



# SCOIL SAN CARLO SNS NEWSLETTER

School Newsletter 2025/2026 : Edition 1 - September 2025



## WELCOME BACK

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all after the summer holidays. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the warm welcome I have received since commencing as school principal at the end of August. It is evident to me in my short-time here to date that Scoil San Carlo SNS is a vibrant, welcoming and positive school environment with lots of wonderful initiatives and practices in place that ensures the school holds a very special place within the community of Confey. As always, the children are at the center of everything we do within our school community & the staff here are committed to ensuring that every school day is filled with hope, opportunity, fun and learning.

I would like to wish Ms. Clare MacHugh the very best on her retirement and place on record a sincere and grateful thank you to her from us all in Scoil San Carlo SNS for her outstanding service to the school throughout her career.

I would like to welcome all of our new students to the school this year, particularly our 3<sup>rd</sup> class groups who start in the senior school for the first time. I would also like to welcome back all of our staff, particularly Ms. Laragh O'Leary, Ms. Aishling English, Mr. Pádraic Keegan & Ms. Ciara Murphy who join us for the first time.

I look forward to meeting many of you throughout the course of the school year.

Kind regards,  
Cian Forde  
School Principal



We are thrilled to be celebrating 40 years of San Carlo Senior School this year. We have lots of nice celebrations planned throughout the year. We will keep you up to date with them as they arise.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

### Parent's Association AGM:

29<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 8pm

### 3rd Class Parent's Morning:

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 from 9:30am - 10:30am

### School Closure:

Presidential Election - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### October Mid-Term Break Closure:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

### Parent Teacher Meetings:

Week Commencing Monday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2025

### 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.



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# GENERAL REMINDERS

### School Attendance & Punctuality -

School starts daily at 9:20am for all students and finishes at 3pm. Supervision of students is facilitated by staff from 9:10am each morning in the front and back yards. Please ensure your child is on their line, in time every morning. Any child arriving to the school after 9:20am will require a parent/guardian to sign them in at the front office with Kay/Diane. Punctuality is vitally important each morning and afternoon for drop-off and collection.

As part of our school attendance strategy, if your child is absent from school, please input a reason for their absence using the Aladdin Connect App. Your co-operation with this is greatly appreciated.

### School Uniform -

The school uniform in San Carlo SNS consists of a navy cotton jumper, navy cotton tracksuit pants and a white polo t-shirt. No bicycle shorts or leggings are permitted as part of the school uniform. If your child wishes to wear shorts to school during spells of better weather, they are permitted to do so, but they should be unbranded, navy shorts. If you require an iron on crest, they are available to be purchased from the school office with Kay or Diane.

### Medical Conditions/Allergies -

As part of updating the medical profiles of all students within the school community, we are asking you to reach out to Kay/Diane in the office to complete an updated medical form if your child has any medical/health related concerns that we need to be aware of. Please email the school office at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie) to receive a medical form to complete and to allow us update our database accordingly highlighting any medical information, health conditions or allergies that the school should be aware of, relating to your child.

### Resource Fees -

A gentle reminder to pay the annual resource fees via the Aladdin Connect App. This fee ensures that we can cater for your child's Art & Crafts, ICT, Pupil Accident Insurances and Photocopying Expenses.



Our beautiful art mural, courtesy of Jennifer Fitzpatrick is finished. Many thanks to all of the students for their outstanding contributions to this. It has brightened up and re-invented our back yard. Make sure to check it out next time you're on the campus!

## SCHOOL WEBSITE

The school website is currently being revamped and updated. We would like to thank you for your patience over the coming weeks while the upgrade works are taking place. We are hopeful that our new school website will be fully operational by the Mid-Term Break.

## ALADDIN CONNECT

As part of enhancing and improving our school communications throughout the 2025/2026 Academic Year, we are hoping to become increasingly reliant upon Aladdin Connect for attendance, daily notices, permissions, payments and general correspondence. We kindly ask that you all download the mobile phone application, log in and turn your notifications on, so that you can stay up to date on a daily basis with respect to any communication you might need to receive from the school.

If you are having any difficulty accessing the Aladdin Connect application, please contact Diane or Kay in the school office. They will be happy to help you get set up.





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### HOT SCHOOL LUNCHES

We are hopeful of being in a position, alongside the Junior School to roll out our Hot School Lunch Programme early in 2026. Last week, we commenced the tender application process. We are hopeful of having a vendor appointed to supply the school over the coming months. We will keep you updated when we have further information available.

In the meantime, 'The Lunch Bag' are continuing to provide their services to the school, where you can order lunch for your child via their app on a daily basis.

### FÓRSA STRIKE ACTION

Many thanks to all of our staff, students and parents who supported the very backbone and front face of our school community during the recent industrial action for school secretaries and caretakers. We are so proud of Gerry, Diane & Kay for standing their ground and fighting for their pension parity and leave entitlements.

We are delighted to have them back with us, helping our school run smoothly on a daily basis. We are more aware than ever before how important they are to us here in San Carlo Senior School & we are hopeful that their efforts will be justified in the pay agreement reached with the government over the coming weeks and months.



Yvonne (San Carlo JNS), Kay, Diane & Gerry in action during their industrial action



### POLICY CONSULTATION

A huge thank you to all school stakeholders for their engagement in the consultation process relating to the updating of the following policy documents;

- Code Of Behaviour
- Intimate Care & Toileting Policy
- Health & Safety Policy Statement
- Managing Behaviours of Concern

These policies will now be brought forward to the Board of Management for ratification and available on our school website, as soon as it has been updated.

### ROOM 15 BUILDING WORKS

As you can probably tell from all of the work going on at the moment at the front of the school building, we are well on our way to having our second special class facility fully repurposed and ready for our students. We are hopeful of having the room completed before the Mid-Term Break for our fantastic students and their teachers, Mr. Smith & Ms. O'Brien, as well as our wonderful team of SNA's, to make their own.

We will have a number of items of school furniture throughout the school looking for a new home. If you are interested in desks or chairs for a room at home or for a local community organisation, please feel free to reach out and let us know via email at [office@scoilsancarlo.ie](mailto:office@scoilsancarlo.ie).



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### NEW ATHLETICS GEAR

The school are absolutely delighted to have received new racing singlets from Danny O'Brien from DNA Construction, Leixlip for our school cross-country team and athletics events going forward. The Liffey Champion visited the school on Tuesday September 23rd, to mark the official handover of the new gear to the school and to our students.

They will get their first day out next Wednesday October 1st, when Mr. Sherlock brings a large cohort of students, as part of the school cross-country team to their first event of the year hosted by Clonliffe Harriers in Trinity Sports Campus.

### 4<sup>TH</sup> CLASS FIELD TRIP

Last Thursday September 18th, Ms. Connolly, Ms. McDermott & Ms. O'Leary's 4<sup>th</sup> classes visited Maynooth Castle and received a very insightful tour from one of the guides. This linked in brilliantly with their learning about the Normans.

The children really enjoyed their day out, where they took the train from Leixlip-Confey station to Maynooth and back again afterwards. They even managed to find some time to have some picnic lunch, visit the library on the Main Street and to take in the canal area of Maynooth. All in all, they had a wonderful day out and were superbly behaved. A huge thanks to all the staff for facilitating this local trip for the students.



### GAA COACHING

We are delighted to have Conor Gordon, Kildare GAA GDO for Confey GAA back in school with us every Thursday coaching Camogie, Hurling, Gaelic Football & Ladies Football to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> class initially until the Mid-Term Break. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> classes will attend a local blitz with all the other schools in Leixlip, when their first block of coaching sessions are finished up. After the Mid-Term Break, Conor will coach 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> classes.

We are also very excited to be re-entering Cumann na mBunscol competitions in San Carlo Senior School this year. There will be lots of opportunities to represent the school in all codes for boys and girls in Spring and Summer of 2026 when the competitions resume. Thanks very much to Confey GAA for their support with this.

### PARENTAL MEETING PROCEDURE

A parent/legal guardian who wishes to meet their class teacher or learning support teacher in respect of their own child, should, seek an appointment with the teacher concerned with a view to resolving the matter at hand. Further meetings with the teacher can be convened as appropriate. It is important to note that should you wish to meet a teacher, it is a requirement to email the school office to schedule a meeting in advance. Kay or Diane will then be able to communicate a time and date with you for the appointment.

Please also be mindful of the revised parental complaints procedure, as outlined by the INTO & CPSMA. It will be available to view on our school website soon. It is also available at the link below;

<https://www.cpsma.ie/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Parental-Complaints-Procedure-Updated-Dec-2023.pdf>