



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2026

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We hope this newsletter finds you and your loved ones well.

On behalf of our pupils and whole school team I would like to wish you all the best for 2026.

January has been a very busy month but like every month so much has been achieved.

Our SNA review took place from the 19th until the 23rd of January. All SENOs present were extremely impressed with the support provided to our pupils and the positive school learning environment. They also highlighted the dedication of our staff and how well we all work as a team. The need for a new school building was also recognised. The outcome of the review will be received in the weeks to come.

Congratulations to B2 for their amazing achievement in the 'Someone Like Me' Art competition as Senior County Winners - read more about their entry here https://www.kildare-nationalist.ie/news/two-kildare-schools-win-in-national-art-competition_arid-84294.html

I would like to thank our pupils and school team for all their hard work. Thank you all for your ongoing support and cooperation.

DONATIONS

On the last day before the Christmas break our school community welcomed members of Durkans as they presented us with a cheque for €12,000 along with another donation to bring the total to €13,500.

This amazing donation will go towards a second playground for our school. We are still trying to fundraise for this new project so please if you have any contacts or can help in any way, please let us know.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Additional school closures from Department in relation to training:

Friday 13th February – Junior and Senior Cycle
Friday the 1st of May – Senior Cycle

All parents and guardians have already been notified of both additional dates too through Aladdin

<https://www.straphaelsschool.ie/parents/school-calendar>



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ART COMPETITION WINNERS!

Again, a huge congratulation to class B2 who were county winners in the "Someone Like Me" Art competition, a fantastic achievement!



STUDENT COUNCIL

Thank you to our student Council for continuing representing our school in different events.

Thank you for their recent newsletter, attached below

WELLBEING

Thank you to our Wellbeing sub-committee for continuing to promote Wellbeing among our school community and introducing new initiatives like wristbands with the school's name and the phrase 'we all belong' for pupils and staff.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone that donated prizes for our Christmas raffle and anyone who bought tickets. We are delighted to announce that we raised €1450.00 for our school.

All prizes were announced at our Christmas Fair in December

CHOIR

Thank you to our Choir for their lovely practise and performance during our SNA Review week. Excellent job!



Student Council Newsletter



Term 2

The student council were very busy this term.

Some of the student council dropped the banner to St Wolstans for their raffle in aid of the school.

We organized a Christmas Dress Up day in aid of ST Vincent de Paul. We raised 250 euro.

We had our own table at the Christmas fair with Guess how many jellybeans in the jar.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

