



St. Joseph's Newsletter December 2025



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are all keeping well. We look forward to celebrating the festive season with you over the coming days. I would like to remind you that the school will close at 12p.m. on Friday December 19th and re-open on Monday January 5th. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy Christmas and a wonderful new year ahead. I look forward to working with you all again in 2026!

Nollaig Shona Dhaoibh go léir,

Úna O' Kelly

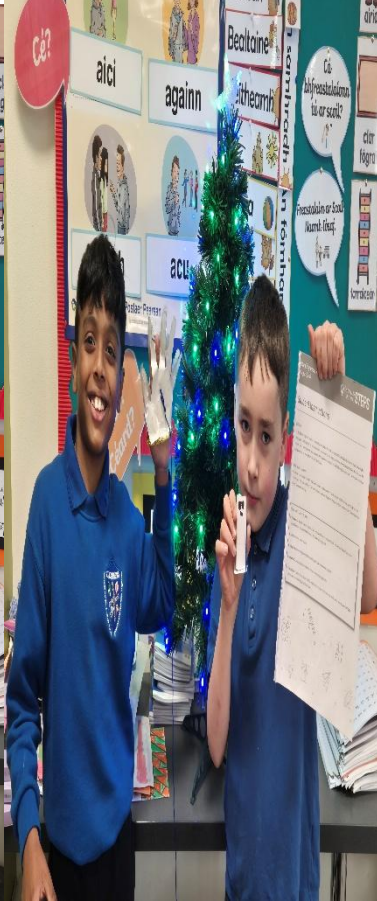
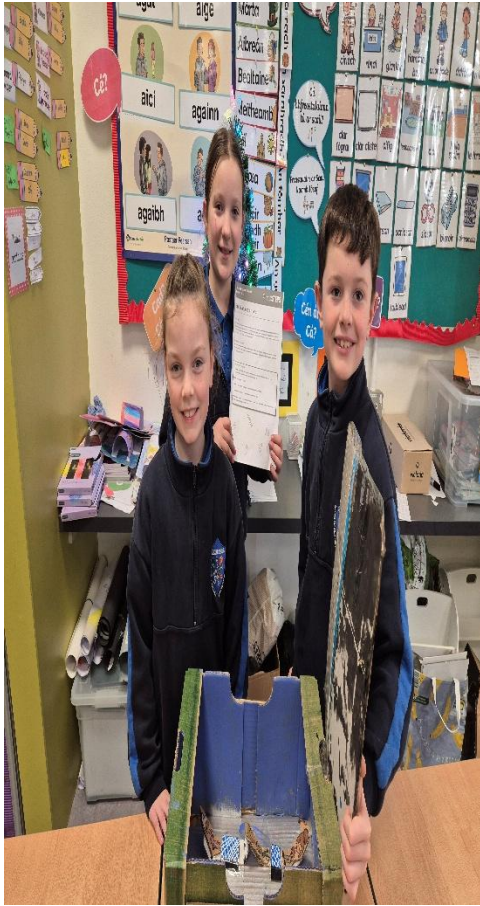
School Principal

Student Council 2025 2026



In St. Joseph's there is a wonderful school community who work together always to ensure the best for all our pupils. This community is made up of staff, parents and pupils. Pupils are a big part of that community. Our student council each year are elected by pupils to provide a voice for all the pupils in the school. We value their opinions and suggestions always. We thank them for helping us with the child friendly version of the Bi Cinealta policy and Child Safeguarding statement as well as encouraging tips to stay healthy digitally and take cyber breaks. We thank them also for organising pyjama day and some stalls at the upcoming Christmas fair. We look forward to lots more wonderful ideas from them in 2026!

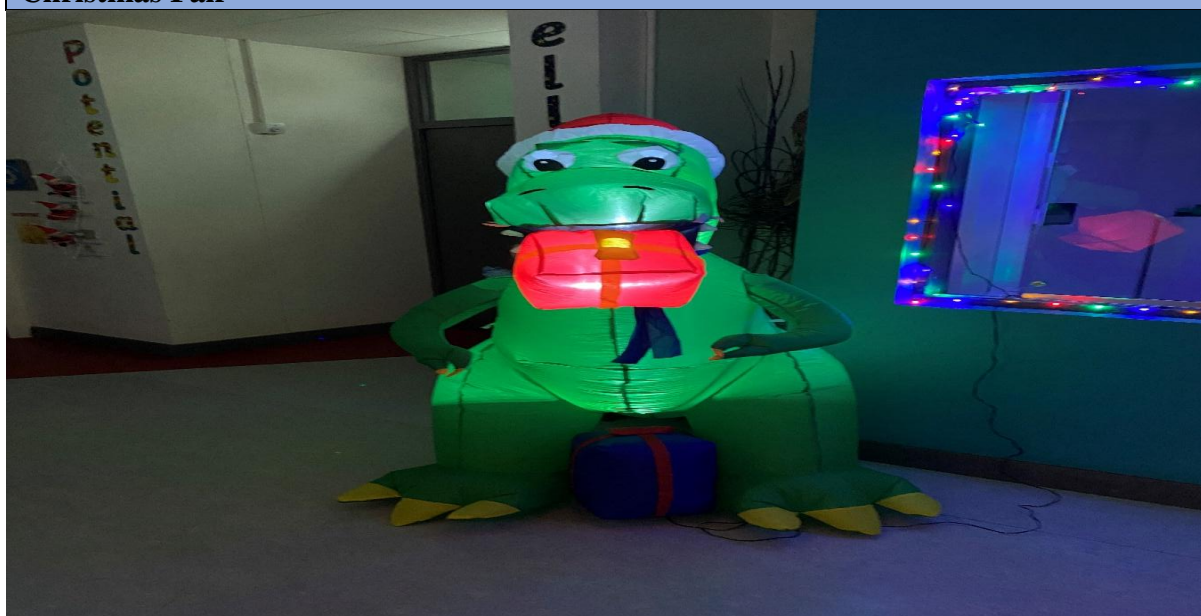
3rd class Steps Engineering Projects





3rd class have been busy designing and creating engineering projects with real life application for the School Steps Engineering competition. It is wonderful to see the pupils collaborating together with their creative designs. The future looks bright for engineers.

Christmas Fair



The parent's council will be holding their Christmas fair this **Friday, December 12th**. Each class will be visiting the fair during the school day. All donations of cakes, buns and toys are welcome. These can be handed in to the school office all the way up to Friday morning. Freshly baked cakes and buns can be handed in Friday morning and packaged cakes and buns can be handed in any day up to Friday. Thank you to the Parent's Council for organising this.

Christmas concert



The **school Christmas concert** will take place on Wednesday, **17th December**. This a hugely popular event and is exceptionally well attended every year. For your comfort and more importantly for your safety we have asked parents to indicate their intention to attend prior to the day. Each class group will be performing at the concert and we hope it will be an enjoyable day for all. We will be holding two concert sessions. **Session 1 will be at 9:15a.m.** and **session 2 will be held at 11:30a.m.** All classes will be performing at each session. A link was emailed to you in November to book your tickets for your preferred concert session time. Tickets will be limited to two per family. If you require wheelchair access, please let us know when booking your tickets. Pushchairs/buggies can be stored in front of the school by the bike sheds near the front door entrance on the day. The teachers and pupils are working hard preparing for the Christmas concert at present. Pupils will wear their uniform/school tracksuit for the concert. They can wear a Santa hat or Christmas accessory with the uniform/school tracksuit if they wish. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful festive occasion with you on December 17th.

6th class Christmas Play



6th class will be performing their Nativity Play “**The Magical Christmas Jigsaw**” at 7p.m. on **Tuesday, the 16th December** in the school hall. They look forward to welcoming their parents on this occasion for their last Christmas play in St. Joseph’s!

Santa Visit



A very special visitor, Santa will be visiting the school on **Thursday, the 18th December** accompanied by a Garda escort. Each class will be allowed visit Santa and take a class photo with him. Pupils can wear their Christmas jumpers for this. He might even be treated to a song along the way. Thanks to the parent’s council for organising this.

School Choir Visit to Nursing Home and Áontas concert



Our school choir will be putting on a wonderful Christmas performance at Mount Pleasant Lodge nursing home on Monday the 15th. It will be lovely to see both the young and the elderly singing along together again. Thanks to Ms. Shiel Nolan and Mr Hodgkinson for organising. Our school choir will also be participating in the Áontas choir Christmas concert in St. Patrick's church, Lucan on Wednesday, 10th December at 7:30p.m with Mr Hodgkinson. Keep up the great singing!

Dates for your diary

- Christmas Fair: December 12th
- Christmas concert December 17th 9:15 and 11:30
- 6th class Christmas play December 16th @7p.m.
- Santa visit to school December 18th
- School closes 12p.m. December 19th
- School re-opens January 5th

- School closure for staff training on Primary Curriculum Framework January 20th
- Grandparents Day January 28th

Don't forget to download our Aladdin Connect App if you haven't already done so to keep up to date with news from school.

Don't forget you can also keep up with all our latest news in the blog section of the school website www.stjosephskilcock.com and on twitter @sjnskilcock

Success for all, a happy school-Learning and Growing together