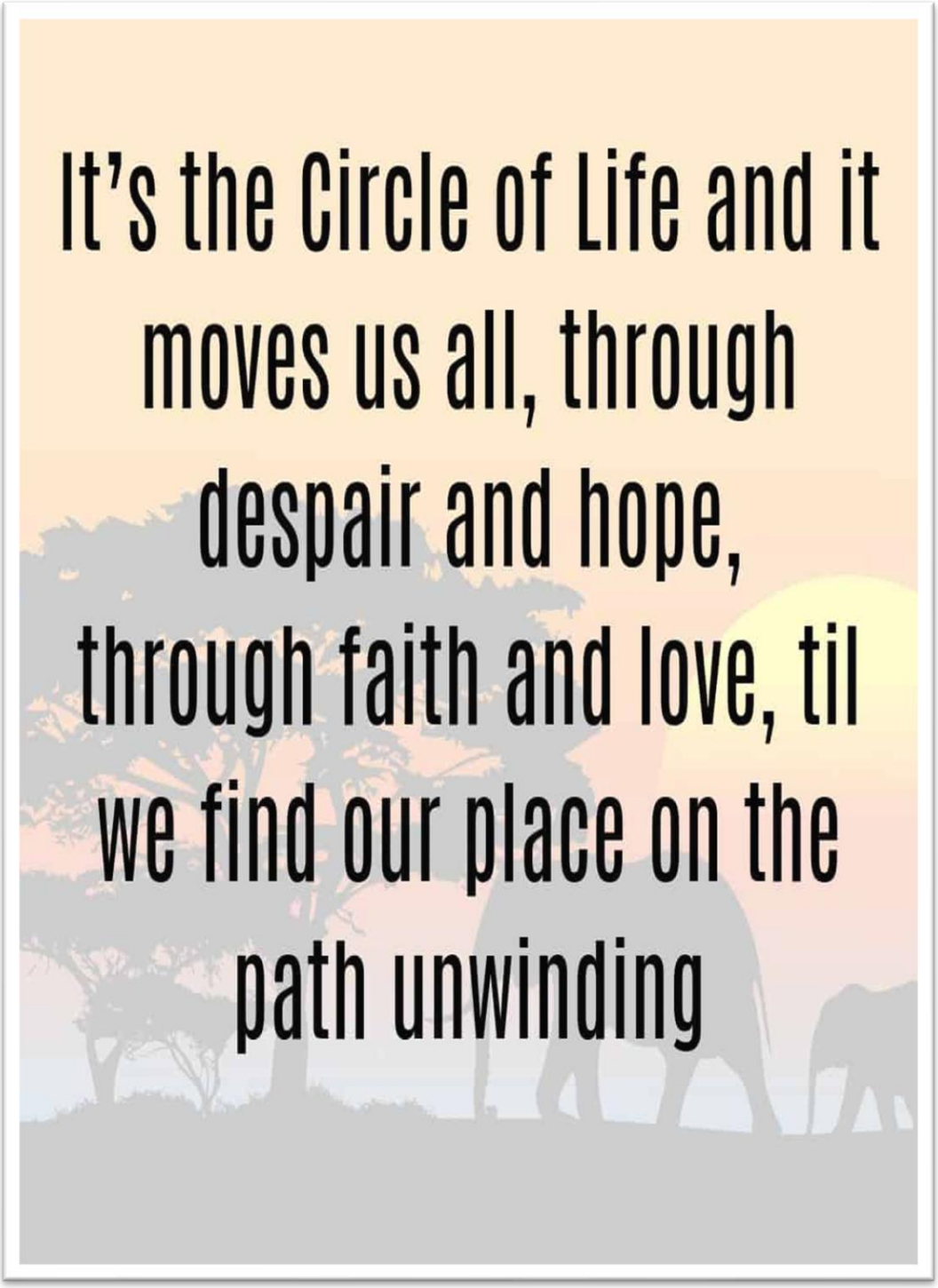
St. Leo's College

A CEIST School

9th October 2026

Student Newsletter



TY Show 14th-16th April 2027 'The Circle of LIfe'

Junior Cycle Results









Huge congratulations to our students who received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday!









ST. LEO'S COLLEGE

ANNUAL ADMISSION NOTICE

IN RESPECT OF ADMISSIONS TO THE 2027/2028 SCHOOL YEAR

ADMISSION POLICY AND APPLICATION FORM

A copy of the school's **Admission Policy** and the **online Application Form for Admission** for the 2027/2028 school year are available as follows:

- on the school website www.stleoscarlow.ie under the Admission tab or
- on request by emailing enrolments@stleoscarlow.ie or by writing to Admission, St. Leo's College, Dublin Road, Carlow R93 PW84

PART 1 ADMISSIONS TO THE 2027/2028 SCHOOL YEAR

APPLICATION AND DECISION DATES FOR ADMISSION TO THE 2027/2028 SCHOOL YEAR

The following are the dates for Admission to First Year for 2027-2028:

The school will commence accepting applications for admission to first year on	**Thursday 1st October 2026**
The school shall cease accepting applications for admission to first year on	**Thursday 22nd October 2026**
The date by which applicants will be notified in writing of the decision on their application for admission to first year is	**Tuesday 10th November 2026**
The period within which applicants must confirm acceptance of an offer of admission to first year is*	**Tuesday 10th November to Tuesday 17th November 2026**

**Failure by an applicant to accept an offer within the prescribed period may result in the offer being withdrawn.*

NOTE: *The school will consider and issue decisions on late applications in accordance with the school's Admission Policy.*

ST. LEO'S COLLEGE EXTRA-CURRICULAR Timetable

2026 – 2027

Our School LIBRARY is open every lunchtime!

MONDAY

Activity	Time	Location	Teacher
Camogie	1.20pm	Hockey Pitch	K.Gallagher & R.Murray
Netball	1.20pm	Gym	S.Millward & A.Brennan
Folk Group	1.30pm	Music Room	A.Shiels & A. Cosgrave
Netball	4.10pm	Gym	S.Millward
Coding Club	1.20pm	Comp Room 615	C.Cradock
Minor Soccer	1.20pm	Hockey Pitch	E.Lalor & D.Brennan
Public Speaking U15	1.20pm	701	S.O'Flaherty & A.Doyle
Baking Club	4.15pm	Room 509	G.McCaul & H.Daly

TUESDAY

Activity	Time	Location	Teacher
Volleyball 3rd – 6th Years	8.00am	Gym	V.O'Neill
Basketball	1.20pm	Gym	M.Bergin, S.Woods & N.Bambrick
Art & Crafts Club	1.20pm	Art Room 501	L.Connors
Poetry Aloud	1.10pm	Room 709	B.O'Sullivan
Embroidery Club	1.20pm	Room 509	G.McCaul
Green Schools	1.20pm	Room 612	H.Daly & K.Regan

WEDNESDAY

Activity	Time	Location	Teacher
Badminton All Years	1.25pm	Gym	Y.Hickey, L.illis & C.Phelan
Football	1.20pm	Hockey Pitch	L.Kelly, G.McCaul & K.Gallagher
Club Gaeilge	1.20pm	Room 226	R.Kelly
St.Vincent de Paul	1.20pm	Cairdeas	E.Mahon & A.Brennan
Junior & Senior Football	4.15-5.15pm	St. Pats Pitch	L.Kelly, L. Teehan & K.Phelan
First Year Hockey	1.25pm	Astro Pitch	J.Collins

THURSDAY

Activity	Time	Location	Teacher
Volleyball 1st & 2nd Years	1.20pm	Gym	V.O'Neill & J.Hogan
2nd Year Hockey	1.20pm	Astro Pitch	J.Collins
Athletics	1.20pm	Track	L.Graham & A. O Keeffe
Snooker Club	1.25pm	Assembly Hall	E.Ni Shuilleabháin & C.Phelan
Human Rights	1.20pm	Cairdeas	D.Cussen
Chamber Choir	1.25pm	Music Room	A.Cosgrave

Get involved. Make friends. Discover your passion!

★ Be Active | ★ Be Creative | ★ Be You ★







School Athletics National Athletics Arena 07-10-2026

Well done to Cara English 5E, Pippa O'Brien 1A and Zoe Dunne 3F who represented our school so well.

Third Year Home Economics















Ms Kellys Third Year Home Economics class baked, decorated, and served delicious Caramel and Chocolate Muffins this week.
Students mastered the art of caramel making while also taking on buttercream icing and piping.
Students then compared their homemade version to a shop bought alternative and it was agreed that
#homemadeisbettermade
Great work everyone!









Tráth na gCeist



First & Second Year Tráth na gCeist teams who came out on top at the Carlow Post Primary Schools Irish Table Quiz Finals in Éire Óg clubhouse last Friday morning.

Club Gaeilge

Just Dance as Gaeilge!



Maith sibh go léir, a chailíní, a bhí ag Club na Gaeilge an tseachtain seo! Bhí an-spraoi ann!

Bígí linn an tseachtain seo chugainn!

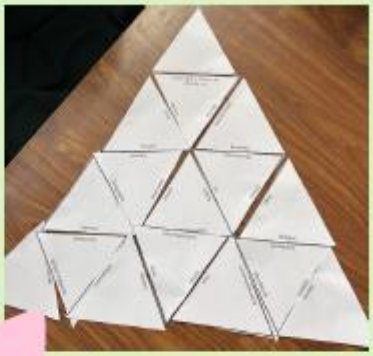
Fáilte mhór roimh gach ball nua :)

Ag dathú!





Puzail a dhéanamh!





Seasamh ióga na seachtaine



Tugann ióga faoiseamh don cholainn agus don intinn!!



bonjour

FRENCH EXCHANGE

New friends, amazing memories, language skills improved, lots of fun!

New adventures await !

Hosting: 28th Jan. 2026-6th Feb. 2027

Travelling: March 5th-14th 2027







LIBRARY OPEN

EVERY LUNCHTIME!

Looking for a quiet place to read, study, or relax?

- Open every lunchtime
- Read your favourite books
- Complete homework and research
- Enjoy a calm, welcoming space

Visit the Library During Lunch!

Everyone is welcome.

Read • Learn • Discover

Library Opening Hours:
EVERY LUNCHTIME
See you there!

Weekly Hot Lunch Menu

Monday 12th

- Breaded Chicken, Homemade Potato Wedges & Salad
- Homemade Potato Wedges & Salad (V)

Tuesday 13th

- Spicy Chicken Noodles
- Spicy Noodles (V)

Wednesday 14th

- Chicken Curry & Rice
- Veg Curry & Rice (V)

Thursday 15th

- BBQ Chicken Wrap with Chips or Baked Potato
- BBQ Wrap with Chips or Baked Potato (V)

Soup

Homemade Vegetable

Small Dinner €4.00 | Large Dinner €6



Optimistic October 2026

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
			1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list
5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward
12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead
19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?
26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month	





ACTION FOR HAPPINESS Happier · Kinder · Together



🎁 **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal is Back!** 🎄

We're delighted to announce that our **Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal kicks off next week!**

Every year, our wonderful school community gets behind this very special campaign, filling shoeboxes with **gifts, kindness and Christmas cheer** for children affected by poverty. Let's make this year another fantastic success!

🎄 **What can I put in my shoebox?**

Team Hope recommends choosing items from each of the **4 W's**:

🖍️ **WRITE** – Pens, pencils, crayons, markers, colouring books, paper/copybooks, sharpeners and erasers.

🧼 **WASH** – Wrapped bars of soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, facecloths, combs and hairbrushes.

🧦 **WEAR** – Socks, underwear, hats, scarves, gloves and flip-flops.

🎁 **WOW!** – Cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, balls, skipping ropes, yo-yos, stickers, small musical instruments and sweets with at least six months before their expiry date.

🚫 **Please don't include:**

Liquids, chocolate or other food, sharp objects, medicines, breakable items, large clothing, books with lots of words, or scary/war-related toys.

🎁 Wrap a regular-sized shoebox and lid **separately**, choose whether your box is for a boy or girl aged **2–14**, and secure the finished box with a **large elastic band rather than tape** so that Team Hope can check its contents.

💶 Team Hope also asks for a **€6 contribution per shoebox** to help cover transport, storage and delivery costs.

✨ **Could your family and friends fill a shoebox and make a child's Christmas a little brighter?**

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our pupils, families and staff, this appeal is always a huge success. **Start gathering those goodies and getting your shoeboxes ready!**

❤️ **Together, let's fill our boxes, spread some joy and give the gift of Hope this Christmas**

https://www.teamhope.ie/christmas-shoebox-appeal/resources/

School Calendar 2026 - 2027

Aug	Fri 21st	LC Results	
	Wed 26th	School recommences	
Sep	Thurs 24th	Open Evening for First Years 2027-2028	
	Fri 25th	Mercy Day Mass	
	Mon 28th	**School Closed**	
Oct	Thurs 15th	6th Year PSTM	4.15 – 6.45pm
	Thurs 22nd	3rd Year PSTM	4.15 – 6.45pm
	Fri 23rd	Halloween Dress Up Day	
	Mon 26th Oct to Fri 30th Oct – Closed for Oct Mid-term		
Nov	Mon 2nd	School re-opens	
	Week beginning 9th November – Whole School Autumn Exams		
	Thurs 26th	1st Year PSTM	4.15 – 6.45pm
	Sat 28th	First Year 2027-2028 Welcome Meeting	
Dec	**Tue 1st**	**School Closed - Subject Cluster Day**	
	Mon 7th & Tue 8th	**School Closed**	
	Thurs 10th	Time to Talk Evening	
	Wed 23rd Dec – Tue 5th Jan – Closed for Christmas Holidays		
Jan	Wed 6th	School re-opens	
	Thurs 14th	**School Closed – Senior Cycle CPD**	
	Thurs 21st	2nd Year PSTM	4.15 – 6.45pm
	Mon 25th	Mock Exams for Third & Sixth Year students	
Feb	**Mon 1st**	**School Closed – Bank Holiday**	
	Thurs 4th	5th Year PSTM	4.15 – 6.45pm
	Mon 15th – Fri 19th – Closed for Feb Mid-term		
Mar	**Wed 17th**	**School Closed – Bank Holiday**	
	Mon 22nd Mar – Fri 2nd Apr – Closed for Easter Holidays		
Apr	Mon 5th	School re-opens	
	Wed 14th – Fri 16th	TY Musical	
May	**Mon 3rd**	**School Closed – Bank Holiday**	
	Tue 4th	**School Closed**	
	Tue 25th	Graduation Mass	
	Wed 26th	TY PSTM & Showcase	
	Fri 28th	Awards Day	
Jun	**Fri 4th**	**Close for Summer Holidays**	
	Wed 9th	State Examinations begin	