

CHRISTMAS 2025 NEWSLETTER

Dear School Community,

With the beginning of the Christmas season almost upon us, we are busy with our preparations to celebrate this special time of year here in our school. I would like to draw your attention to various events which we are planning for in the weeks ahead as we prepare to celebrate Christmas with pupils, parents and staff.

As we near the end of our first term this year, I also want to congratulate and thank all of our pupils, our parents and our entire staff here for the positive first term that we have had. A very special word of gratitude must go to our outstanding Parents' Association for the much appreciated work they continue to do for the benefit of all our pupils.

I hope that everyone in our school community enjoys the upcoming Christmas season and festivities with us here in the Presentation and indeed with family and friends at home also.

Le gach dea ghúí,
Pat Robinson
Principal

Christmas Design-a-Card Fundraiser: Well done to all our pupils who created such beautiful Christmas cards. There is still time to order your cards and other personalised Christmas items before **5 p.m. on Monday, 1st December**. As with last year, the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to our Parents' Association to run events for the pupils in our school this year. Thanks to all parents who supported it so far.

Music Generation Choir in Dove Hill: Our 5th and 6th Class Music Generation Choir performed on Saturday 22nd of November in Dove Hill from 4 to 5 p.m. for the arrival of Santa Clause. They did a fantastic job in entertaining the large crowd, putting on a performance to remember. Thank you to all of the girls, their parents, teachers and of course Maria, our Music Generation teacher for all their preparations for the event.

Open Night: We will hold an Open Night at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 26th November for new Junior Infants and their families who are due to start primary school in September 2026. We encourage these families to come along to meet our staff and see our school. Please spread the word.

School Mass and Christmas Carol Service: On Thursday 11th of December our school will celebrate a Christmas Mass in St. Nicholas' Church at 11:30 a.m. We would like to invite all of our parents and grandparents to the Mass. Our 3rd and 4th Class Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Hickey and Ms. McGarry, will sing during the Mass. The Mass will then be followed by a Christmas Carol Service in the church which will be led by Maria and our 5th and 6th class Music Generation Choir. Please feel free to join us for what is sure to be a very memorable occasion.

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Jumper Day: We will once again be holding our annual SVP Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 12th of December in aid of our local conference of St. Vincent de Paul. We are hoping for a donation of €2 per child. Money can be given to the class teacher on the day. Thank you in advance for your support for this very worthwhile local charity.



Christmas Shows:



Senior Infants: *"The Snowman at Sunset"* @ 12:00 on Tuesday 16th of December in the school hall.



4th Class: *"The Nativity"* @ 13:15 on Wednesday 17th of December in the school hall.

All parents and grandparents of pupils in these classes are invited to their performances. As the plays will end close to home time, parents may take their child home from the classroom immediately after, if they wish. If a parent cannot bring their child home, the children will be supervised as normal until home time. Please note that the whole school (including siblings) will get to see each of the shows the day before in school. It is important that I remind everyone that people attending do not have permission to post photographs or videos of other children on social media or online.

Christmas Party and Special Guest: Our Parents' Association are very busy planning for our Christmas Party in the school hall. This will take place on Thursday 18th of December. We are hoping that there might even be a very special guest on the day. Children may also wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. Thank you to our wonderful Parents' Association for all their hard work in organising this event.



Whole School Assembly: On Friday 19th of December, we will hold a school assembly for all students and staff. Our Music Generation Choir will perform Christmas Carols. We will also take the time to celebrate some of the many achievements of this term, including the presentation of certificates to students with excellent attendance so far this year.

HSCL: It has been a great term in our Family Room. We ran a very successful Cookery and Baking Course. We are also busy with our Knitting Course on Thursdays and our walking group on Fridays.

We are always looking to welcome new members. Feel free to contact me on 086 041 4829.

Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for our Family Competition where you could be in with a chance to win a Christmas hamper.

Muireann Malone
H.S.C.L.

Christmas Holidays: We will finish for our Christmas holidays on Friday 19th of December at 12:30 p.m. Children may wear their Christmas jumpers on the last day.



We wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas with family and friends.