



15/01/2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you are keeping well and looking forward to warmer weather.

### **Congratulations**

We congratulate Ms Warde and Ms Murphy on their recent appointments. Ms Warde will now lead our Wellbeing Curriculum, which includes PE and SPHE, and Ms Murphy will lead the Arts Curriculum, which includes Music, Art and Drama. Welcome to the leadership team.

### **Saint Ita – Scoil Íde**

The feast day of Saint Ita is celebrated annually on the 15<sup>th</sup> January. We will hold a prayer service in our school hall tomorrow, Friday and remember the wisdom and virtues of St Ita. Thanks to Ms Crabbe for organising the service.

### **Junior Infant Enrolment 2026/2027**

Mainstream and ASD junior infant offer letters were sent out this week. Parents have until Monday 19th of January to accept the place offer. If you haven't already confirmed your place, please do so at your earliest convenience.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Class Boys Enrolment in St Joseph's BNS**

Boys will receive their enrolment forms next week, when Mr Coulston visits our school to talk to the boys. Please make sure these forms are returned to St Joseph's school when completed.

### **Stay Safe Programme**

The Stay Safe Programme will shortly commence in our school. Parents received a letter with information about the programme earlier this week. Please remember to sign all Stay Safe worksheets sent home and return them to the school.

### **Attendance – Unexplained Absences & Holiday Letters**

- If your child is absent from school, please provide the school with an explanation for the absence. Failure to do so will result in the absences being queried.
- If you are travelling out of the country during term time for the purpose of recreation/leisure/visiting others, that is defined as a holiday and the holiday letter must be returned to the school.

### **Carambola and going on holidays**

If you are taking holidays during term time, would you kindly inform Carambola to cancel your hot lunches for the duration of the holidays? Please be mindful of the waste of food and money when you allow lunches to be delivered to the school when you know your child/children won't be there.

### **Catholic Schools Week**

Catholic Schools Week runs from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> January at school. This year's theme is Catholic Schools: Normal Lives, Called to Holiness.



### Clubs for this term

Lego & Coding - Tuesdays

Drama & Dance – Thursdays

**Both clubs will run for 6 weeks and cost 50 euros. Slips and information have been circulated among the classes.**

Next term, the Sports & Social Club and Art Club will run.

### Peace Proms

Ms Murphy sent correspondence to all classes involved with the Peace Proms. A payment link for the bus is currently on Aladdin. It is sure to be a great event on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February.

### SIPA

#### Non-uniform Day

We will have a non-uniform day on Friday 30th of January. Children are asked to make a 2-euro donation, and these funds will be used to celebrate Friendship Week in May.

#### *Scoil Íde Disco*

A school disco is planned for Friday, 13th February. More information will follow soon.

#### *School Book Fair*

We are planning a book sale this year and are currently looking for donations. We have moved away from the Scholastic Book Fair and hope to sell/swap books for more reasonable prices. It will be held just before midterm break.

### Holidays

Bank Holiday 2026 The school will be closed on the bank holiday, Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Midterm Break The school is on midterm break on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Staff CPD Full school closure on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February (this day is allocated – we have no say in what day is chosen)

### Re-Turn Initiative

The school recently had a delivery of its Re-Turn Bin. All money raised from bottle returns will go towards the purchase of a fish tank. Thank you to everyone who has supported this initiative so far.

### Sixth Class Hoodies

Sixth-class children will receive their Class of '26 hoodies later this month. Thanks to Mr McDonagh for organising them for the children. The Hoodies will be purchased by the school, with the children contributing some money raised from their recent bake sale.

Keep up to date with all school news by checking out our website [www.scoilideclondalkin.com](http://www.scoilideclondalkin.com)

*Catherine Keane and the Scoil Íde Team.*