St Mary's & St Gerards N.S.

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SMSG Newsletter 6th November 2026

November is Anti-Bullying Month

Reminder: We are closed on Monday 9th November for Staff training

Assembly

Our 5th Class, with their teacher Ms Creane, led our annual prayer service for the Feast of the Holy Souls, remembering all those who we loved who have passed away. The pupils were given leaves to write the names of the person that they wished to remember in November. These leaves have been hung on the Lobby Tree and on our special November Trees.

We also heard that November is Anti-Bullying Month. Each class 3rd -6th will be engaging in lessons around anti-bullying themes in the next few weeks. We focused on Inclusion and the importance of not leaving people out. Next week, 4th Class will continue to address the anti-bullying theme at their assembly.

The pupils were also reminded that November is a busy month; we have lots of work to get covered and alongside this we are preparing for our Christmas Shows and have scheduled closures due to staff training and possible industrial action. We are all trying to work as smartly as possible and to make the most of every minute in school!

Thank you to our 5th Class for a very solemn and respectful approach to your prayer service and to Amy Mc E, Callan and Fiadh for reading our School Creed.

5th & 6th Class News

Our 6th Class have taken part in the Team Hope Shoebox Appeal . These gifts are sent to children affected by poverty in countries in Africa and Eastern Europe. We are very proud of the class for their generosity and compassion.

Next Tuesday, 5th and 6th will take part in Gaeilge 24; a full day at school lán-ghaeilge! (all-irish)They will speak irish all day and it will be a fun experience which will build their grá don teanga le chéile (love of language).

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Hockey

Our 5th & 6th pupils have enjoyed their hockey coaching with Lisa on Friday afternoons in the Bog Meadow. We hope this coaching helps our pupils prepare for the transition to second level school and also gives them a taste of hockey, a great team sport.Today is the last session for this year. The hockey will resume again towards the end of January.

Second Level Schools

Many of our pupils have received their first round offers of places in the schools of their choice. Some await offers in their preferred schools on the second round. I will share a full update after all the pupils have secured places . Please get in touch if you would like any help in considering schools for your child.

Industrial Action

As of today, it appears likely that we will be closed on Thursday due to the Public Sector Strike. We appreciate how difficult this is for parents. I will update you if the situation changes.

Christmas Plans

Follow the Star Christmas Procession

This annual parish event is happening on Saturday 28th November at 4pm, meeting at St Mary's Church and proceeding to Powerscourt National School.

OUr parish invites as many pupils as possible from our school to take part. Your child can come along to walk with the procession dressed in Christmas-themed clothes; angels, shepherds, kings and innkeepers are welcome. All families are welcome.

Ladies Lunch

Please note the date has been changed due to circumstances beyond our control. The lunch will now take place on Saturday 2nd January in Summerhill Hotel. Please join us for a wonderful afternoon, organised by our P.A.

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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

School Closure for staff training:9th November 2026
Ladies Lunch: Saturday 2nd January 2027
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

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