

SMSG Newsletter 9th October 2026

Admissions

Our Admissions window is open 1st-22nd October and we are accepting applications for Junior Infants 2027. Please go to the website for further information.

Industrial Action

As of today , the school will be closed on Wednesday 14th October, due to industrial action. I will keep you updated should things change. We have had to hold off scheduling our planned Parent Teacher meetings for the week 19th-22nd October, as we cannot now hold these after school, as part of the industrial action.

Infants Tour to the Mermaid

Our Junior & Senior Infants went on tour to the Mermaid Theatre in Bray this morning to see "How to Catch a Star". The classes had a super morning and we were delighted to be able to go out on a tour so early on in their school year!

Assembly

Thank you to our newly elected Green Schools Committee, led by Ms Malone, for their assembly leadership this week. We are working on Transport as our theme. Please support us in our Walk to School week, beginning 19th October.

We were also reminded of the need to include others when we are playing on the yard. We discussed the need to have long hair tied back to avoid the spread of the dreaded head lice.

Feedback from Our P.A. A.G.M. Meeting.

It was great to see so many parents at our AGM last Monday evening. We were sorry to see Fiona and Arleen step down from their shared Leadership role. Both parents have been

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so hard-working on behalf of our school and were such a pleasure to work with. I am very grateful to Fiona and Arleen on all our behalf. We are still looking for parents to join our P.A. committee and we look forward to working with our new members. Please contact Arleen if you would like to get involved.

We had a good discussion on several issues and I have summarised the feedback from the discussions below.

Hot Meals Proposal Feedback form meeting

- These are needed for some pupils
- Most at the meeting would prefer a cold option only
- Concerns expressed about food waste
- Concerns expressed about food quality
- Concerns expressed about portion size
- Concerns expressed about ingredients
- The U.K. model was discussed as a comparison/ example of better practice
- The creche model was discussed as a comparison/example of better practice

Suggestions;

- Explore cold lunch as an option (this has previously been removed)
- Have a fruit element
- Use funding for in-house provision
- Explore community-based model
- Hold off on next part of process until we gather more information

Primary School Survey Feedback from meeting

- More feedback from parents is needed
- When feedback is being sought, suggestion was to include the same questions again
- We need to map out what it (a changed school denominational ethos) would look like
- An information evening , with FAQs in advance was suggested
- A follow up survey to follow, was suggested
- The B.O.M. review and make final decision

I will bring these suggestions to the next B.O.M. meeting for consideration. Thank you for your engagement and suggestions.

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Feedback on recent Class Meetings

- Parents felt they were a good opportunity to go into their child's classroom
- Good way to see where they learn
- Helpful way of learning about the structure of the school day
- Interesting about the curriculum
- The time spent by teachers was acknowledged
- Other suggestion; meet outdoors/early morning

Maths Week

Next week is Maths Week! Please send in your photos of your children using their Math Eyes , when looking for patterns, shape and mathematical signs in our environment.https://ncca.ie/media/5468/6-supporting_the_development_maths_eyes_ho_me.pdf

Please send your photos to alisonmcconnell@enniskerryys.ie for display on our website.

Christmas Plans

Here are the dates for the Christmas Sho!ho!ho!ws.

Junior Shows (Junior Infants - 2nd Class)

Performance: Friday 4th December @ 10 am

Senior Shows (3rd-6th Class)

Performance: Thurs 17th Dec @ 7 pm

Christmas Carol Service : Mon 21st Dec @ 11.15 a.m.

Dates for the diary

Halloween Spooky Walk : 17th October

Maths Week: 10th-18th October

Mid Term: Closing at 2.30 on 23rd October .Re-opening Monday 2nd November

School Closure for staff training:9th November 2026

Ladies Lunch: Saturday 9th January 2027

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Grandparents Day :Friday 29th January 2027

Sacraments Dates: Choir please take note of Communion Date!

First Communion: Sat 24th April . * **Choir from 4th -6th please also save the date**

Confirmation:Thursday 18th March