



# School Newsletter #5 2025

September 30th, 2025

## School Information



Scoil Íosa  
Oranmore

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## Dates to Remember

**Election** - Friday 24th of October - School Closed

**Midterm** - Monday 27th - Friday 31st of October - School Closed

**Child Protection Procedures (staff training)** - Tuesday 4th of  
November - School Closed

Dates to Remember

## New Primary Curriculum - information for Parents



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Please see above attachments with a brief overview of the New Primary Curriculum as published this week. Above are leaflets in English, Polish, and Ukrainian. For any other language please visit



<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/policy-information/new-primary-curriculum/>

## Admissions 26/27



1st October 2025 is the latest date for notification to NCSE of a child seeking a place in special class in 2026/27 school year.-

Parents/guardians engaging with this process will then be provided with a letter from the NCSE, confirming the outcome of the NCSE's review of the supporting evidence provided to them, which they can then give to the school/s as part of their application for enrolment in a special class or special school.

Our Admissions policy is available to read on our schools website. We will be accepting applications for Sep 26 from October 7th - The link is available on our website for applications.

Applications for siblings must also be made using the same application process.

## Flu Vaccination Service

We are pleased to inform you that the seasonal flu vaccination will be offered in school, with vaccines distributed by our local pharmacy. The vaccination will be given in the form of a nasal spray, which is quick, painless, and highly effective in protecting children against flu. If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccination, please complete the registration form provided.

Date: 11/11/2025

Link for booking/consent: <https://app.epharmacy.io/pharmacies/597c7ffd-3644-40d6-b40d-a322746229f2/book/?category=SIC>

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## **Thank You to Medtronic – and a Call for Support**

A big thank you to Medtronic for their generous donation of five laptops to our school. These devices will greatly support teaching and learning in our classrooms.

If you work for a company that offers community support or equipment donations—particularly in the area of IT—we would be very grateful if you could consider our school. Even a single laptop, tablet, or other device can have a meaningful impact in a classroom



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## **Sports - Athletics Update**

Athletics Update – Renmore- further photos to follow on our Facebook and website page - wet weather was not conducive to a photoshoot today!!!

It was podium finishes all round with 2 of our teams in the bronze position and two in the gold position. All participants qualified for the next day. Thanks to all that turned out to support. You contributed greatly to their success. Day two will start at 11am in Renmore on the 7th October. We would appreciate all your cheers. Let's all get behind our Scoil Íosa ambassadors who represent their school so valiantly. We are immensely proud of each and everyone of you. Full results can be viewed here: [https://www.popuraces.ie/race/galway-primary-schools-xc-2025/#12\\_931CF4](https://www.popuraces.ie/race/galway-primary-schools-xc-2025/#12_931CF4)

Well done to all the children and their coaches on their fantastic performances! 🏆



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## Sustainable Schools

### Sustainable Schools

We are lucky to have been selected for 2 free education programmes under the Sustainable Schools project. This project is kindly funded by Research Ireland and the Department of Education under the Discover Programme. It is run by the Rediscovery Centre. 'Sustainable Schools: Achieving the SDGs through STEM' is an innovative programme for primary schools designed to bring the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to life, embedding them into workshops that engage students in meaningful, interactive ways.

Mr. Joyce's Sixth Class and Mr. Mulvaney's Sixth Class will take part in four 90 minute workshops this term involving an introduction to STEM & the SDGs, biodiversity, food and energy, starting this Thursday.



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## Parent Teacher Meetings

Parent Teacher meetings are taking place on the 20th,21st, and 22nd October- they will continue the week after the Mid Term Break 5th,5th,7th November.



Booking slots will be sent out early next week Via Aladdin.

If your child requires 2 separate meetings due to separation, divorce, please inform the school before Thursday 2nd October in order for us to facilitate you both. Otherwise we assign one slot per child via our online portal. Thank you for your co operation.

If your child's meetings occur outside of the allotted dates above it is due to the teacher being on leave and you will be notified accordingly of other arrangements.

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## ***Scoil Íosa welcome the O' Duffy Cup***

Last week, we were absolutely thrilled to welcome Ms Róisín Black, our talented teacher and captain of the Galway Ladies Camogie team, who brought the All-Ireland cup to share with our school community during assembly.

The excitement was palpable as students gathered to see the coveted trophy up close and hear about the team's incredible journey to victory. Ms Black's achievement represents not only sporting excellence but also demonstrates the importance of dedication, teamwork, and perseverance to our pupils.



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## ***Celebrating our School Community -***

### **Parents Association: Strong Start**

Last week's Parents Association meeting saw an excellent turnout, with many enthusiastic parents coming together to support our school. This fantastic attendance demonstrates the genuine commitment our parent community has towards their children's education and school experience.

Both events highlight the collaborative spirit that makes our school community so special. From our students showing leadership and confidence to our parents actively engaging in school life, these positive developments set a wonderful tone for the year ahead.

We extend our gratitude to our 6th class pupils for their outstanding assembly performance and wish our Parents Association committee every success as they embark on this important journey of supporting our school community.

These examples perfectly demonstrate how students, parents, and staff work together to create a vibrant, supportive educational environment where everyone can thrive. We look forward to building on this strong foundation throughout the school year.

### **School Update: Assembly Success and Parents Association Launch**

We are pleased to share two wonderful highlights from recent weeks that showcase the strong sense of community and engagement within our school.

### **First Whole-School Assembly: New Beginnings**

Our inaugural assembly of the year was a resounding success, with 6th class pupils taking the lead in a heartwarming celebration themed around "New Beginnings." These talented students demonstrated exceptional confidence and leadership as they performed beautiful songs for the entire school community

- Shared their personal hopes and dreams for the year ahead
- Acknowledged the support of all who help them in their educational journey

The event was truly inclusive, bringing together all pupils in a spirit of unity and optimism. We are incredibly proud of our 6th class students for their talent, maturity, and respect shown throughout this meaningful assembly.

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## ***Subscriptions/ Student Support Fund- Thank you***

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all families who have contributed to our school's voluntary contribution fund this year. Your generous support makes a tremendous difference to the educational experience we can provide for all our pupils.



Whilst the Department of Education provides essential funding, voluntary contributions allow us to go beyond the basics and provide the enriched educational experience that helps our pupils thrive.

We want to assure you that every euro contributed is used directly for educational purposes. Our Board of Management oversees all expenditure, ensuring your contributions have maximum impact.

We understand that financial circumstances vary, and no child's education or participation in school activities will ever be affected by a family's ability to contribute. Our voluntary contribution system is designed to support all pupils equally, regardless of individual family contributions.

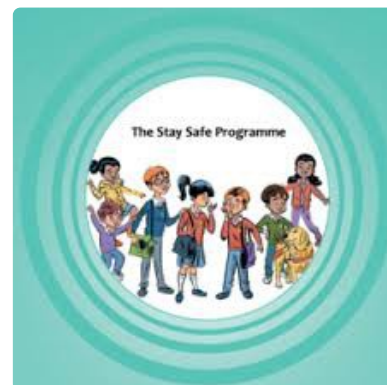
Your ongoing support enables us to maintain the high standards of education that our school community values.

Thank you once again for your partnership in your child's educational journey. Your support, in all its forms, strengthens our entire school community.

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***Stay Safe***

All teachers will be teaching the Stay Safe programme with their class over the next few weeks. The aim of the Stay Safe programme is to teach children personal safety skills so they can look after themselves in situations which could be upsetting or dangerous. This programme is part of the Social, Personal and Health Education curriculum which all primary schools are required to implement. You can familiarise yourself with the content of the Stay Safe programme at <https://www.staysafe.ie/parents.htm>



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## Parents Association

The Parents Association has created a survey to gather parent input on events and activities for this school year. We're hoping to understand what programs parents are most interested in and what barriers might prevent them from attending, so we can plan a calendar that truly serves our community.

Parents Association

The survey covers areas such as guest speakers, fundraising events, book fair, family fun events, career day, foreign language classes, and staff/parent coffee mornings. It should take parents just 3-5 minutes to complete.

Survey Link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9YQgfcV828UgyBSW25d2cEZnog17tq8GqDUmnuXF15hkosg/viewform>

The Parents Association needs your input! Please take a few minutes to complete our event planning survey to help us organize activities you and your families will enjoy. Your feedback will shape our calendar for the year ahead. Survey takes 3-5 minutes:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf9YQgfcV828UgyBSW25d2cEZnog17tq8GqDUmnuXF15hkosg/viewform>

Join the Scoil Íosa Parents Association WhatsApp community to stay updated on events, volunteer opportunities, and school news. Scan the QR code to join!

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# Calasanctius Opening Night

October 2nd



**Calasanctius College  
Oranmore**

✨ You're Invited! ✨

**1st Yr 2026/27 Open Evening**

**Thursday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2025**

**6<sup>th</sup> Class Pupils & Parents Only**

We look forward to welcoming you!

**Your session commences at  
6pm sharp**

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## Headlice

We have been notified of a cases of head lice in the school and ask that you check your child's hair carefully over the coming days. If head lice are found, please treat immediately using a recommended head lice treatment from your pharmacy and inform the school. Children may return to school once treatment has commenced, and we appreciate your cooperation in helping to prevent further spread.

After treatment it is imperative to keep combing for the next 7 days and retreat after 7 days if further lice is detected. One treatment will not guarantee that lice is gone. Eggs can remain undetected in the hair and after 7 days hatch and the cycle begins again.

It takes huge patience and commitment to get rid of head lice. Please check your child's hair regularly.



### Head lice in young children

Find out how to check for head lice and nits, and what to do if you or your child has head lice.

[www2.hse.ie](http://www2.hse.ie)

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## Senior Infants Class Update - Ms. Owens/Ms. Cormican

### Settling into Senior Infants

Ms.Cormican & Ms.Owens' Senior Infants have enjoyed settling into school life in classroom 11. We have learnt all about ourselves throughout the month of September. Our morning meetings offer us a fantastic way to begin our days and to connect whilst getting to know each other better. A favourite mantra was I am Awesome because.... The class loves reading and Chester our class raccoon is always there to help us out.

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## Hockey

Please see information in link below on hockey taking place in Gaelscoil Dara every Saturday.

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