

St Mary's & St Gerards N.S.  
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## SMSG Newsletter 28th November 2025

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!

Ladies Lunch; NOLLAIG na mBAN 10th JANUARY .

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.

### Christmas Preparations

Our Junior Concert tickets will be on sale shortly. Our Junior Infants- 2nd are busily rehearsing for their annual Christmas Plays and cannot wait to perform for you all!

We are also excited about our Carols By Candlelight for 3rd-6th on December 18th.

Please come along to support this school event.

### Concern Debates

Well done to our 6th Class team in their debate against Our Lady Of Mercy this week. They lost in a well fought debate and they learned so much from their participation. We cannot wait until the next one! Our 3th, 5th & 6th joined the debate over Zoom and we really hope to inspire our younger pupils as they watch the 6th pupils using their debating skills. Thank you to Ms Mc Connell and Ms Dalton for their support.

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***Second Level Schools***

The first round offers for Second Level schools have been made. This is the most recent picture of where our 6th Class pupils will be going. I hope this helps our 4th & 5th Class parents to plan for second level schools for your children. I will update you if the picture changes with second round offers.

**Secondary Schools 2026**

**Second Level Schools: 6th Class of 2025/26**  
**(Round 1 Offers as of 28th November)**

***\*May be subject to change***

<b>School</b>	<b>No. of places accepted by our pupils*</b>
Presentation Bray	5
St Gerard's	5
N.W.E.T.	3
Holy Child Killiney	1
Rosemont	2
John Scottus	1
Loreto Dalkey	1
C.C.A.	1
St Tiernan's	1
Number of pupils in the class	20

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**Message from the Department of Education and Youth.**

**Take part in the Primary School Survey**

Calling all primary school and pre-school parents – have your say on the future of your primary school at [gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

The Department of Education and Youth is inviting **parents and guardians across Ireland to take part in the largest ever survey on primary school provision.**

This short, online survey, asks for your views on:

- Whether your school should be **co-educational or single-sex**
- Whether your school should operate under a **denominational or multi-denominational patron**
- Whether your school should provide education primarily through the **English language or Irish language**

**Why take part?**

Your input will help shape decisions about school provision in your area, ensuring that schools reflect the needs and values of local communities. Every response matters.

**Who can complete the survey?**

- Parents and guardians of children currently in primary school
- Parents and guardians of children who have not yet started primary school
- Primary school staff and Board of Management members

**Survey details:**

- Complete online: [gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey](http://gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey)

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All responses are **confidential and anonymous**. The results of the survey will help the Department of Education and Youth plan how it provides education at primary level. Initial high-level summary results will be published in early 2026. Where there is clear support from parents and guardians for change to be considered, a further process of inclusive dialogue will begin.

**Your voice matters – please take a few minutes to complete the survey and encourage others to do the same.**

**Ladies Lunch; NOLLAIG na mBAN 10th JANUARY .**

Save the date for our annual Ladies Lunch! It is happening on 10th January at 1.30 pm. .

Tickets are now on sale . €50 per person.

All the guests at last year's lunch enjoyed the afternoon of company and entertainment. It is a fundraiser for our school and we appreciate your support for this event.

Revolut or message Fiona on 0857334113 to reserve a spot!