



# End of Year Report on Activities Carns NS June 2025

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Summary of Some Activities: September 2024 – June 2025

## 1. Curriculum, Creativity & Enrichment

- Creative Schools Programme – Wish sticks (Nov), Cupcake decorating (May)
- Writers in Schools – Brian Gallagher (Apr)
- Junior Entrepreneur Programme – Carns Candles (Oct–Apr)
- Music Generation – 12-week exploration course for junior pupils (Jan–Mar)
- World Book Week & Day – Dress-up, buddy reading (Mar)
- Seachtain na Gaeilge – Céilís, concert, Tráth na gCeist, Lá Glas (Mar)
- Singing Workshop – Helen Cantrell (Feb)
- St. Brigid’s Crosses – Whole-school activity (Feb)

## 2. STEM, Environmental & Digital Learning

- Engineers Week – Egg Drop Challenge (Mar)
- Marine Institute Squid Dissection – 2nd–6th Class (Mar)
- ARC Aquaculture Workshop – Seniors (Nov)
- Primary Maths Curriculum – Hands-on activities (Jan–May)
- Digital Media – Green screen, presentation tools, Rhys McClenaghan webinar (Oct–Mar)
- School Garden – Garlic (Jan), strawberries (Mar), oats (Apr), perennials (June); harvests in Oct & Dec
- Gardening Meitheal by parents (Feb)
- Heritage in Schools experts:
  - - Steffi Otto – Rope making (Sept)
  - - Helena Golden – Willow weaving & bird feeders (Feb)
  - - Mícheál Coughlan – Biodiversity (Nov), Seashore trip (May)
  - - Annette Corkery – Gardening workshops (Mar)

## 3. Physical Education & Sport

- Swimming – 1st–6th Class (Nov–Jan)
- Fundamental Movement – Sept–Oct
- Table Tennis – Feb
- Tag Rugby – May
- Tennis – June
- Athletics Day – ATU (Sept)
- Water Fight – Senior class (June)
- Sports Day – Whole school (21 June)

## 4. Cultural Trips & Tours

- Model Arts Centre – Jack B. Yeats Exhibit (May)
- Sligo Library & Museum – (May)
- Sligo Abbey – (Oct)

- Creevykeel Court Cairn – (Nov)
- Senior Tour – Dublin Zoo (June)
- Junior Tour – Westport House (June)

## 5. Community Visitors & Career Awareness

- Sligo Fire Brigade visit (10 June)
- Carpentry Talk – Mark Wymbs (Feb)
- Storytelling – Wayne O’Connor at Book Fair (Dec)
- Teddy Bear’s Picnic – Junior Room (May)

## 6. Events, Celebrations & Parent Involvement

- Graduation – 13 June
- Open Evening – 30 Jan
- Carns Book Fair – Dec
- Christmas In-Class Concerts – Dec
- Hallowe’en Dress-Up Day – Oct
- Pancake Tuesday – Feb
- Jersey Day – Feb
- Wellbeing Month – Jan
- Parents’ Association:
  - - Raffles: Hallowe’en (Oct), Easter (Apr)
  - - Refreshments: Book Fair (Dec), Open Evening (Jan), Graduation (June)
  - - Organised Graduation Reception, Santa Visit (Dec)

## Conclusion

- From seashore science and storytelling to sport, singing, and school-grown vegetables, 2024–25 has been a joyful, engaging year. Sincere thanks to our staff, families, and the Board for your continued support. The breadth of experiences offered this year reflects our commitment to whole-child development, creativity, and joyful learning. We look forward to building on this strong foundation in the year ahead.