



SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 5 - January 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome back to Scoil San Carlo Senior National School for Term 2 of the 2025/2026 Academic Year!

We hope all our students and families enjoyed a restful, joyful Christmas Break and had time to recharge with loved ones. It has been wonderful to see our school filled once again with those bubbly, smiling faces, renewed energy, and excitement for what lies ahead for the remainder of the academic year and the rest of 2026!

There has been a great buzz around the school in recent weeks with the school being a hive of activity. Our school teams have recommenced training in preparation for the Spring & Summer leagues, our school choir are busy singing ahead of the Cór na nÓg, classes are busy making new year's resolutions, and learning about St. Brigid, our Hot Schools Meals pod has arrived on site and our new noticeboards and changes to classrooms are taking shape!

Thank you to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. Working together, we can continue to create a safe, caring, and inspiring environment where every child can thrive and reach their full potential. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead and all the learning, laughter, and achievements it will bring.

Wishing everyone a happy and successful start to the year!

Cian Forde
School Principal



Maidin deas ar an gclós! Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!

DATES FOR THE DIARY

School Closure - Curriculum Training Day:

Friday January 30th 2026

School Closure - St. Brigid's Day:

Monday February 2nd 2026

February Mid-Term Break:

School closed Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th February 2026

6th Class Confirmation:

Tuesday 3rd March 2026

School Book Fair:

Friday 27th February 2026 - Wednesday 4th March 2026

World Book Day:

Thursday 5th March 2026

Coicís na Gaeilge:

Monday March 2nd - Tuesday March 17th

School Closure - St. Patrick's Day:

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th January



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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

It may feel like a distant memory for many at this point, but on behalf of all of the students and staff in the school, we would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who were able to attend our Christmas Concert prior to the Christmas Break.

The children thoroughly enjoyed being able to rehearse their festive piece and perform it to a huge audience in the school hall, with the goal of putting a smile on people’s faces, and bringing some Christmas cheer. I think they did a brilliant job of doing just that, and we hope that it will be the first of many concerts to come over the coming years in the school.



PARENT’S ASSOCIATION

A huge thank you to our fantastic Parent’s Association, who have been working tirelessly since the end of August to promote and organise so many wonderful initiatives for the school community of Scoil San Carlo. The Christmas Cards, School Calendars and School Hoodies of late are only the tip of the iceberg. The PA are always looking for new members, particularly in an effort to be in position to facilitate school discos on a more frequent basis. If you are in a position to be able to help in any way, please contact the team (sancarlopa@gmail.com) or on their social media platforms.

The PA are running their January Fundraiser of a non-uniform day, this Thursday January 29th 2026. The theme this time around is **‘Something Cosy’**. A donation can be made via cash or via the ‘Sum-Up’ link sent via Aladdin Noticeboards. In addition, the PA are strongly encouraging ‘Re-turn Fridays’, where you will find the orange bin at the front entrance to the school. As always, all support from the parent-body of the school is greatly appreciated.

HOT SCHOOL MEALS

Prior to Christmas, we were able to confirm that the tender process had completed for the Hot School Meals Programme. Nourish & Green, the provider chosen, have been busy over the last number of weeks with the onboarding process. You may have noticed the works ongoing on the back yard, as our pod was installed, to cater for both the Junior & Senior schools.

We are hoping to be in a position to commence the Hot School Meals in San Carlo Senior School on Tuesday 10th February. Confirmation of this exact date will follow in the next fortnight.

An Aladdin Notice will go out this week with all the relevant details you require to ensure that you can get your child registered on the portal, to be in a position to order your child’s lunches from the menu available in advance of the launch day. Your child will receive a unique sign-up code, individual to each child in the school before the end of the week. This will be sent home as a hard copy in their school bags. I would kindly ask that you take the time to read any correspondence received via Aladdin from Nourish & Green carefully, as all of the information & FAQs you might have can be answered from the guidance tht they provide.

[HTTPS://WWW.NOURISHANDGREEN.IE](https://www.nourishandgreen.ie)

ANNUAL ADMISSIONS 2026 - 2027



All enrolment applications for incoming students on our intake list for the 2026-2027 Academic year have been processed. If you have applied, you should have received correspondence in relation to your child’s place for the senior school last week.

All places must be confirmed by **16th of February 2026**. Please ensure you have returned your enrolment form to Kay or Diane in the school office by then, to ensure your place for the next academic year.



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SCHOOL GAA TEAMS - BACK IN TRAINING

As mentioned prior to the Christmas break, we are delighted to be in a position to re-enter Cumann na mBunscol competitions over the coming Spring & Summer leagues in Ladies Football, Gaelic Football, Camogie & Hurling as well as in the Cross Country event.

It has been heart-warming to see the dedication and motivation of our students and staff members alike, coming to school early in the morning to begin their preparations for their upcoming games. Lots of hard work and practice is going into developing new skills and mastering old ones, with lots of fun and teamwork along the way!

This would not be possible without the committed staff that we have in Scoil San Carlo Senior School, and the support of Confey GAA, who are ensuring that our students are able to put their best foot forward representing their school over the coming months. A huge thank you to those supporting our teams.

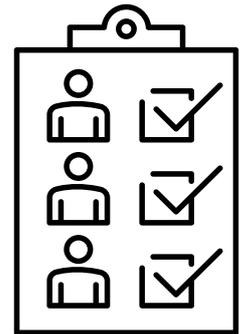


Large numbers have been present at early morning January training sessions. Keep up the great work!

ATTENDANCE CUP

Congratulations to **Ms. Burchéal & Ms. Campion's 3rd class** for winning the December Attendance Cup! It is fantastic to see the improvement in attendance amongst many of the class groups each month since September. Thanks for your continued support with our Attendance Strategy. Attached are attendances for the month of December;

- Room 1 - 94.6%
- Room 2 - 87.1%
- Room 3 - 93.3%
- Room 4 - 89.4%
- Room 5 - 91%
- Room 6 - 93%
- Room 7 - 95.5%
- Room 8 - 96.1%**
- Room 10 - 92%
- Room 11 - 88.1%
- Room 12 - 86.7%
- Room 14 - 88.9%
- Room 15 - 73.3%
- Room 16 - 94.2%



SCHOOL QUIZ TEAM

Well done to our brilliant quiz team, all of whom are in 5th class this year for representing the school so admirably in the Cumann na mBusnscol county quiz in Ballymany, Newbridge last week. It was the first time that the team had competed together, and they did so against schools from all over Kildare. They showed outstanding general knowledge and were just pipped on the scoreboard in the end, narrowly missing out on a podium place. We know they will be back better than ever in next year's quiz. Thanks Mr. Smith and Ms. Connolly for taking care of the team.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

A number of afterschool clubs have commenced in the school in recent weeks. Ms. Carr is running a **'Sports For Girls Club'**, whilst Ms. English, Ms. Whelan & Ms. Geoghegan have started a **'Homework Club'**. If your child is interested in registering for either of the clubs, please contact the school office for further information.