



## December 2024 Newsletter

### School Closure

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December - School will close  
@12noon for Christmas Holidays.  
School will reopen Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Sacraments in St. Patrick's Church

Confirmation – Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March @ 3pm  
First Holy Communion – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May @ 11am

### Carols by Candlelight

Our Christmas performance presented by the pupils  
of Scoil Éanna will be held in St Patrick's Church, Ballybay.

## Upcoming Dates

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| 5 <sup>th</sup> + 6 <sup>th</sup> | Christmas Jumper Swap Shop        |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Carols by Candlelight @ 1pm       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Carols by Candlelight @ 7pm       |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Christmas Hamper Raffle           |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Carol singing in St Anne's @ 11am |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Pupil Christmas Jumper Day        |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | Santa Hat Walk @ 10am             |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec              | <b>12noon CLOSURE</b>             |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan               | School Reopens                    |



Thank you all, for your continued support of everything we do as a school community. Thank you to the staff for the immeasurable commitment they make to ensure Scoil Éanna is a happy and vibrant place of learning.

I wish all our pupils, staff, family members and our Board of Management a very happy

and healthy Christmas. We look forward to everything that 2025 holds for us.

Finally, a very, very Happy Christmas to all of our pupils. I hope that Christmas is filled with excitement, fun and laughter for each and every one of you!

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## December Homework

We are aware that December is a very busy month for families. With this in mind and in keeping with our school policy the focus of homework will move to learning, reading and oral tasks this month.

## Team Hope

Thank you kindly to our pupils, families and school community for the **HUGE** support. We were proud to donate **137 shoe boxes** on your behalf.

## Student Council

will be supporting our Parents' Association in the Christmas raffle and have organised their own raffle for all pupils who sell their full card.

## Green Schools

Green schools are currently running a Biodiversity slogan competition.

## Congratulations .....

to our very talented Credit Union Art winners.

Bonnie McAviney  
Darragh Tuite  
Pearse Brady



We wish Darragh and Pearse **good luck** as their pieces moves forward to the chapter finals.

**Presidential Visit** we were very fortunate recently to have a visit from Carmel Browne the president of the INTO teachers' union.

## SÉ Parents' Association



### Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> + 6<sup>th</sup> Dec Parents Assoc. will be hosting their *Christmas jumper swap shop* where you can come along donate a jumper and pick up a 'new to you' jumper. *Working to help our environment by sowing the seeds of sustainability.*

### Christmas Hamper Collection

Thank you to all the parents who have already supported our PA in donating items for the Christmas hamper raffle.

**Final day** for donating items:

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec**

<https://www.scoileanna.ie/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Christmas-Raffle-2024.pdf>

### Hamper Raffle Cards

All families have received their raffle cards and we ask for your support in this fundraiser. As you know from previous years the quality and quantity of hampers is magnificent.

**DON'T  
MISS YOUR  
CHANCE  
TO WIN!**

## Carols @ St. Anne's

Some choir members and musicians will make their annual visit to the residents of St. Anne's.

## Attendance/Punctuality

Attendance for November was 93.9% down 1.3% from last year.

## Carols by Candlelight

Our whole school Christmas Carol performance will take place over two days. We invite all parents to join us in St. Patrick's Church to celebrate the Christmas season as a whole school community.

The day performance will take place @ **1pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>**.

The evening performance will take place @ **7pm on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**. **ALL** pupils are asked to be in the church at **6:45pm**

Every pupil has a role to play so we ask that **ALL PUPILS** attend the evening performance.

*We thank you for your support.*

## Santa Hat Walk

We hope to do our annual Santa hat town walk @ 10am on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December (*weather permitting*).

*Please come out and support.*

## Christmas Jumper Day

We will hold our annual Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec. Children can wear a festive jumper to school ..... we always welcome and support the sustainability of 'home-designed' jumpers!

**Pupils are asked for a donation of €2 on this day. All monies raised will be donated to Ballybay SVP.**

## Science Week

was a huge success with the focus being active learning for all.



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