

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 2025

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A Message From the Principal

Welcome to our November edition of our school's newsletter which again is packed with the many events and activities happening around our school. Thank you for your support for Fred's "Gotcha Day" which raised a fantastic €455.

I am delighted to announce that our newsletter will now also feature our Parents Association outlining all they do for our school. This month's classes in focus are Ms Ahern Sixth Class and Ms. Ahern/Ms Scannells class An Ghrian.

Finally, we look forward to seeing you all here at our Christmas productions on Thursday 18th December the schedule you will find at the back of this edition

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Eoin Kennedy, Principal

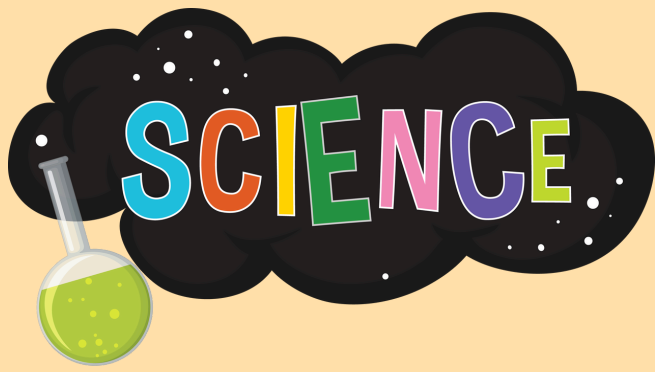


Our 5th Class boys put in a fantastic performance at their recent Gaelic football blitz. They showed great skill, teamwork, and determination throughout their game. Their enthusiasm on and off the pitch was outstanding, and they represented the school with pride. Well done to all involved

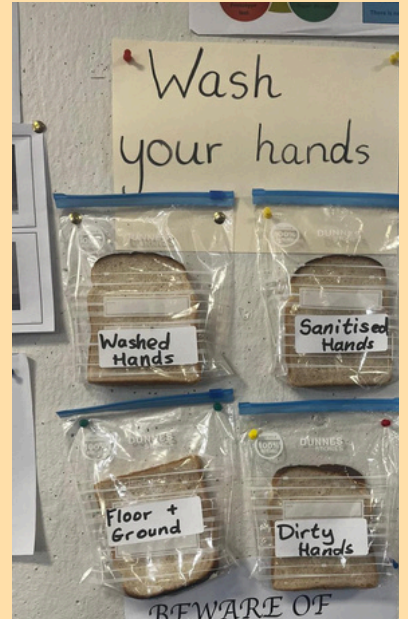
Our Wonderful Pets!

This month we celebrated Fred's Gotcha Day by honouring all of our wonderful pets at home. The event was a great success and created a lovely sense of community throughout the school. A huge thank-you to Ms. Studdert for organising such a fun and meaningful fundraiser. Together, we raised €455 as a school—well done to everyone involved!





WEEK



All classes throughout the school took part in a range of exciting experiments to celebrate Science Week 2025. From hands-on investigations to creative problem-solving challenges, the week was filled with curiosity and discovery. The enthusiasm from students and teachers alike made it a fantastic learning experience for everyone involved.

Dear Parents and Guardians,



The Parents Association AGM took place on 3rd November 2025, and it was wonderful to see so many new faces in attendance. Thank you to everyone who joined us. We are pleased to announce the newly elected officers for the 2025–2026 school year:

- Chairperson: Sinéad O’Geran
- Secretary: Fiona Lynch
- Treasurer: Tina O’Donovan

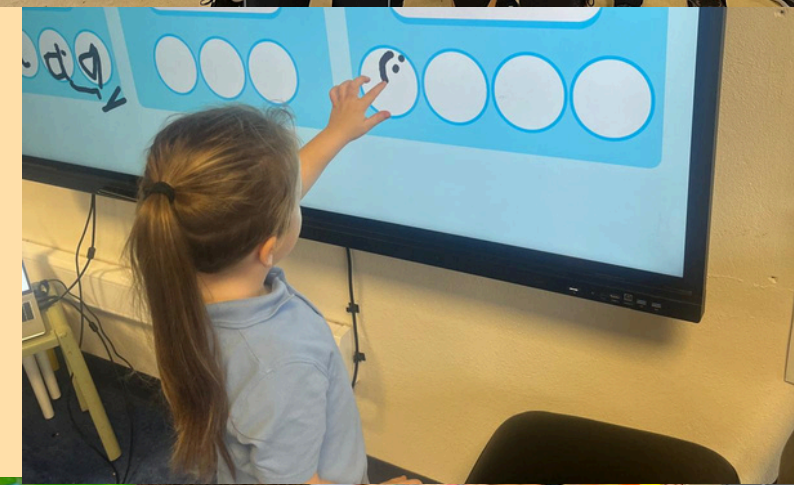
This year, the Parents Association will run two main fundraisers — our Bake Sale and the Easter Raffle. Both events depend on the generosity of parent volunteers. If you can spare an hour or two, we would be very grateful. Requests for volunteers will be sent out in the weeks leading up to each event.

Throughout the year, the Parents Association also provides refreshments for various school occasions, including the School Walk, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, and Graduation. As part of our “pay it forward” tradition, 1st Class parents are invited to help with Communion, and 5th Class parents with Confirmation and Graduation. A big thank-you to all who have volunteered in the past—your support helps make these days special for the boys and their families. We hope even more parents and guardians will get involved this year. We also look forward to continuing our tradition of a surprise / treats for the boys throughout the year. Last year, for example, we organised a visit from the ice-cream van, provided Blue Monday gifts, presented graduation gifts to 6th Class, and sponsored lunches for sports teams after a long day of travelling to matches. We hope to “give back” in similar ways again this year.

Each class group has an optional WhatsApp group, managed by a parent representative who shares updates from the Parents Association with the class community. If you are not yet part of your class group and would like to join, please email parentsassociation@stjosephsncobh.com and we will send you the appropriate link. These groups are a great way to keep up to date with PA news and to connect with other parents for support with homework or general school-related questions. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to another positive and productive year ahead

Sincerely,
The Parents Association Committee.





6th Class - Ms. Ahern



6th Class had a brilliant and very busy month in November, taking part in a wide range of activities. They enjoyed a visit from Carol from Cork Mental Health, who spoke to the boys about the importance of looking after their wellbeing. Throughout the month, the boys also set up fun activities in the yard for the younger classes, acting as fantastic role models. During Science Week, they engaged in hands-on STEM learning and created impressive light-up houses. Well done to all the boys for their enthusiasm and leadership!

An Ghrian



An Ghrian had a fantastic month in November! The group worked incredibly hard on a very special project and are eagerly looking forward to beginning Picker Pals. Throughout the month, they created beautiful robins, took part in Braincalm activities, and enjoyed spending time with Fred who has been amazing support to the boys. It has truly been a wonderful and productive month for everyone in An Ghrian!





The Boys in An Ghrian have been busy learning how to design and use the school's new 3D printer. This exciting opportunity was made possible through an Innovation Initiative in collaboration with Science Foundation Ireland, Dublin City University, and Stryker (Annegrove). The students have created a range of wonderful 3D-printed decorations, now available for purchase.

Price: €2 each

Black Friday Offer: 3 decorations for €5!

Proceeds: All funds raised will go towards social trips, new tools, and filament for the 3D printer.

The boys from An Ghrian will visit classrooms to collect orders. Thank you for supporting this student-led initiative and helping us continue to grow our STEM learning in school!



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Christmas Schedule
Thursday 18th December 2025



09:05 6th Class Ms O' Donovan
"Away in a Manger"

09:50 6th Class Ms Ahern "Home
Alone"

10:25 5th Class Mrs Studdert & Ms
Beale "Christmas Songs & Skits"

11:10 Junior Infants Ms O' Donovan
"Christmas Songs"

11:35 Senior Infants Ms Connick
"Festive Songs"

11:55 1st Class Mrs Doonan
"Christmas Songs"

12:20 2nd Class Ms Kearney "Festive
Songs"

13:15 4th Class Mr Carrig "Christmas
Magic"

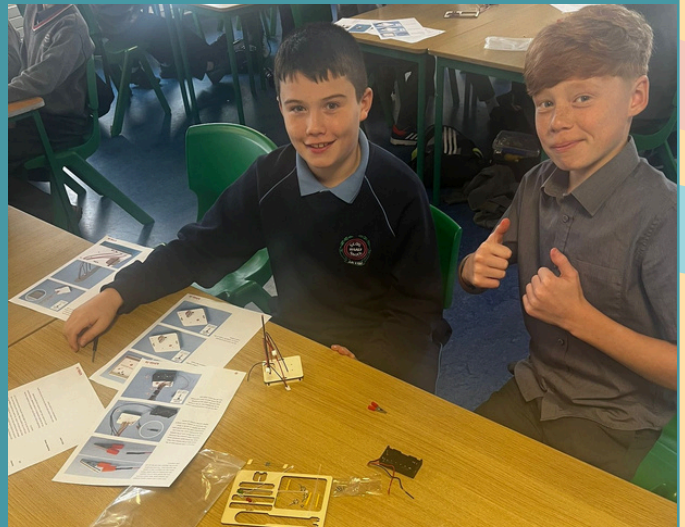
13:45 3rd Class Mrs O' Halloran
"Christmas Songs and Poems"

14:15 3rd Class Mr O' Donovan "The
Bald Justice saves Christmas"



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Please note that the school will close on Friday, 19th December, for the Christmas holidays. We will reopen on Monday, 6th January.
- A reminder that the deadline for incoming Junior Infant applications is 7th January 2026. Please ensure all applications are submitted by this date.



AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Lego Club
- Hurling Training
- Chess

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