



# Wilson's Hospital School

## Weekly Newsletter: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

### Notices / Important Information

- **Christmas Dinner:** Christmas Dinner is being held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. Dress code is Christmas Casual for years 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> years may dress up if they wish. There will be good food, some singing and lots of fun, with the dinner estimated to be completed by 8pm. Any boarders going home must have checked out with the boarding house prior to leaving school.  
**If students have not signed up to attend Christmas Dinner they are not able to turn up on the night**
- **6<sup>th</sup> Year PTSM:** Unfortunately the 6<sup>th</sup> Year PTSM that was scheduled for Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed due to weather warnings. This will be rescheduled for the New Year, please keep an eye on Tyro for updates.

### Upcoming events

#### December

- 15<sup>th</sup>: Badminton Juniors vs Cavan Royal, home
- 15<sup>th</sup>: Choir visit to Multyfarnham Nursing Home
- 15<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> Year Student and Parents Welcome Service @ 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup>: TY – Public Access to Law, full day
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Hockey – 4<sup>th</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Year girls away, Senior Boys & Senior Girls home
- 16<sup>th</sup>: Rugby – U14 Boys, away
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Hockey – 2<sup>nd</sup> Year girls home, Senior boys away
- 17<sup>th</sup>: Annual Christmas Dinner.
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Hockey – Senior Boys, away
- 18<sup>th</sup>: Basketball – U19 Girls & U19 Boys **FINALS!!**
- 19<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Finale

### Important dates

#### December

- 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 - 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/>
- Webinar: Careers in Languages, 15-12-2025 @ 6pm [Synergy Careers | Career Guidance Consultants](#)
- UCC CAO Online Webinar, 14-01-2026 [UCC CAO Live Q&A \(Online\) 14 January 2026 Live Q&A - Register Today](#)
- Open Day, Mary Immaculate College (Limerick Campus) 17-01-2026
- Open Day, University of Limerick, 17-01-2026
- TUD Elite Sports Webinar, 28-01-2026 [Elite Sports Webinar - January 28th 2026](#)
- Marino Institute of Education, Taster and Tours day. 18-04-2026
- Apply Online for Transition Year Engineers Ireland Work Experience [Transition Year experience | Engineers Ireland](#)

# What happened this week

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## School Choir

The choir has a fabulous evening singing at the WHS Carol Service in All Saints Church, Mullingar, where they sung a medley of Christmas Carols. The choir will be singing again next week in Portiuncula Nursing Home, at the 1st Year Student and Parent Welcome Service and at the Big Christmas Assembly on Friday!

## Scéalta Mhic Liam

Keep an eye out next week for the most recent issue of Scéalta Mhic Liam. The TY's are busy getting the finals bits organised for this big Christmas special issue! Bainigí sult!

## Silver Class

The Silver Class has been full of festive fun this week. On Monday, some of our Silver Class students travelled to St. Thomas's National School in Rathowen to view their Christmas play, "Straw and Order". It was absolutely fantastic and loved by all. They were then treated to pizza and some delicious treats after the show! When they returned to school, the Silver Class finished off the newest addition to the school reception area - a life size nutcracker! It was a great team effort led by Ms. Butler, with lots of creativity and problem solving happening to make him come to life! You can see him in reception, where he will greet you with a smile!

## Enrichment Board

Transition Year students Tara-Mai, Mia and Louise produced another excellent video for us to highlight some of students' work on the Enrichment Board. They promote the use of character maps, storyboards, illustrated timelines, and infographics as graphic organisers to produce work. They all have three things in common. They are a combination of words, images and colour. Graphic organisers can aid students in their understanding of complex topics. They are useful for recalling topics, and as you can see, are very creative. For our students, why not choose one method from the Enrichment board and try it out yourself? Thank you to the students for creating the work for the board, and to Tara-Mai, Mia and Louise for producing their educational video.

## Carol Service

The school's annual carol service took place on Monday night in All Saints Church, led by Rev. Ian Horner. The atmosphere was warm and festive as the choir, directed by Ms Ryan and accompanied beautifully by Ms Heslin on the organ, performed a selection of traditional carols. Adding to the seasonal spirit, the following morning the choir sang Silent Night for the whole school at assembly, creating a memorable and uplifting start to the day.

## Whist Drive

On Wednesday night the Amber Flag Committee hosted a Whist Drive to help raise funds for mental health supports for our students. Unfortunately due to circumstances beyond our control it was difficult for people to travel to the school on Wednesday evening and the numbers of attendees were smaller than anticipated but everyone who was able to make it had a great night of cards. There were lots of prizes on offer with some delicious sandwiches and cake for the half time refreshments. At the end of the night there were numerous requests for another night of Whist and the Amber Flag Committee have promised to organise another Whist Drive in the spring. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes and food and to everyone who came to play. See you at the next one!

