



# Christmas Newsletter #15 2025

December 16th, 2025

## School Information



Scoil Íosa  
Oranmore

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Deputy Principal: Ber Keane

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## Happy Christmas

### Christmas Greetings from Scoil Íosa

As we approach the Christmas break, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all families in our school community for a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

Over recent weeks, we have had the great pleasure of welcoming the vast majority of parents to our school performances. These events have been a wonderful celebration of the talents and hard work of our pupils, and we know how proud you are of your children for bringing such joy to our school community at this special time of year.

We are immensely proud of how every child presented themselves throughout these performances. Their confidence, enthusiasm and wonderful talents truly shone through. At Scoil Íosa, we strive to

bring out the best in every child, and we truly believe we are achieving this vision. Each and every child has given us reason to celebrate, and we are so proud of them all.

Huge praise must go to our wonderful staff team, whose dedication, creativity and hard work have made these celebrations possible. Their commitment to nurturing each child's potential is evident in everything they do.

Finally, thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support throughout this term. Your partnership with us is invaluable, and together we are helping every child to flourish.

We wish you all a restful and joyful Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year.

Le dea-ghuí na Nollag,

Maeve Meeneghan, Principal,

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## **Galway Clinic - 6th class**

Reminder that 6th class will be performing in the Galway Clinic tomorrow from 12pm- 1pm approx. All parents welcome, it truly is a breathtaking performance !

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## **Christmas Holidays**

The school will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 19th December at 12:00 pm and will reopen on Monday, 5th January 2026.

Pupils are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or festive outfit on Friday.

We kindly ask families to send in a small donation for charity. One of the charities we are supporting this Christmas is for a little boy Cillian from Galway whose story you can read about in the attached document. As a school community we hope to give a donation to this fundraising campaign.

There will also be a special visitor visiting Campus 1 on Friday morning, which we are very much looking forward to.

We will be staggering home times on Friday:

Special classes will finish at 11:45 a.m.

Junior and Senior Infants will finish at 11:50 a.m. and should be collected as usual from designated pick-up areas.



All other children will finish at 12:00 p.m.



**Christmas Jumper Appeal for Cillian**

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## Free Parent Talk - Setting Family Digital Rules



KidCoderClub are running 2 parent talks - Cyber-Safety, Digital Health and Coding Talk on Wednesday 21st of January 2026 at 6:00 pm & Saturday 24th of January 2026 at 11:00 am. Parents can sign up at <https://kidscoderclub.ie/events/>

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## Initiative to equip our pupils and teachers with AI and Coding Skills

A number of classes were recently lucky to receive a visit from Sally and Sarah from University of Galway. This is part of a new initiative aimed at equipping children with coding and AI skills. This program is led by the School of Education at University of Galway and is proudly supported by Google.org. Pupils completed coding using Scratch and Micro:bit. They also used Micro:bit to gain a greater understanding of AI and apply it to practical contexts.

As part of our commitment to a progressive digital learning framework, we have identified coding and AI as beneficial competencies that will equip our students for an evolving technological world. This initiative will strengthen our capacity to embed these skills into everyday teaching and learning throughout the school.



## Christmas Annuals

Congratulations to Emma Martyn, 6th Class, on her fantastic achievement of coming second place in the Folens Creative Writing Competition. We are especially proud that her wonderful story, "The Kitten, the Crash and Christmas", has been published in this year's Sonas Christmas annual.

We are also delighted to see a profile of Ms Róisín Black featured in the Siamsa Christmas annual. Well done to all involved!



**Emma Martyn - 6th Class**

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**Ms.Roisin Black.pdf**

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371.5 KB

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## Junior & Senior Infants Christmas Performances



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## Christmas Lego Camp

# Christmas LEGO Camp

Oranmore Community  
Centre

3 DAYS

Monday December 29th to Wednesday 31st

Time: 9 AM - 1 PM

Cost: €60

For Primary School Children

Qualified, Vetted Primary Teacher

Phone or WhatsApp:

Paddy 086 8107532



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