



School Newsletter #11 2025

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School Information



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Child Safeguarding

Annual Review

We wish to inform you that the Board of Management of Scoil Íosa has recently completed its annual review of our Child Safeguarding Statement, in line with the Children First Act 2015 and Department of Education requirements. This review ensures that our policies and procedures remain up to date and continue to reflect best practice in keeping children safe.

Our Child Safeguarding Statement sets out the measures we have in place to protect the welfare of all pupils in our care. It includes our risk assessment, the names of our designated liaison person and deputy designated liaison person, and details of how we promote a safe environment in our school.

The updated Child Safeguarding Statement is available to view on our school website at

<https://scoiliosaoranmore.ie/>

We encourage all parents and guardians to familiarise themselves with this important document. Hard copies are also available from the school office upon request.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding child safeguarding in Scoil Íosa, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.



Safeguarding Notification 2025.pdf

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Dates to Remember

Staff Meeting - Wednesday the 26th of November. Pupils finish at 12:00



We are delighted to share the timetable for our Christmas performances, which promise to be wonderful celebrations of the festive season. Please note the date and time for your child's class performance, and we look forward to welcoming you to these special events.

Senior Infants Christmas Performance -Monday the 15th of December in Campus 1 - School Hall.

There will be two performances due to hall capacity. Please note the times below.:

9:30am: Performance for parents with children in the classes of Ms. Clancy & Ms. Moloney/Ms.Woods

11:30am: Performance for parents with children in the classes of Ms. Cormican/Ms. Owens & Ms. Jennings/Ms. Mullins

Junior Infants Christmas Performance- Tuesday the 16th of December in Campus 1 - School Hall.

There will be two performances due to hall capacity. Please note the times below:

9:30am: Performance for parents with children in the classes of Ms. Mc Sweeney & Mr. Ryan

11:30am: Performance for parents with children in the classes of Ms. Conway and Ms. Conneely

Christmas School Performance (1st -6th classes) -Wednesday the 10th of December at 11:30am - Oranmore Church.

Galway Clinic Performance - Wednesday the 17th of December (Time TBC)

Christmas Holidays- Friday the 19th of December. Pupils finish at 12:00.

School reopens Monday the 5th of January 2026.

Parents Association

Our first PA Cake Sale is scheduled for Friday, November 21st, but we need YOUR help to make it happen!

We currently have only 2 volunteers and need a minimum of 10 for the event to go ahead. This is a 2-3 hour commitment and a great way to get involved and meet other parents.

We also need sweets and treats for sale! Please deliver baked goods and treats to the school on the morning of Friday, November 21st.

Please sign up by Monday so we can confirm whether the event can proceed:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544ADA92EA7F9C43-59434819-autumn>

We're trialing SignUpGenius for volunteer sign-ups so you can see exactly what spots are available. Thanks for bearing with us as we work out the kinks!



Not yet part of our WhatsApp Community? Scan the QR code below to join Scoil Íosa Parents Community for updates, events, and more!

Webinar

Please find information below on a taster webinar about the *Parenting the Tech-Savvy Child* from the Parenting and Technology Institute on Tuesday the 2nd of December at 7pm.



The Zoom Webinar Registration Link below:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oSFtHmHXQv-H2TJEYBDs9g

Christmas Cards

Today is the **final deadline** to order your Christmas cards online for delivery to the school. Instructions on how to do this are on the proofs that your child brought home.



Asthma Talk

The staff had a free talk yesterday as part of Croke Park by an asthma specialist nurse and the Asthma Society of Ireland has asked us to spread the word among our parents about a talk in Ballybane Library on Thursday 20th November 2-5pm for parents on the topic of asthma in children.

ASTHMA SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Workshop: Time to Talk About Asthma

Ballybane Library
Castlepark Rd, Galway

20 November 2025
2pm - 5pm

Register for FREE!

Includes expert speakers on:

- What is asthma?
- Common triggers
- Understanding symptoms
- How the Asthma Society can help

www.asthma.ie

Mr. Walsh's Third Class Update

Exploring clay & introducing multiplication through active learning in third class.



Science Week

Science Week in Scoil Íosa was a tremendous success.

Across the week, pupils from both campuses participated in a wide range of enriching STEM activities, including interactive webinars, engaging classroom-based experiments, and Science Stations expertly led by our 6th Class students for Campus 1. Coding workshops using Scratch and Sphero balls proved particularly popular, fostering creativity and problem-solving skills.

Students also enjoyed taking part in our Science Week colouring competitions, and we were delighted to welcome a guest speaker from Boston Scientific, who shared valuable insights into real-world science and innovation.



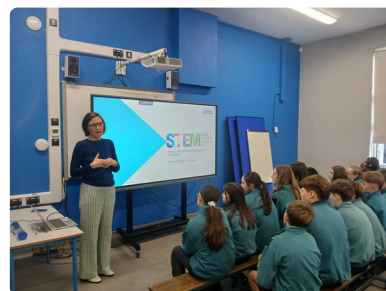
We hope that all children found the week inspiring and that it has strengthened their curiosity and enthusiasm for the many exciting possibilities within STEM.

Please see photos from Science Week on the school website - link below:

https://scoiliosaoranmore.ie/%F0%9F%8C%9F-happy-science-week-%F0%9F%8C%9F/?fbclid=IwdGRjcA0JRjVleHRuA2FlbQIxMQBzcnRjBmFwcF9pZAwzNTA2ODU1MzE3MjgAAR4VIDUSKWK0FIsKJnxyGkJsGpWefHX3SsdiQ6-jKhd30MkdBpWS-i2S8zTIHQ_aem_RNE6dYuhdJ3QF-kZhe3zag

Thank you!

Patricia Kelly, a parent of Scoil Íosa kindly came to to speak to 5th & 6th Class Students during Science week.



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