



School Newsletter #13

2025

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School Information



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Christmas Performances

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.

Children may wear Christmas jumpers or festive clothing for their performance.



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

There will be two performances due to hall capacity. Performances will last half an hour approx. 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. Performances will last half an hour approx.

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) Our Christmas show will take place in the church on Wednesday the 10th of December at 11:30am and will last approximately 1.5 hours.

First class will be the first performance and we will continue through each class in order, finishing with sixth class. Each performance will last approx 10 -15 minutes.

Performing in front of a full audience is wonderful for building children's confidence, so we hope you can stay for the entire show to support all classes. If you must leave early, due to work, time commitments, please do so between class performances rather than while children are performing. Thank you for your cooperation.

Galway Clinic Performance - Wednesday the 17th of December (11am-12pm approx)

Christmas Holidays- Friday the 19th of December. Pupils finish at 12:00.(**No hot meals on this date**)

School reopens Monday the 5th of January 2026.

St. Vincent De Paul Appeal

As we all know, Christmas is only around the corner. 2025 has been a financially challenging year for many families with some finding themselves in difficult situations. Scoil Iosa are supporting Saint Vincent De Paul in launching our Annual Christmas Food Appeal for families in need within our own school community. Families can contact Saint Vincent De Paul directly or reach out to the school at principal@scoiliosaoranmore.ie ensuring our full confidence and discretion at all times. We would welcome any donations of non-perishable foods.

Examples of these could include: · Breakfast cereals · Tinned or canned foods · Dried foods · Pasta, noodles, rice · Biscuits, crackers, rice cakes

Donations will be accepted from **Wednesday the 10th to Monday the 15th of December 2025.**

Donations can be sent in with your child or dropped off at the following points:

The drop off points will be from 8:40am - 9:30am at the following points:



Children in the New School Building Campus 1: Main Foyer.

Children in the Main School Building Campus 1: There will be a Donation Box in the Main Hall.

Children in the Prefabs Campus 1: Drop at prefab 3 & 4 (small prefabs).

Children in Campus 2: Drop at the Reception. Thank you for your generosity.

Advent

As we enter the season of advent children are encouraged to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Advent means 'Coming' in Latin. This is the coming of Jesus into the world. We use the four Sundays and weeks of Advent to prepare and remember the real meaning of Christmas. The candles in the Advent Wreath have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the colour violet is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer.



National Parents Council Webinar

Are you a parent of a primary school child? Join us for FREE virtual training sessions designed to give you the tools and knowledge to support your child's mental health and wellbeing.

This interactive programme offers practical advice to help you:

Foster resilience in your child to navigate life's challenges.

Promote emotional well-being through meaningful communication.

Strengthen your relationship with your child by understanding their needs.



Key Details:

- Who it's for: Parents of primary school children.
- The same content is covered in all sessions – pick the time that suits you best.
- Spaces are limited – secure your spot today!

Session Times and Date:

- 10am and 7.30pm Wednesday 3rd December

Why Attend?

By attending, you'll gain strategies to:

Encourage open conversations about emotions with your child.

Identify early signs of stress or anxiety and know how to address them.

Build confidence in managing common challenges in your child's development.

Register here - <https://forms.office.com/e/XLnxz3Qwtp>

Beautiful winter art created in Ms. Carney's first class



Christmas Art in Scoil Iosa



Pre Loved Christmas Jumpers - Donate



COLLECTING Pre-Loved Christmas Jumpers Donate



Drop off Locations :

- Soccer Pitches Oranmore HUT (9am to 10pm)
- Grealy's, Maree
- Hardware Store in Oranmore (Oran Decor & DIY)



(Between Thursday 27th Nov - Fri 12th Dec)

Box Provided

**Pop
Up
Shop**

**Jumper & Bake SALE
SAT 13TH DEC 2025
4G MAREE
10AM TO 2PM**

Funds raised

will be divided between the U13 MOFC Girls Soccer team to help fund their trip to Barcelona in 2026 and Local fundraiser "Santa Run - Cadan's little battle" (see idonate for more details)



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