



# Wilson's Hospital School

## Weekly Newsletter: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### Notices / Important Information

- **School Bank:** The Transition Year Bank Team will be launching the school bank next Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Students aged 16 or over will be able to open a student bank account and to do this they will need to bring a valid ID such as a passport. This is a great opportunity for students to kickstart financial independence and start saving for their first "big" purchase!
- **Christmas Dinner:** Christmas Dinner is being held on **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Before we finalise timings etc. we need to survey the student body to see how many students are intending to attend. We will be making a list of students attending Christmas Dinner during **tutorial class on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. If your child is intending to attend Christmas Dinner but will not be present at tutorial on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December please ensure to email your child's class tutor to let them know by **Monday 5pm**.

### Upcoming events

#### December

- 8<sup>th</sup>: Silver Class trip to watch St. Thomas' play
- 8<sup>th</sup>: LCA trip to Multyfarnham Nursing Home
- **8<sup>th</sup>: WHS Christmas Carol Service in All Saints Mullingar, 7pm. All Welcome**
- 9<sup>th</sup>: Hockey: Senior girls away to Drogheda
- 9<sup>th</sup>: VEX Robotics scrimmage in St. Finian's Mullingar
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Rugby: Senior Boys home, 1<sup>st</sup> Year Boys away
- 10<sup>th</sup>: HCT Fast Food Event, LCA Class
- 10<sup>th</sup>: Amber Flag Whist Drive @ 7pm
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Badminton U19 Blitz for Westmeath
- 11<sup>th</sup>: Rugby: Junior Boys away to Gorey
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Badminton Juniors vs Cavan Royal, home
- 15<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student and Parents Welcome Service @ 7pm
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Annual Christmas Dinner. Details tbc.
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Basketball: U19 Girls & U19 Boys **FINALS!!**

### Important dates

#### December

- 8<sup>th</sup>: WHS Christmas Carol Service in All Saints Mullingar, 7pm. All Welcome
- 9<sup>th</sup>: 6<sup>th</sup> Year PTSM, 4.15 → 6.45
- 12<sup>th</sup>: School closed
- **16<sup>th</sup>: Form 6 Art – Mock Practical**
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Holidays – school finished @ 12.00

#### January

- 5<sup>th</sup>: School reopens after the Christmas break
- 14<sup>th</sup>: UCAS Closing Date
- 26<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Year PTSM, 4.15 → 6.45

### Guidance News

New items this week in **green**

- TUD Open Day, 06-12-2025
- Health and Social Care Professionals Career Event, hosted online by Galway University Hospital 11-12-2025 [Join conversation](#)
- Generation Tech day for **13-18 year olds**, hosted by JP Morgan, 06-12-2026 [JPMorgan Chase & Co. | Event pre-registration](#)
- RCSI Open Day 09-01-2026
- **For 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Year students:** Sample Engineering Courses in TUS Athlone 10-12-2025 & 11-12-2025 [Form](#)
- TUD - Navigating the CAO, webinar for Students and Parents 14-01-2026 [Navigating the CAO: A Live Webinar for Students, Parents & Guardians - 14 January 2026](#)
- Maynooth University virtual CAO Information Evening, 14-01-2026 <https://campaigns.maynoothuniversity.ie/cao/>
- Open Day, Mary Immaculate College (Limerick Campus) 17-01-2026
- Open Day, University of Limerick, 17-01-2026

# What happened this week

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## Gaelbhhratach

The Gaelbhhratach committee were busy this week organising our Advent calendar for the month of December. Every week at morning assembly, we'll be giving out little gifts to students from every year group. We picked one student at random from each tutor group and one other student from that year who will receive a special Irish language gift.

## Ice Skating

Our Transition and 1st year Mentoring groups ventured Dundrum Ice skating on Tuesday. After a bit of shopping, we hit the ice – where there were big smiles, plenty of laughs, and a few unforgettable wobbles. Some skated gracefully... others were just happy to stay standing! Huge thanks to Ms. Boyhan, Ms. Luty, Ms. Jobe, Ms. Butler, Mr. C Dunne and Mr. Draper for keeping spirits high. Special shout-out to Mr. K Dunne for continuing to guide and run the Mentoring Programme so well – even off solid ground! A cool day from start to finish! 🛼❄️

## Hockey

The Junior Girls faced a strong Holy Faith Clontarf side at home, ultimately falling 6–1 in a challenging but hard-fought encounter. Clontarf started the game with impressive accuracy in front of goal, capitalising on nearly every opportunity and building a 5–0 lead by half-time. Despite the difficult opening period, Wilson's regrouped brilliantly after the break. The second half saw a much-improved performance, with Ruby finding the net within the first five minutes to give Wilson's well-earned momentum. The girls battled tirelessly for the remainder of the match, showing determination, teamwork, and resilience, even though the deficit from the first half proved too much to overcome. A special well done to all the 2nd-year girls who stepped up and contributed to the team effort. Player of the Match: Teresa

It was a challenging one on Wednesday for the Senior Boys as a very strong St Columba's side controlled much of the match and secured a comfortable win. Despite the difficult result, the lads kept working hard and showed good spirit throughout. A big thank-you to Tom, our first year, who stepped up brilliantly for the senior team, as well as to second-years Harry and Theo for their effort and commitment. Special mention to Ceaser, our Spanish student, who made his goalkeeping debut today. Under constant pressure, he produced several solid saves. Tough match, but valuable experience – well done to all who played.

The Senior Girls travelled to St Raphaela's Secondary School for the latest chapter of the League. Travelling with a near strength team and welcomed back the returning Eva to the squad. The girls started the match a bit sluggish, but managed to repel most of what St Raphaela's could throw at them. Unfortunately the best efforts of Lexi, Carly & Clare and ever impressive Emer with Aoife in goals couldn't stop the home sides onslaught and Wilsons conceded 10 minutes before the break. While we came close on several occasions, if it wasn't for our own Aoife in goals, the Dublin side would have definitely scored more in the first-half. With a good team talk at half-time, Wilsons found their way back into the game, following a period of sustained pressure. The breakthrough came following a short-corner, that was well dispatched to the back of the net by Emma. With some players trying new positions for the first time, it was a trial and effort set-up and one that can be worked on more at training. Grace and Ellen put in good shifts in midfield, alongside Emma. With the two wingers of Amy and Nicole showing massive improvement on recent outings. While a draw would have been a fair result, St Raphaela's scored in the last minute to break the Midlanders hearts. While it definitely stung a lot, the improvement across the squad can only give hope as we head into the Christmas break.

## Basketball

There was great success and team performances on the Basketball Court this week with both the U19 Girls and U19 Boys winning their Semi-Final matches. Both proceed to the Finals which are being played in Portlaoise, on Thursday the 18th of December. Well done and best of luck to all of the players in the Finals.

## Rugby

We had three teams in action on Wednesday afternoon. Our Senior Boys enjoyed a 45.29 win over Roscommon CBS as they continue to sharpen up ahead of the Vinny Murray Cup. The Juniors also won their game against Roscommon, 26.24. A promising result as they prepare to play Gorey CBS next Thursday in the Duff Shield. Finally, the U14 Boys team enjoyed a league win over Templeogue College this afternoon. Thanks to Mullingar RFC for lending us their facilities at short notice. The final score 45.25 with tries from Nathaniel, Hugo, Ethan McD, Rurai & 2 from Jacob. The U14s travel to Greystones next Wednesday to take on St David's, in their final game before the Christmas break. The 1<sup>st</sup> Year Girls were in action on Thursday against a stronger side from Loreto Mullingar.



## Wilson's Hospital School

The Amber Flag Committee are hosting a Whist Drive  
to raise money for mental health supports for our  
students

**10/12/2025**

7pm in the Weafer Hall

€5 per person

Lots of prizes on the night.

Raffle on the night!