

SMSG Newsletter 14th November 2025

Weather News

Thank you for your patience regarding the weather updates yesterday and today. The B.O.M. put the safety of pupils and staff first and we always have discussions before deciding to shorten the school day. We use the Weather Warnings and our local information when making our decisions. We try to get the information to parents as quickly as possible in these circumstances. Safety is always our concern.

Dates for the diary

Friday 12th December @ 10 am: Junior Christmas Concert (Junior Infants -2nd Class) All are welcome!

Thursday 18th December @ 7.30pm: Carols By Candlelight Concert by 3rd-6th Class (in Church) All are welcome!

Friday 30th Jan 2026: Grandparents Day ; All Grandparents are welcome!

March 26th @ 11a.m. : Confirmation Service

Saturday 9th May @ 11a.m. : First Communion Day

Save the date: We will have a **Summer Show on June 18th** , when the 3rd-6th Classes will perform their annual plays, which is why the Senior Concert will not be happening this year in December, as previously.

Maths Message from Ms Mc Connell

Maths Challenge Monday

Following on from the success of Maths Week and the fun the children had taking part in the daily challenges, we decided to introduce a Maths Challenge Monday!

Every Monday a challenge will appear on our school website www.enniskerryins.ie and on our school Maths noticeboard.

There will be one challenge for Jun Infs - 2nd and one for 3rd to 6th.

Each child just needs to write the answer on a piece of paper, explain how he/she got the answer and include his/her name and class.

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All entries will be put in a bag and a small prize will be given to one child in the Junior level and one in the Senior level.

We ask that you encourage your child to have a go.

Assembly

Ms Carruth's 4th Class led our assembly this week. November is Anti-Bullying Month and our theme was "Words Hurt." The class performed a puppet show and rapped their anti-bullying song. They had set up the stage as The Kindness Garden. There was so much creativity in the presentation. Please go to our website to see photos of this assembly.

Admissions to Junior Infants 2026

Offers went out to our successful applicants for their place in Junior Infants 2026. It is very important that offers are accepted within the timeline in order to guarantee the place.

Second Level Schools

I will share the update on the Second Level school places for our 6th Class as soon as I have all the information back. Parents, please email me to confirm the school that you have accepted so I can gather this information.

Message from Ms Healy

The Bebras Challenge

Next week children from 3rd to 6th Class will participate in the Bebras Challenge.

What is Bebras?

The Bebras® Computing Challenge introduces computational thinking to students, by allowing them to solve interactive tasks online. It is run in over 60 countries and takes place every November. The tasks can be answered without prior knowledge about computational thinking or information and communication technology. The aim of Bebras is to get students all over the world excited about computing.

For photos please go to: www.enniskerryins.ie

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CT Club

We have been running a Computational Club at lunchtimes for 3rd-6th Classes to practise the type of computational tasks that will be in the Bebras Challenge and our students participating in the CT Club are really enjoying it and are excited for the Challenge next week. Best of luck to our computational thinkers!

Intel Mini Scientist Fair Friday 21st November 2025

Next Friday the Intel Mini Scientist Exhibition will take place in the school hall.

This is a competition for Primary school students in 4th, 5th and 6th Class, in which they develop science related projects. The Winning project selected at this school level exhibition will then go on to take part in the Regional Final.

The competition supports the Primary Science curriculum and is a great way to encourage enthusiasm and practical learning in the area of science. There is lots of exciting scientific talk and ideas buzzing around 4th, 5th and 6th Class.

Projects can be created as an individual or as part of a team of up to 4 students. The categories are in line with the school science curriculum:

- Environmental Awareness & Care
- Materials
- Energy & Forces
- Living things

Best of luck to all our budding scientists!

Walk On Wednesday

Connigí suas é! Tá an-chuid daltaí ag siúl suas ón mBog Meadow.

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Dept Education Survey

Please see the letter below from the Department of Education and Youth. Our patron body, C.P.S.M.A., encourages all parents to have their say by taking part in the survey. The B.O.M. and staff will also take part in this survey.

[Primary School Survey](#)

Extra-Curricular Activities

We have increased our After school provision for our pupils. Jamie Stafford has started tennis on Mondays. The Chess Club has resumed on Tuesdays. The Chess Club is now full.

Christmas Trees Notice from the P.A.

St Mary's & St Gerard's Christmas Tree Sale 🌲 ** Bring the magic of Christmas home while supporting our school! 🌲 7ft-8ft Nordmann Fir (Premium Grade) - €70 Beautiful non shed trees. Other sizes available on request. 📅 Collect from the school on Sunday, 30th

November 📞 Contact Arleen to pre order before the 21st of November: 086 334 5929

♥ All proceeds go towards school fundraising initiatives.

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