-on activities, including bog jumping, baking brown bread, feeding the animals, and enjoying a lively céili. There was plenty of laughter, teamwork, and adventure throughout the day. It was a memorable experience for everyone, and the pupils represented Scoil San Carlo SNS with excellent behaviour and enthusiasm.



4th Class Tour - Kilruddery Pursuits

On Friday, 19th June 2026, our 4th classes enjoyed an action-packed school tour to Kilruddery Pursuits. The pupils embraced a variety of exciting outdoor activities, including team challenges, climbing, archery, and adventure games. It was a fantastic day filled with fun, teamwork, and plenty of laughter. The children showed great enthusiasm, encouraged one another throughout the day, and represented Scoil San Carlo SNS with excellent behaviour and a positive attitude.





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5th Class Tour - Let's Go! DCU

On Tuesday, 9th June 2026, our 5th classes had a fantastic school tour to Let's Go in DCU. The pupils took part in a wide range of exciting team-building activities and outdoor challenges that encouraged cooperation, communication, and problem-solving. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and friendly competition, with everyone getting fully involved. It was a wonderful experience, and the children represented Scoil San Carlo SNS with excellent behaviour, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the day.

5th Class Tour - Lidl Farm

Our 5th classes recently enjoyed a fantastic educational visit to Lidl Farm, where they learned all about sustainable farming, food production, and caring for the environment. During the guided tours, pupils explored the farm, met a variety of animals, and discovered how fresh produce is grown and harvested before making its way to our tables. The visit provided a wonderful opportunity for hands-on learning, bringing many aspects of the Science and Geography curriculum to life. Pupils gained a greater appreciation of biodiversity, animal welfare, and the importance of sustainable food production, while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of the farm.



6th Class - Baltinglass Adventure Centre

On Friday, 12th June 2026, our 6th classes enjoyed their final school tour as pupils of Scoil San Carlo SNS with a memorable trip to Baltinglass Adventure Centre. The children embraced a variety of exciting outdoor and adventure activities, showing great courage, teamwork, and determination throughout the day. There was plenty of fun, laughter, and lasting memories made as they celebrated the end of their primary school journey together. It was a fitting final tour, and our 6th class pupils represented Scoil San Carlo SNS with outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm, and maturity. We wish them every success as they begin the next exciting chapter of their education.





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NURTURE GROUP

Over the past three weeks, the Nurture Group have had eggs in incubation in the school. Last Monday, four of them hatched and they will be going to a good home, where they will be looked after over the Summer Months!

There was great excitement all week, as all of our students had the opportunity to visit the new-born chicks. Thanks to Ms. O'Shea & Ms. Vallely for facilitating this opportunity.



PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

A sincere thank you to our outstanding Parent's Association, who have worked tirelessly this year to ensure that our students have had a the very best experience possible throughout the 2025/26 Academic year. Every school event is strongly supported by our PA. They go above and beyond to fundraise and provide opportunities that help sustain the day to day running of the school and for that, the whole school community are eternally grateful.

The Parent's Association would like their thanks to all of the volunteers who have ensured that the committee are at the heartbeat of school life. They would also like to extend their thanks to the ehol parent body for their support with sponsorship and fundraising throughout the year.



A SUMMER BLESSING

As another wonderful school year comes to an end, we give thanks for the friendships made, the lessons learned, the challenges overcome, and the many happy memories we have shared together.

May God bless all our pupils, families, and staff throughout the summer months. May your days be filled with sunshine, laughter, adventure, and rest. May you enjoy precious time with family and friends, discover new experiences, and return refreshed, healthy, and ready for another exciting school year.

May God watch over you wherever your summer takes you, keeping you safe in His care and filling your hearts with peace, joy, and hope.

Have a happy, safe, and blessed summer.

