



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope that this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well. It has been a busy term but so much has also been achieved. The month of December has been busy as pupils and staff have worked very hard to decorate our school and walkway for Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our pupils and staff team for all their amazing work to date.

Thank you to everyone that attended our Christmas Market on Tuesday. Lovely to see so many parents/guardians, family, friends, and members of the local community including pupils and staff from St Patrick's National School and Celbridge Community School. Once again, a big thank you to our Choir for their beautiful performance in conjunction with pupils from the other 2 schools.

On behalf of all our pupils and staff team I would like to wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas and all the best for 2026. Thank you for your on-going support and cooperation.

FUNDRAISING

A Huge Thank You to Durkan Builders!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Durkan Builders for their incredible generosity in supporting our school through their Christmas Raffle. Their raffle raised over €6,000 that was matched by Durkan builders for a total of €12,400!!

Their efforts in raising funds will make a real difference for our students and community. We truly appreciate their kindness during this festive season.

SNA REVIEW

An SNA review by the NSCE will take place in January. Thank you to all the parents who have returned the consent forms.

IEPS & STRATEGIES

All IEPs and Support Strategies are now uploaded to Aladdin.

Please contact the office if you are unable to view these documents.



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INTERNATIONAL WEEK OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The children celebrated our uniqueness and special qualities. We are good friends. We accept each other and we show each other kindness. They are important traits to have, and they are seen in abundance here in our school. The highlight of this week was raising our Purple Flag to celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities. We were joined by our wonderful choir and the LCVP students from St Wolstan's to help mark this day.



BOOK CLUB

Class B2 want to thank Celbridge library for helping set up the first young adult with special needs in the country.

We have named our club the Great Read Venturers.

CHRISTMAS FAIR '25

The Christmas Fair was a huge success this year. It was lovely to see so much festive cheer around the school. We had stalls from each class with beautiful, hand-crafted gifts for sale. This was attended well by parents and students alike. The highlight was the trio of Choirs - St Raphael's School choir who were joined by St Patrick's NS and CCS. Thank you to all the students, parents and staff for supporting this event. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

WELLBEING COMMITTEE

We had fun decorating the Grotto for Santa arriving.





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SCIENCE WEEK

The pupils great fun exploring all things STEM during the week. Classes completed tasks in all areas of the curriculum including strand such as, Design and Make, Mixing Materials, Energy and Forces and learning about Living Things. Lots of laughter and learning through hands on activities.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

The school will be closed on the following dates:

Mon 22nd Dec- Fri 2nd Jan - Christmas

3rd Feb - Curriculum Training

29th April - Curriculum Training

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council organised a Christmas clothing day for St Vincent de Paul.

They raised €250 for the charity.

Well done everyone!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to the two parents who donated the selection boxes for Santa's visit!

