

Carbury School

The Mall, Sligo.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Thank you for engaging in the process to elect a mother and father as parent nominees for the Board of Management. Karen Glenister has been elected as the Mothers' Nominee and James Melvin has been elected as the Fathers' Nominee. We will keep you informed in relation to the full list of Board of Management members.

We are now in the process of preparing for the Christmas Carol Service which is always a very special day in the school year.

Warm regards,

Ms. McMahon

Best Wishes to Ms. Maura Conheady

Ms. Maura Conheady will retire on the 22nd December. Maura has been a wonderful addition to the teaching team in Carbury School over the past twenty-two years. Her enthusiasm and passion for teaching has brought much joy to the pupils she taught throughout her career. Maura has shown a genuine commitment to fostering positive relationships in the Carbury community. We wish Maura every health and happiness in her retirement.

Admissions for Junior Infants for the 2024-2025 School Year

We are accepting Application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants for September 2024. The closing date is Thursday, 1st February. **If you have a child due to start school in Junior Infants this September and have not yet completed an application form, please contact Michaela in the office.**

On our school website, you will find the following in the **Admissions Section**:

- Admission Notice
- Admissions Policy 2024-2025
- Application Form for Admission
- Code of Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy Booklet



School Website

www.carburyschool.com

Important Dates

- **Tuesday, 21st November:**
Early School Closure at 1.30 pm and Parent-Teacher Meetings
- **Wednesday, 22nd November:**
Parent-Teacher Meetings
- **Thursday, 7th December:**
School Closed (Staff Training in the new Primary Mathematics Curriculum)

Coats

Please ensure your child brings a coat with a hood or a hat to school each day.

P.E. Lessons

P.E. lessons will take place on Mondays and Thursdays for November and December.

Swimming Lessons

- **5th and 6th Classes** will complete six weeks of swimming lessons, starting on Tuesday, 9th January.
- **3rd and 4th Classes** will complete six weeks of swimming lessons starting on Tuesday, 20th February.

Science Week

Last week, the children throughout the school celebrated Science Week. Thanks to their teachers, the pupils enjoyed taking part in a range of different experiments.

Festive Flower Demonstration

The Parent Association is looking forward to hosting a Festive Flower Demonstration on **Monday, 4th December at 7pm in the school hall**. The talented Wendy McGinty will be making beautiful pieces that will give you ideas for your home for the festive season. If you have bought tickets for other people, please let them know that your name will be on the booking list on arrival.

Christmas Cards Fundraiser

This fundraiser has been a wonderful opportunity to purchase seasonal cards created by your child. We have now submitted our order to Core Print and look forward to seeing the finished products in due course. The Parent Association would like to acknowledge how well our fundraisers have been supported by the parent body. Money raised will benefit the pupils in our school.

Christmas Carol Service and Cake Sale

Each class is working hard to prepare a selection of songs for our Christmas Carol Service. The Carol Service will take place on **Friday, 15th December at 10 am in Calry Parish Church**. All pupils will wear neat school uniform on this day.



The Carol Service will be followed by refreshments and a Cake Sale in the school hall for parent(s)/guardian(s) and visitors from 11 am to 12 noon. This will be organised by the Parent Association. The children will remain in the classrooms and all classes will **finish at 12 noon** on this day.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday, 22nd December

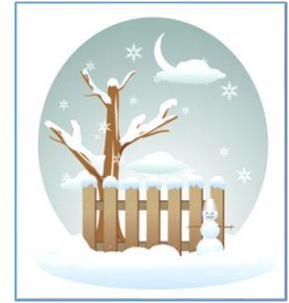
The last day of term will be a non-uniform day. We are asking each child to bring in **€2** and this will be donated to **Sligo Social Services**. They provide vital services to those most in need. Your support for this worthy cause would be greatly appreciated.



Christmas Holidays

The school will close on **Friday, 22nd December 2023** for the Christmas holidays. Please note that Junior and Senior Infants will finish at **11.50 am** and 1st to 6th Class will finish at **12 noon** on this day.

The school will reopen on **Monday, 8th January 2024** for the second term.



Drumcliffe Christmas Tree Festival

The Drumcliffe Christmas Tree Festival is taking place between the 7th and 12th December. We will have a school tree on display which will have decorations from each pupil in our school.

It is our intention to form a Carbury Choir to sing at this event on **Friday, 8th December at 7 pm**. This is open to pupils from 2nd to 6th Classes. **The permission slip must be returned in order for your child to participate.**

Literacy Lift Off

First Class pupils are currently in their penultimate week of the Literacy Lift Off initiative. With the support of the team of teachers, the pupils are making great progress with their literacy skills. We will implement this initiative in Senior Infants in the Spring.

Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal

We would like to acknowledge the generosity of the families in Carbury School. A total of fifty-eight shoeboxes were prepared for the Team Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal. These shoeboxes will serve as a wonderful gift for children in other parts of the world.