

St. Philip the Apostle Junior School



Christmas Newsletter 2024

Dear Children, Parents & Guardians,

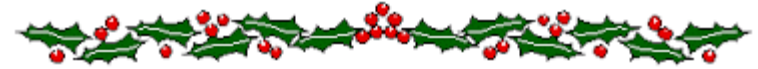
As we approach the end of our First term, and indeed the end of 2024 we would like to thank you all for your continued support and wish you all a happy, safe and healthy Christmas.



Enrolments

Please do not forget to enrol incoming junior infants for 2025/2026. You can enrol online at <https://www.aladdin.ie/i/6544692179107840>

or by calling into Caroline in the office who can assist you with the online application.



Notify NCSE – Special Class/Special School Placement

In the Department of Education Circular gov.ie – New measures to support the Forward Planning for Special Education Provision (www.gov.ie) it is indicated that parents seeking a special class or special school placement for their child for the coming academic year 2025/26 make contact with the NCSE.

The NCSE have set up a dedicated NCSE email address to be used by parents looking to contact them about special class/school placement.

Note: this email address is available **to assist parents who have not yet engaged with their local SENO and wish to make contact with the NCSE for the first time** in relation to seeking a special school/class placement for the 2025/26 school year.

If you have already made contact with your SENO and provided professional reports that may support special class/school placement for your child, there is no need to contact the NCSE via this email address. parentsnotify@ncse.ie is the dedicated NCSE email address you can use to make initial contact with the NCSE.

There is also a pilot programme in Dublin 15 for enrolling in ASD classes in the Dublin 15 area. Further information is available at;

<https://ncse.ie/the-ncse-and-13-dublin-15-schools-commence-autism-class-application-trial>



Christmas Plays

Over the last few days, each class has performed a Christmas play. The performances have been outstanding and the children's talents in acting, singing, poetry and dance have been a joy to behold. Congratulations to all the children and their teachers for all their hard work. Many thanks to parents, grandparents, and family members for coming to support the children; your presence makes each event special and it is a delight to have the families in the school, supporting the children.



Santa Visits Saint Philips

Once again, this year Santa remembered the fabulous children in St. Philip the Apostle JNS and he flew in with all the reindeers while Mrs. Claus was shopping in the Blanchardstown Centre. He left a selection box for every child in the school for all their fabulous work and attendance this term. He got the elves to get selection boxes ready for everyone and he apologies once again if any of them got into mischief in your homes this Christmas. He promises to have a word with them all !!!!!



Christmas Raffles

A sincere thanks to parents for taking part in the school raffle at each play. Your generosity has meant that once again this year we will be able to donate to a local charity. Such a fantastic and worthy cause.

Thank you so much

Attendance

It is extremely important that your child attends school every day that he/she is well. However, if your son/daughter has been sick during the night, please do not send him/her to school next day. It is essential to notify the school if your child is ill or absent from school for any period of time. Please log absence on Aladdin, or send an email to Caroline at office@stphilipsjns.ie.



Tigers After School Care

Tigers After School care providers would love to return to St. Philip the Apostle JNS for the academic year 25/26. However they will need at least 24 fulltime children to sign up to make this venture possible. If you are interested in after school care in St. Philips in the next school year, please send an email to office@stphilipsjns.ie



Christmas Holidays

The school will close on Friday 20th December at 12 noon for the Christmas Holidays. The school will reopen on Monday 6th of January 2025 at 9am. On behalf of myself, Mrs O' Sullivan, and all the staff at St. Philip the Apostle JNS, I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a wonderful year ahead in 2025.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Molloy & the staff of St Philip the Apostle JNS.