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As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding year, may we take this opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved within our school community in 2025

With 747 wonderful children filling our classrooms and corridors each day, our school continues to be a place of learning, care, laughter and growth. None of this would be possible without the dedication and commitment of our exceptional staff. We sincerely thank our teachers for their professionalism, creativity and tireless work; our SNAs for their compassion, patience and unwavering support; our secretaries for keeping the school running smoothly behind the scenes; and our caretaker for the care and pride taken in our school environment every day.

We are deeply grateful to our parents and guardians for your continued support, cooperation and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement and encouragement make a real difference in the lives of our children and strengthen our school community. Our thanks to our Parents Association, who represent you and work tirelessly in supporting all of our school events and occasions.

We are greatly indebted to the members of our Board of Management who make so many decisions for the betterment of our children and school environment.

Most importantly, we commend our pupils. Your kindness, enthusiasm, resilience and hard work are at the heart of everything we do. We are immensely proud of each and every one of you and the positive spirit and energy you bring to our school. Maith sibh!

As the Christmas season approaches, we hope it brings a well-deserved rest, joy and precious time with family and friends. On behalf of the entire school, we wish everyone a peaceful Christmas and a very happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Jan 5th 2026.

Bíodh Nollaig Shona agaibh agus Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir!!

Junior Infant News

Junior Infants have had lots of fun this term. We have been learning lots about space and we have enjoyed pretending to be astronauts in our role-play corner. We loved going to the Book Fair and visiting the library is one of our favourite activities every week. We enjoyed learning about “Bia” and “An Nollaig” in Irish.

We are so excited for Christmas and we have been learning Christmas songs and making our very own Christmas decorations and Christmas art. We particularly enjoyed making Christmas trees and angels. We loved wearing our festive outfits for ‘Christmas Jumper Day.’ We have been very busy preparing for our Christmas show also. We have been rehearsing all our lines, songs and moves with great enthusiasm and we are so excited to share with you all.

Our teachers are very proud of us and we can’t wait to perform for our families! Merry Christmas everyone 😊



Senior Infant News

Senior Infants have had a very busy and exciting November and December in school. We have been working hard learning our sounds, blending and reading, as well as learning all about numbers and shapes. We enjoyed taking part in lots of winter activities. We explored seasonal changes through art, stories, and play. We also created beautiful artwork inspired by this time of year!



We have also been very busy rehearsing for our Christmas play – ‘Whoopsie Daisy Angel’. The children have been learning songs, actions and lines with great excitement and confidence. We are very proud of all their hard work!



1st Class News

First class had great fun this half-term, especially with the book fair and Christmas around the corner! We really enjoyed watching the choir and the infants' Christmas performances. They were amazing.

Last week, we participated in a super Maths quiz via Zoom! It covered topics we have been working on in class. We really enjoyed taking part.

We have been learning about all things Winter in S.E.S.E! We have been looking at animal hibernation, migration and discussing seasonal changes. We created fabulous artwork based on this.

There has been great excitement in the air with the lead up to Christmas. We have been very busy making and displaying decorations and art around the classroom! We really enjoyed Christmas Jumper Day in school and were delighted to raise money for such a great cause. We have had a wonderful half-term and look forward to new learning and fun in the new year!



2nd Class News

December was a very busy and exciting month for 2nd Class! One of the highlights was **Christmas Jumper Day**, where the children had great fun dressing up in their colourful and cosy jumpers. There were lots of smiles and festive cheer all around the classroom.

In **PE**, the children really enjoyed learning and practising their **hurling skills**. They showed great teamwork, enthusiasm and effort during every lesson.

The class also took part in **maths quizzes**, putting their problem-solving skills to the test. Everyone worked hard and had fun challenging themselves and their classmates.

A very special treat for 2nd Class was getting to see the **choir perform their Christmas concert**. The children loved the music and festive atmosphere and were very impressed by the performance.

To add even more excitement, the children had fun guessing what **Christmas jumper Patrick Kielty might wear on the Late Late Toy Show**. This led to lots of laughter and creative ideas in the classroom.

It was a wonderful way to finish a fantastic term. 🎄







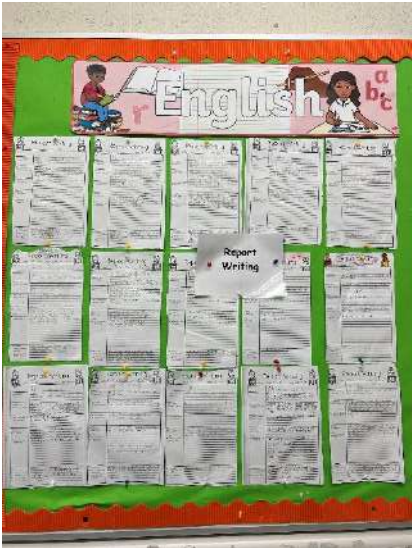
3rd Class News

We have been very busy in 3rd class this term. In Maths we have been learning our multiplication tables for the first time. In English we have been learning about Report Writing and have written reports on different animals such as penguins, owls and tortoises!

Third class have been playing hurling and camogie with Coach Emmet!

We have learned so much about Ancient Egypt and wrote our names in hieroglyphics! We created colourful Ancient Egyptian death masks and Pharaohs! We did lots of research on different countries of the world and presented our projects to the class! We have all loved decorating our classrooms for Christmas and singing Christmas songs! We can sing *We Wish you a Merry Christmas* in sign language! Happy Christmas from all of 3rd class!





4th Class News

Fourth Class have been very busy this term, working hard on exciting projects about the States of America and sharing what they have learned with great enthusiasm. In Ms McCabe's class, pupils have been exploring science through hands-on floating and sinking experiments, making predictions and testing their ideas. We have also been very lucky to have **Mr Maguire** teaching the children a wonderful variety of old and new Christmas songs over the past few weeks, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. Everyone is looking forward to **Christmas Jumper Day on Friday, December 12th**, when pupils and staff will wear their festive jumpers in aid of **Barretstown**, helping to support this fantastic charity while spreading Christmas cheer. 🎄



5th Class News

Our 5th Class have had a very exciting and busy few weeks at school! We've been enjoying our cycling lessons and learning how to stay safe on the road. Ms. Finnegan's and Ms. Leddy's class have recently started swimming lessons and are building their confidence during these sessions. In the classroom, we've been using our Chromebooks to research and create projects that we're very proud of. We also worked on some interesting STEM experiments; we had great fun! During this term, we were also very busy preparing for the school Christmas concert and our choir members loved sharing their songs and performances with everyone. To top it all off, we created some lovely artwork to decorate the hall and bring a festive splash of colour to our school. With all this activity, we're starting to think Santa isn't the only one working hard this season!





Sixth Class News

Sixth Class have had a busy and exciting term, taking part in a wide range of activities. They have been working hard, developing their digital skills and creativity with our school Chromebooks. We have created some fantastic projects on World War II. The classes have also been enjoying their weekly swimming lessons and preparing impressive solos and songs for the upcoming choir concert. In addition, they celebrated an important milestone with their Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony. Our boys' and girls' basketball teams have also represented the school proudly in recent matches.

Sixth Class have also been busy planting flowers in the school garden, completing engaging project work, taking part in a fun Christmas maths quiz, and helping the younger classes with both literacy and maths games on the iPads. Well done to our Sixth Class DJs who were fantastic at the Christmas Choir Concert!

Well done to all for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm!





Niamh and Aoife's Classes

The children in our special classes have worked really hard this term and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they form new friendships. They have really enjoyed the 6th class children come down to play with them during break and lunch times. Aoife's class have been very busy baking, enjoying lots of hands-on learning and fun together. Niamh's class took a lovely trip to the church to learn about Advent and to see the Advent wreath. Everyone is now very excited and looking forward to Santa and all the fun of Christmas!



Choir News



The choir worked so hard since Septmeber to prepare for our recent concert last Thursday, happily forsaking their break times and lunch times. It was a huge success and throughly enjoyed by all. Thank you for all the donations of goodies and spot prizes for the night. We really appreciate the support and help from all. We are looking forward to more fun and singing in the new term after Christmas. The biggest thank and well done to all our choir, musicians and dj's. We are very proud of you all.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day took place on Friday 12th of December in aid of Barretstown. The children all looked fantastic in their festive jumpers and really embraced the Christmas spirit. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we raised an amazing €3,345 for this wonderful cause.

