

Carbury School

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IMPORTANT DATES

Parent-Teacher Meetings for Pupils in Junior Infants
Wednesday, 28th January and Thursday, 29th January.

Public Holiday
The school will be closed on Monday, 2nd February.

School Closure
The school will be closed on Tuesday, 3rd February for Staff Training.

February Mid-Term Break
The school will be closed on Thursday, 19th February and Friday, 20th February for the mid-term break.

Every School Day Counts

The pupils are working hard and have got off to a great start for Term Two. We would like to emphasise the importance of regular school attendance. **The school strongly advises against taking holidays during term time.** In addition, collecting children from school early for non-essential reasons is disruptive for your child and their classmates.

We do understand, however, that some absences are unavoidable. You must **complete an absence note on Aladdin** each time your child is absent. If this is not completed, the absence is recorded as unexplained.

Attendance Poster Competition

We will hold an Attendance Poster Competition to promote regular school attendance. We will accept one entry per family and it will be set as a homework task to complete on Wednesday, 4th February. This must be the children's own work. The deadline is **Wednesday, 11th February** and the winning entry will be awarded a family cinema pass.

Final Reminder: Admissions for Junior Infants 2026-2027

We are accepting Application Forms for Admission to Junior Infants for September 2026. The closing date is the **6th February 2026**.

School Activities

Welcome Note

We are delighted to welcome Ms. Karrie Chambers, who is completing her teaching placement in 4th Class, and Amelie and Jette from Germany, who are joining us as part of the Erasmus+ programme. We wish them all a rewarding and beneficial time in our school.

Swimming Lessons

5th and 6th Class are currently completing six weeks of swimming lessons. 3rd and 4th Class will complete six weeks of swimming lessons, starting on Tuesday, 24th February. We are very grateful to parents who volunteered to help supervise swimming lessons.

Golf

Fourth Class is delighted to be taking part in a six-week golf programme provided by Golf Ireland. Under the guidance of coach Cian, pupils are enjoying a fun, games-based introduction to golf. Pupils are thoroughly enjoying learning new skills using the specialised equipment provided. We are very grateful to Golf Ireland for their generous support and for supplying golf resources to our school.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day is an EU wide initiative to promote a safer internet for all users, especially young people.

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on Tuesday, 10th February 2026 with the theme “AI Aware: Safe, Smart, and in Control.”



Literacy Lift Off

Senior Infant pupils will complete six weeks of the Literacy Lift Off initiative. With the support of a team of teachers, the pupils will make great progress with their literacy skills.

Shared Education

Pupils taking part in the Shared Education programme are looking forward to meeting up with their friends from S.N. Réalt na Mara tomorrow for a range of engaging and educational activities. 2nd and 3rd Class will enjoy learning about river habitats, completing building projects using Lego Spike and developing their chess skills. 4th Class will visit Rosses Point, where they will work collaboratively with their friends on a variety of STEM activities.

Someone Like Me Winner

Congratulations to Lucy in 5th Class, who is a county winner in the Someone Like Me art competition. This competition promotes disability awareness among primary school pupils, helping children to understand that while we may all have different abilities, we are more alike than different.

Here is some information from Webwise about ChatGPT:

- ChatGPT is a powerful artificial intelligence chatbot that can answer questions, hold text based conversations, and generate a response to user requests.
- Users must be at least 13 years old.
- Talk regularly with your child about their online activity and what to do if something upsets them.
- Encourage critical thinking – Stop, Think, Check information using reliable sources.
- Reinforce the importance of online privacy and not sharing personal information.
- Discuss using ChatGPT safely and ethically.

News from the Parent Association

As a school we are very grateful to the Parent Association for organising the Carbury Christmas Raffle, the Christmas Cards, festive treat boxes and the Cake Sale. They also gifted a lovely treat to each pupil to enjoy after the Carol Service.

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of the Parent Association, the cost of swimming has been greatly reduced for parents. In addition, the Parent Association will contribute to music programmes, P.E. coaching and in-school activities.

Supporting school fundraisers makes a significant difference to the school and the funds raised directly benefit your children.

World Book Day

Pupils will have the opportunity to **dress up as a character from a book on Friday, 6th March.**

The PA will also organise a **Book Swap** to celebrate World Book Day. This is where families donate children's books they no longer need and then each child chooses a book to bring home.

We will accept **donations of children's books from the 4th February up until the 4th March.**



Carbury N.S.
CLOTHING COLLECTION
FUNDRAISER

We can accept:

- Clothes (good condition)
- Towels
- Belts & Handbags
- Hats & Scarves
- Duvet Covers & Curtains
- Paired Shoes (tied together)

Please deliver in black bags to Carbury School.

Collection begins: Monday, 9th March

Collection ends: Friday, 20th March

All items must be clean. No duvets, pillows or cuddly toys.

Cash for Clobber

The Parent Association will hold a clothing collection in March.

Please hold onto items that would be suitable for recycling. This is the perfect way to do a Spring Clean and support the school.

The collection will begin on Monday, 9th March and end on Friday, 20th March. All bags can be left under the stairs next to the front office.



**CARBURY
WORLD Book DAY**

6TH MARCH 2026



Hot Meals Scheme

Martina's Homemade Foods is providing freshly made hot meals for pupils of Carbury NS at no cost to parents. All meals are cooked fresh each morning and delivered hot at lunchtime using insulated hot boxes to ensure food safety and quality.

Families choose from over 20 meals each week and place orders directly through the company's online portal. **The weekly ordering deadline is Tuesday at 6pm.**

Orders automatically roll over from week to week, so if you forget to place an order, your child will receive the same meal as the previous week. **If you know of a planned absence, please let the company know to avoid food waste.**

Wooden forks are provided with meals; however, **pupils are very welcome to bring their own re-usable cutlery to help reduce waste.**

If you have any special requests or concerns, please contact:
info@martinashOMEMADEFOODS.ie



Regulation Breaks

In Carbury, we know that children learn best when they feel calm, comfortable, and ready to engage. That is why we have included regulation breaks in our School Self Evaluation Plan for this year.

Regulation breaks are short, planned pauses that help children manage their energy levels, emotions and focus. These might include stretching, movement breaks or breathing exercises. They help children return to their learning feeling refreshed and ready to do their best.

To continue developing this approach, our Active Committee will be sharing a range of new ideas and activities. These will provide different ways to include regulation breaks in the classroom, ensuring they are fun, engaging, and suitable for children of all ages.

By embedding regulation breaks into everyday school life, we are helping children build lifelong skills of learning. Teaching them how to pause, reset, and look after their own wellbeing.



Getting in touch with the school

The teachers in Carbury School are committed to working with parents to ensure we do our best for the children in our care.

If you would like to speak about a matter affecting your child, contact the school to arrange a time to speak to your child's class teacher.



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