

# SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 7 - March 2026



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we approach the Easter holidays, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term here in Scoil San Carlo Senior School.

Over the past number of months, our school community has been full of energy and enthusiasm, with a wide range of activities and events taking place. From our engaging Engineering Day to the celebration of language, music and culture during Coicís na Gaeilge. It has been fantastic to see such creativity and participation from our pupils. World Book Day and our recent School Book Fair highlighted the importance of reading for pleasure, and it was heartening to see such excitement around books throughout the school.

Our students have also been very active on the sporting front, representing the school with great pride in athletics events, soccer tournaments, and GAA competitions. Whilst our school choir and quiz teams were also busy representing the school too!

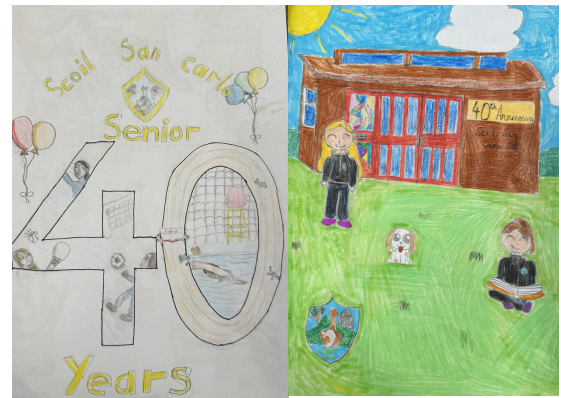
A particularly special milestone this term was the official opening of our Autism Classes and our new sensory corridor. This marks an important step in continuing to make our school an inclusive and welcoming place for all, and we are very proud of this development.

I would like to sincerely thank our staff for their dedication and hard work, our parents for their ongoing support, and of course our pupils, who continue to make Scoil San Carlo such a vibrant and positive place to learn.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and restful Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed for the final term.

Kind regards,

Cian Forde  
School Principal



Our school journal design covers for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Easter Holidays:**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 12:30pm. Term 2 concludes.

**Term 3 Commences:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 9:20am

**Staff Training Day:**

School closed on Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2026 for Oide Curriculum Framework Training Day.

**May School Closure Week:**

School closed from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.  
School re-opens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Week:**

Activities taking place throughout the school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026.

**Standardised Testing Week:**

Week Commencing May 25<sup>th</sup> 2026

**Half Day School Closure:**

School will close at 12:30pm on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to facilitate staff development and training on the new Primary Curriculum Framework.

**Wellbeing Week:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Active Schools Week:**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 - Friday June 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Graduation:**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 1pm

**Summer Holidays:**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 12:30pm



## SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS

### CÓRFHÉILE NA SCOILEANNA

The school choir took to the National Basketball Arena this month to represent the school at Córfhéile na Scoileanna. The choir have been extremely busy in recent months. They sang at our school concert at Christmas time, at the local carol services, in the local nursing home and more recently at the 6<sup>th</sup> class Confirmation.

All of these opportunities to perform have stood to them in good stead, along with all the wonderful practice that has taken place under Ms. McDermott in the school every week. On the day, they sang beautifully, and were commended by the judges, as being one of the best schools in attendance at the event with their beautiful harmonies and excellent performances.

Well done to all of the boys and girls in the choir. A special thanks to Ms. McDermott and Ms. Whelan for all their hard work and preparation. The school choir has been such a brilliant addition to school life again this year!



### SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

During the first week of March, we were delighted to be able to host our School Book Fair, with the support and guidance of Scholastic Ireland. A huge amount of work and preparation was put in by our very own, Ms. Sirr and our Parent’s Association, to be able to facilitate this wonderful opportunity for the children of our school. A huge thank you to Ms. Sirr particularly who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event such an overwhelming success.

A special thanks to all of the students and parents who supported the fair by coming to visit and by buying books. It was heart-warming to see the joy and excitement amongst the children with their new books throughout the week. We hope that opportunities such as this, encourage a love for reading amongst our pupils and that it gives them the opportunity to get lost in the world of fiction, adventure and imagination, when they open their books to read at home and in school.

Over 3,000 euro was collected throughout the Book Fair this year. Owing to this, the school was able to acquire an abundance of new reading materials for classroom libraries, which will sustain a love for reading during DEAR time in school with many new titles available to them. Without your support, this would not be possible. A sincere thank you to you all for this.

### CONFIRMATION

A huge congratulations to all of our Confirmed Candidates in 6<sup>th</sup> class, who received the sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The children got the beautiful sunny day, that they deserved, after many months of preparation along the next stage of their journey of faith. The children were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. A sincere thanks to Mgr. Dan O’Connor and Fr. Aloysius for the lovely service.

Thank you again to Ella Doran and to our dedicated staff of Mr. Flatley, Mr. Davitt, Ms. Carr, Ms. O’Shea, Ms. Valley, Ms. O’Brien, Eimir, Karen, Catherine, Sharon and Anna for all their hard work preparing the children. We hope you all enjoyed the occasion



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### ENGINEERING DAY

Earlier this month, our 3<sup>rd</sup> classes had a visit from Intel, as part of Engineering Day. They learned all about the job specification of an engineer and what happens locally in the Intel HQ.

The Intel Volunteers and Engineers then helped the boys and girls complete a STEAM Activity, where they had to build a bridge using lollipop sticks, blu-tac and elastic bands. The bridge that the children constructed then had to be able to support the weight of a car, which was quite a challenge! The classes really enjoyed the workshop and many of them inspired by the engineers, who came to visit the school.

A sincere thanks to our 3<sup>rd</sup> class teachers, our Intel Volunteers and to Mr. McCreary for facilitating the event for our class groups. We are already looking forward to next year!



Engineering Day in Rang a Trí

### ATTENDANCE CUP

Congratulations to **Mr. Duignan's 3<sup>rd</sup>** class for winning the February Attendance Cup! This is the third occasion that they have come out on top of the standings this academic year & as such, they have won a pizza party!

Room 1 - 94.2%

Room 2 - 90.6%

Room 3 - 92.6%

Room 4 - 93.6%

Room 5 - 93.5%

Room 6 - 92%

**Room 7 - 98.1%**

Room 8 - 94.3%

Room 10 - 92.6%

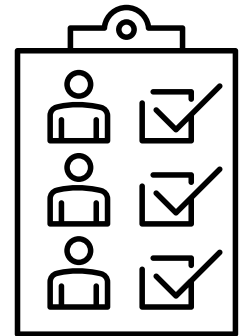
Room 11 - 94.6%

Room 12 - 87%

Room 14 - 94.8%

Room 15 - 84.1%

Room 16 - 94.9%



### SCHOOL QUIZ TEAM

Well done to our school quiz team, who represented San Carlo Senior School once again this year with aplomb last week. This time, we attended a local quiz hosted in Scoil Áine Naofa in Lucan. The boys showed a great range of general knowledge, on what was a very difficult question set throughout the rounds. Thank you to Ms. Connolly and Mr. Smith for preparing the team and for bringing them to compete with schools right throughout Dublin West & North Kildare. Maith sibh!





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## SCHOOL SPORTS TEAMS

Wow. Time to draw breath! What an incredibly busy number of weeks it has been for our school sports teams in March. There has been a great buzz and atmosphere throughout the school in recent weeks, as many of our students ventured out to represent the school in athletics, camogie, ladies football, gaelic football, hurling and soccer.

The students have represented San Carlo Senior School with great pride, endeavour and sportsmanship. There have been lots of wins, some losses, but no end of talent, perseverance, energy and enthusiasm on show, picking up lots of medals along the way!

Our athletics teams were in Cross Country action in Porterstown and Cabra, where they once again performed admirably, picking up countless podium places. A huge thanks to Mr. Sherlock, Ms. Whelan and Mr. Keegan for bringing our team!

Our camogie team under Ms. English & Ms. Geoghegan's stewardship played in the Mini 7's in Kilcock, our ladies football team marshalled by Ms. Carr, Ms. Burcheal, Ms. Valley and Ms. O'Shea played in the Mini 7's in Rathcoffey. Meanwhile, our boys teams' coached by Mr. Davitt played their hurling Mini 7's in Celbridge and their football competition in Clane. All our teams were brilliant and we are hoping that there is a very bright couple of weeks ahead in Cumann na mBunscol action.

Our Soccer 5's girls and boys teams competed in the FAI Competitions in Leixlip Amenities Centre too. We had two boys teams and two girls teams represent the school over two days. They played really well and held their own on both occasions! Thanks Ms. Quinn and Mr. Davitt for bringing our teams.

There is lots more sporting action to come in Term 3! Training before school with all the students and teachers has been going so well and it is so wonderful to see the enthusiasm from the children to represent the school. Once again, a massive thanks to all our staff for facilitating these opportunities for the students.





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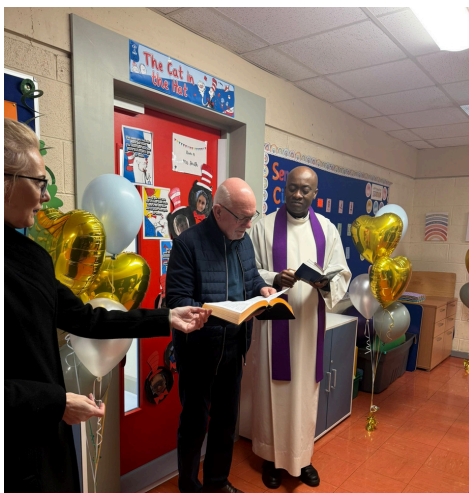
### AUTISM CLASS OFFICIAL OPENING

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026, we officially opened our two autism classes and our newly designed sensory corridor. It was lovely to mark the outstanding work that has been done in recent years in the school, as the promotion of inclusivity, diversity and integration of education and learning has become very much a key part of school life.

We welcomed past principal Ms. Clare McHugh back to cut the ribbon, alongside some of the children from our two classrooms. We were also delighted to be able to welcome Fr. Aloysius to give a blessing to our new spaces. Mr. Tony Boland, our Board of Management Chairperson, Joe Neville (TD) and Naoise O’Cearrúil (TD) were also in attendance to mark the significant occasion and milestone in the school. We also some of the parents of the children in our two autism classes to celebrate the occasion with us. A huge thank you to all who took the time to be with us and to check out our new facilities.

A special thank you must also go to our staff working in our two autism classes, who have worked tirelessly this year, n particular, to welcome so many new children to our classrooms and to navigate the many challenges that were presented with the delay in the building works to ensure that the learning environments could be sustained for the children in our school. Thanks in particular to Ms. O’Brien, Mr. Smith, Emir, Karen, Catherine, Marta, Fiona, all of our SEN team and SNA’s.

Here’s to the continued success and development of our two autism classes and to inclusive education right throughout the school community.





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## WORLD BOOK DAY

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup> 2026 throughout the school. There were lots of wonderful initiatives and events taking place school-wide and across the San Carlo Campus!

Paired reading and reading buddies were established within the school at different class levels. Some of our classes visited Tiny Tots, Confey Montessorri and the Junior School to read to the younger children. There were bookmarks made in some classes, some art work around their favourite books and characters and most importantly this year, we had our classroom door decoration competition, where each class had to design their classroom door with the cover of a book. There were some outstanding classroom doors on show right throughout the school.

World Book Day was once again a resounding success this year. A huge thanks to all involved in its organisation and facilitation, particularly to Ms. Sirr. We are already looking forward to it again next year!



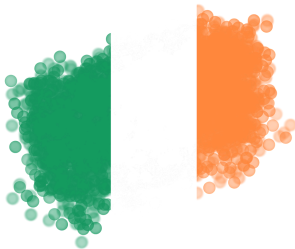


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### COICÍS NA GAELIGE

Bhí coicís den scoth againn ag céiliúradh Coicís na Gaeilge ar fud na scoilte. Bhí imeachtaí de gach saghas ar siúl i measc na ranganna go léir. Ms. Campion organised a brilliant fortnight of activities throughout the school for all of our students and staff in the lead up to St. Patrick's Day!

There was a Tráth na gCeist that Mr. Flatley kindly put together for all our classes. We had a Ceolchoirm at each cohort level, as well as a Céilí, where Irish Music & Irish Dancing were in full flow! Additionally, each class level were working on some art work to depict our ancient Irish proverbs, known as Seanfhocail. All of our students made a great effort to use their cúpla focail in the yard, in the corridors and even after school hours. We were able to reward those students with 'Gaeilgóir na Coicíse' at assembly this past week. Well done to all our winners. Maith sibh go léir!



### SCHOOL JOURNALS

Well done to 5<sup>th</sup> class students Sarah and Sanvi, who were this year's 'School Journal Design' winners. The girls have won the rights to the front and back cover to the 2026-27 School Journal, with two beautiful pieces of Art Work, both of which pertain to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of the school.

All of the 5<sup>th</sup> class students must be commended for their entries and the decision was not an easy one to make for the judge. A huge well done to Sarah & Sanvi for their efforts. We look forward to seeing the beautiful art work on our front and back covers next September.

### GLASNEVIN CEMETERY & BOTANIC GARDENS

6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed taking their learning in history about World War 1 and World War 2 from their classroom environment here within the school, to Glasnevin Cemetery last week. This opportunity brought so much of the discussion and conversation around the topics to life, as the children received a guided tour of the cemetery and got to ask lots of questions. Afterwards, the classes visited the Botanic Gardens



### POPSTARS

6<sup>th</sup> class enjoyed a nice treat earlier this month, where they were welcomed to Confey College to watch the 'Popstars' Musical, being put on show by the students in the secondary school, many of whom were past pupils of the school. The show was all singing, all dancing and our students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to visit Confey College and to see the show. Hopefully it has inspired some of them to take the stage in years to come, as they transition to second level education in the coming months.





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### SCHOOL GARDEN

It has been great to see so many of our classes back in gardening action over recent weeks, as the season of Spring has come upon us! Ms. Holmes has been busy with her EAL Groups planting all of the beautiful daffodils in our window boxes throughout the front of the school. Ms. Sirr, Mr. McCreary and Ms. English's classes have been busy planting potatoes too! They are hoping to use them in June for their Annual Chip-Off Competition between the classes.

Mr. McCreary is hoping to establish a Gardening Club for students after the Easter Holidays, to bring lots of life and colour to our sleeper beds. Thanks to Gerry, our caretaker for helping us mind our garden and keep our beds in great condition.

We are hoping to restore our old school garden, which is located behind the prefabs. If you are interested in helping us out or know of anyone who might be able to assist us, please feel free to email Mr. Forde at [principal@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:principal@scoilsancarlo.ie). Any support or help that anyone would be able to provide would be greatly appreciated.



### PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

A big thank you to the Parent's Association who have worked tirelessly again this term to facilitate so many great opportunities for the children of the school, including a disco, non-uniform days, the bake sale, Re-turn Fridays and the book fair. Without their tremendous support, energy, enthusiasm and commitment to the school, none of these brilliant activities could take place.

There will be a Uniform Sale, straight after the Easter Break on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in the morning, ahead of the school start time. There will also be a disco on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026 in the school hall. As always, volunteers are needed to support and facilitate these events. If you would like to assist and join our brilliant Parent's Association, please feel free to email them at [sancarlopa@gmail.com](mailto:sancarlopa@gmail.com)

### HOT SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Thank you for continued patience and understanding regarding the delay to the roll-out of the Hot School Meals. We are hoping to have a commencement date available to communicate to you all after the Easter Holidays. As soon as we hear from Nourish & Green, We will notify you via Aladdin.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR: 2026/27

Next year's school calendar for the 2026/2027 Academic Year has been released via Aladdin Noticeboards for your preference. School will re-open after the Sumer Holidays on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026.

### AN EASTER BLESSING

May the joy and hope of Easter fill our hearts and our school community with peace and renewal. As we celebrate the Risen Lord, we are reminded that light triumphs over darkness, and love overcomes all.

May this sacred season inspire our students, staff, and families to walk in faith, show kindness to one another, and carry the message of Christ's love into all they do.

May the blessings of Easter bring happiness to your homes, strength for each new day, and a deep sense of God's presence among us.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Easter.

