



# Scoil Naomh Lorcán O'Tuathail

## (St. Laurence O'Toole's National School)

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Dear parents/guardians,

A reminder that school will be closed next week from Monday 16th - Friday 20th inclusive for our midterm break. Let us hope that the weather gets the memo and gives us some clear days to enjoy!

### Grandparents Day

Grandparents Day was a huge success again this year! The bad weather did not deter our visitors and we welcomed grandparents into our school (and hearts) last Thursday. All our special visitors enjoyed a cuppa and a chat in the halla when they arrived. Our Peace Proms choir sang several songs for them which were really beautiful and then our grandparents met with all the children in various classrooms. In every room there was chatting, laughing and connection. It was great to see the older and the younger generations sharing stories of school days and lives.

A very big thank you to Ms Fitzpatrick who was the chief organiser behind the scenes this year - it is a huge logistics exercise to ensure everyone is where they need to be and everything went smoothly on the day so well done Margaret!

A very big thank you also to our PA volunteers who were crucial to the overall success of the day. The set up, welcome, provision of refreshments and clean up was all taken care of in their capable hands. I have to make a special mention and thank you to Lizzie Murphy who went above and beyond with helping out this year. It would take too long to detail her contributions this year but she knows - know now that we are all very grateful for your kindness and support of the school, Lizzie!

A final thank you to our Student Council members whose role was so important on the day. Each and every special visitor was welcomed by our Student Council members - a special mention to the "Outside Boys" who stood in the rain to ensure that all our visitors were directed into the building safely [they all happily volunteered for this role!]. Our Student Council then led our grandparents to their designated rooms - I'm not aware of anyone being lost on the way so a job well done to everyone!

### **Catholic Schools Week**

We had an extra special assembly to mark the end of Catholic Schools Week on Friday. We made special thanks and acknowledgements to our grandparents - those who are with us and those who are not. Thank you to all the children who took an active part in the prayer service and the choir who sang so beautifully for us all.

### **Peace Proms**

Peace Proms took place last Sunday in the RDS and our choir had a fantastic time. Our pupils sang with choirs from all over Ireland with a live orchestra. Everyone in attendance was awed with the power of the choir and the professionalism of the event. Well done to all the singers who took part. A very special thank you to Ms Healy for her involvement in leading the pupils in Peace Proms - it is a wonderful experience for all involved and made possible by Ms Healy's dedication.

### **First Confession**

Many of our 2nd class pupils made their First Confession in the church last night. Fr Greene and Fr Doyle were in attendance and it was a lovely ceremony. All the girls and boys were beautifully behaved and all knew their roles and understood the significance of the ceremony. Well done everyone and we all look forward to the First Holy Communion on Saturday 30th May!

### **BOM Update**

The BOM would like to thank Trisha Brady for her support and hard work with the Board of Management over the past few

years. Maura Dunphy has replaced Trisha as Teacher Representative on the Board and we look forward to working with Maura in the coming years.

The BOM is currently seeking a Community Representative. If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role, please get them to contact [chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie](mailto:chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie) or alternatively, contact Ms Sharkey for further information.

### **Roundwood Lotto**

Roundwood Lotto are seeking volunteers for a variety of roles currently to ensure the smooth running of the Lotto. At the end of last school year several volunteers who were parents stepped down as their children left the school. As a school we are fortunate to benefit from the proceeds of the lotto in Roundwood. This year all classes are benefiting from Gymnastics lessons, taught by Schools Fitness, which have been directly funded by the Lotto.

**We are calling on current parents to volunteer with Roundwood Lotto.** Without such support it is not possible for the Lotto to run smoothly. Please, please consider getting involved as your help directly helps your child's school. Contact Terry Kavanagh on 087 255 1579.

### **Confirmation Preparation**

Please see below dates for the Confirmation Preparation meetings which will be held in the school hall for all Confirmation Candidates.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 7pm – 8pm

Dates to Note
<b>School close 1.50pm for all pupils</b> Wednesday 4th March
<b>Lá Glas</b> March 16th - Wear Green for Ice Cream!
<b>Service of Light</b> Tuesday 24th March 2025, 7pm
<b>Confirmation</b> Friday 27th March 2026, 11am
<b>First Holy Communion</b> Saturday 30th May 2026, 11am
<b>6th Class Graduation</b> Thursday 25th June

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*Sinéad Sharkey*

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Principal

#### PARENT NOTES

##### Tennis

The current term of tennis at Roundwood N.S. finished this week,

The next term starts 24th February and you can book here:  
[https://www.jsta.ie/StLaurence\\_OTooles\\_School.html](https://www.jsta.ie/StLaurence_OTooles_School.html)

#### Mid-Term Camp

A one day Mid Term Camp will be held in the school on Thursday 19th February - see below for detail and to book visit:

<https://schoolfitness.classforkids.io/camp/133> or click [here](#)



#### SCHOOL NOTES

##### Designated Liaison Person (DLP)

If you have any concerns of a Child Protection nature, Ms Sinéad Sharkey is the Designated Liaison Person (DLP) in the school. Any concerns can be brought directly to Ms Sharkey. If Ms Sharkey is not available, Ms Kim Kelly is the Deputy Designated Liaison Person (DDLP) and will deal with any issues in the absence of Ms Sharkey.

Please note that our Child Safeguarding Statement and Risk Assessment can be viewed on our website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie)

### **Communication with the School**

If you have any concerns or queries in relation to your child or the school, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance. Teachers can be contacted via the Contact page on our website or alternatively, you can contact the school office directly to make an appointment to speak with the teacher. Please see our Communication with the School Policy on our website [www.roundwoodns.ie](http://www.roundwoodns.ie).

If you are trying to contact the Board of Management on an issue, please send a letter addressed to the Chairperson of the BOM at the school address or, an email to [chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie](mailto:chairpersonbom@roundwoodns.ie).

Please note that the Parental Complaints Procedure is to be used in the first instance for any issues relating to teachers. Emails will be checked prior to Board of Management meetings throughout the year.

### **School Policies**

For copies of any of our school policies, please refer to our website. All policies can be downloaded from the website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the office directly and we will provide you with one.

### **Mobile Phone and Electronic Devices Policy**

Parents are reminded that as per our policy no mobile phones or electronic

devices are allowed in school. If your child needs a device to contact you when travelling home, it must be handed in to the teacher in the morning and will be returned at the end of the day. This is to ensure safeguarding for all in school. This includes smart watches. Please see our full policy at [www.roundwoodns.ie/policies](http://www.roundwoodns.ie/policies) for further information.

### **Road Safety outside School**

Staff have been requested not to park on the Lough Dan Road as cars cover the safety signage on the road. Can all parents please not park on the road either as it is unsafe to cover the road markings. Dropping children off and collecting from this area and the area adjacent to the staff car park is also dangerous and we would ask parents to park safely in the village or Roundwood Inn.