

## SMSG Newsletter 7th 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!

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

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

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

*Please note a change to our usual Christmas schedule; We have added a new event- A Carol Concert in the Church , on Thursday 18th December, for 3rd-6th Classes. All are welcome to come along to this special event. We are very excited about this new addition to our calendar.*

**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.

### Storyteller

Joseph O'Maolai , a storyteller, visited our school on Tuesday as part of a Heritage in Schools initiative. He entertained us with his stories and shared some books which the pupils found very amusing. Thank you MS Seoighe for organising.

### Assembly

We held a Prayer Service on Thursday to remember those who have died. 5th Class led the assembly and will bring leaves from each pupil to the Remembrance Tree (in the Lobby) , remembering someone who has passed away.

### STEM Club

Ms Healy has begun our Maths/STEM Club this week for 3rd-6th classes. It is heartening to see the high level of interest and enthusiasm in this from our pupils. Thank you Ms Healy.

**St Mary's & St Gerards N.S.**  
*Caring, Connection & a love of learning*

**Walk On Wednesday**

Congratulations to the 6th Class children who win the Golden Boot! This is the tightest result we've ever had...Senior Infants and 1st Class children are to be applauded too. Every journey counts and every child matters! Overall, 71% of children chose green modes of travel on Wednesdays - 20% walked; 42% parked and strode; 7% carpooled; and 1% cycled. Well done, everyone!

Ms Malone, Green Schools Coordinator

**School Attendance**

Thanks for continuing to support our attendance drive. There is more information which may be of interest to you on this link. [www.gov.ie/schoolattendance](http://www.gov.ie/schoolattendance)  
Share the link to our 30-second video ad (English) [here](#)

**Dept Education Survey**

Please see below letter from the Department of Education and Youth.

Further information: <http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey>

**Extra-Curricular Activities**

We have increased our After school provision for our pupils. Jamie Stafford will be starting tennis on Mondays. The Chess Club resumes this Tuesday. The pupils have received information on both of these activities.