



School Newsletter #19 2026

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Grandparents Day 2026

We hope parents will share this special message with the grandparents who attended our Grandparents' Day today.

To all our wonderful grandparents—thank you for joining us at Scoil Íosa! It was such a joy to welcome you into our school and to see the happiness and pride on everyone's faces throughout the day.

We were so proud of how our pupils showed such care, kindness, and patience during your visit—not to mention the incredible talents they shared! These beautiful values are clearly passed down through your families, and it was lovely to see the special connections between grandparents and grandchildren in action.

Your presence made the day truly memorable for our pupils and reminded us all of the importance of family in our school community.

Photos from the day will be shared on our school website and Facebook page over the coming days. We hope you enjoy them!

With sincere thanks and appreciation from everyone at Scoil Íosa.



A big thank you to our Parents Association who helped out today for Grandparents day. It was greatly appreciated.

Celebrating St Brigid's Day



Over the coming days, classes will be learning about St Brigid, one of Ireland's patron saints, and exploring her life and legacy. Pupils will engage in traditional activities including making St Brigid's crosses, learning about her kindness and generosity, and understanding why she holds such an important place in Irish

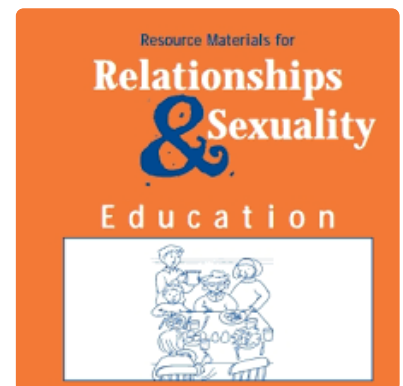
heritage.

St Brigid's Day marks the beginning of spring in the Irish calendar and is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our traditions and values as a school community.

We wish all our families a happy St Brigid's Day bank holiday on Monday, 3rd February, as we honour our patron saint.

RSE Booklets

Social, Personal and Health Education (SPHE) includes Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) to help children develop healthy relationships, self-awareness, and age-appropriate understanding of their bodies and feelings. Topics are taught sensitively and progress from naming body parts and personal safety in junior classes to friendships, puberty, and respect in senior classes. RSE works best when families and schools work together—your conversations at home reinforce what children learn and help them feel confident asking questions. We encourage open, age-appropriate chats about feelings, friendships, growing up, and keeping safe.



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Thank You!



St Vincent De Paul have sincerely thanked the children, staff and families in Scoil Iosa for the very successful food appeal we held before Christmas. Your generosity enabled their volunteers to help those in need and bring the "Wonder of Christmas" to so many people.

If you are interested in volunteering with St. Vincent de Paul, please get in touch via their website: <https://www.svp.ie/ways-to-help/volunteer/>

Feis na Nog Date

This year, Feis na nÓg will take place on Sunday, 8th March. The Oranmore Feis has been running for over half a century - for those new to Scoil Iosa, it is an event where children are invited to enter various competitions, music, poetry (dan - all as gaeilge), a song (amhrain) - with peers from each of the local schools. It is a day of celebrating Irish culture and tradition with a little healthy competition thrown in for children from 1st class upwards.

Application forms have been sent home with your child. Please return them by Friday, 30 January.



Book Donations

As World Book Day is approaching, we would be very grateful if you could donate any good quality picture books, non-fiction texts and novels (suitable up to 6th class) to our school. All donations

of books are greatly appreciated. There is a box available for donations at both Campus 1 & Campus 2 reception. Many thanks.



County Photos



School Photographer will be in the school tomorrow, Wednesday 28th January, 2026.

Please ensure your child wears full school uniform for the photographs.

Calm and Confident: Helping Kids Navigate Anger

Live Webinar

Tuesday February 10th 6.30-7.30pm GMT

Link below to Webinar:

https://lorraine-lynch-consulting.teachable.com/p/calm-confident-helping-kids-navigate-anger?mc_cid=39adf16048&mc_eid=c643fa9994



Transition to Secondary School Webinar

Is your child in 5th or 6th class and getting ready to move from primary school to post-primary school?

We're offering **virtual training sessions**, during the week of the 2nd of February 2026 designed to guide you through this important transition, giving you the tools to support your child with confidence.



What You'll Learn:

- Choosing the right school for your child

- Preparing your child for post-primary school
- Understanding subject choices
- School policies
- Effective home-school communication
- Who you'll meet in post-primary school
- Navigating Parent/Teacher meetings

Session Dates and Times

- **Tuesday 3rd - Thursday 5th at 10am and 7.30pm**
- **Friday 6th at 10am**

How to Register

Click the link below to secure your spot at one of our virtual sessions:

<https://forms.office.com/e/N4t8XDbm67>

Think Smart

As part of Internet Safety Week, Think Smart Cyber is hosting a Community Collaboration Event focused on online safety, mental well-being, and practical strategies to support young people in today's digital world.

Event Details

Think Smart Cyber Safety Community Event

Thursday, February 12th, 2025

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Raheen Woods Hotel, Athenry

Registration: [Book here - Note Limited Tickets Available](#)

Together, they will address the most pressing online challenges facing young people today, including:

- Online exploitation and grooming
- Mental-health impacts of social media
- Screen overuse and addictive design
- Risks associated with gaming, apps, and AI
- Practical device-security and monitoring guidance for parents.

Full details with direct links and QR codes to book are all within the PDF information flyer attached.



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