



CLONMONEY N.S. DECEMBER

newsletter 2025



LATEST NEWS UPDATE:

Dear Parents, Guardians and our wider School Community,

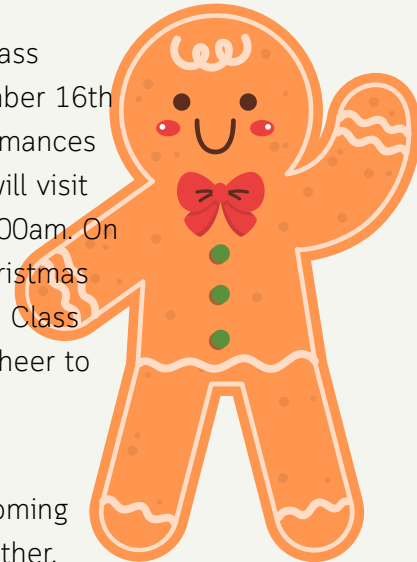
As we approach the end of term, I would like to thank all our pupils, staff and families for the wonderful support, enthusiasm and positivity shown throughout a very busy first half of the school year. December is always a joyful month in Clonmoney NS, filled with creativity, and community spirit, as we join together for our festive occasions, and we look forward to seeing you at these school events.

School Christmas Occasions 2025

We are very much looking forward to a series of special Christmas events across all class levels. Junior and Senior Infants will present their Christmas Shows on Tuesday, December 16th from 1:00 to 1:45pm in Wells Church, followed by the 1st and 2nd Class Festive Performances on the same day from 2:00 to 2:45pm, also in Wells Church. Our 3rd and 4th Classes will visit Carrigoran House for Community Christmas Carols on Thursday, December 18th at 11:00am. On Wednesday, December 17th from 2:15 to 3:15pm, 5th and 6th Classes will perform Christmas carols and songs at the entrance to Meadows & Byrne in Bunnratty, with pupils from 4th Class who play musical instruments also taking part. These events promise to bring festive cheer to our school and wider community.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

Warmest congratulations to Ms. Clíodhna McCannon and her fiancé Niall on their upcoming wedding later this month. We wish them a long life of happiness and good health together. From all in Clonmoney NS – congratulations and every good wish!



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Clonmoney NS Christmas Occasions 2025:

- Tues. 16th Dec.- Juniors & Senior Infants - Wells Church 1:00 - 1:45pm
- Tues. 16th Dec.- 1st & 2nd Classes - Wells Church 2:00 - 2:45pm
- Wed, 17th Dec. - 5th & 6th Classes - Christmas Carols & Musicians' Performance - Meadows & Byrne, Bunnratty, from 2:15 pm.
- Thur. 18th Dec. - 3rd & 4th Classes - Community Christmas Carols at Carrigoran House, at 11 am.

Other Dates for your diary in December

- Friday, 5th of Dec. - Late, Late Toy Show giftbags for all pupils from P.A.
- Saturday 6th Dec. @ 6pm - Enrolment Mass for (6th) Confirmation Class
- Friday, 19th of December - School closes at 12:00





Hot Meals Scheme - eTenders Update

As you are aware, our hot meals scheme has been operating successfully since 28th August this year. In line with national requirements, the school published a call for tender for the contract covering January 2026 to January 2028. We are pleased to confirm that Obair Newmarket-on-Fergus CLG has been awarded the contract. Their proposal demonstrated a strong organisational and operational capacity, highly trained and cross-skilled staff, a strong commitment to sustainability, waste minimisation, local sourcing and meaningful engagement with the local community. We look forward to continuing this positive partnership for the coming years.

Recent Policy Reviews

Over the past number of weeks, the Staff and Board of Management have reviewed and ratified the following policies and procedures:

- Child Protection Procedures, Risk Assessment, Statement & Risk Assessment Checklist
- Mobile Phone Usage Policy for Staff, developed to support the safety and protection of pupils and staff
- New Spelling Policy, outlining the structured and consistent approach to teaching spelling, including the use of dictation

**All policies are available to view on our school website.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-Teacher Meetings for the 2025-26 school year will take place on:

 Tuesday & Wednesday, January 27th & 28th 2026.

 2:30 - 5:00pm

Some meetings may also be scheduled before or after school on Monday, Thursday or Friday of the same week. These meetings offer a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, learning, wellbeing and development.

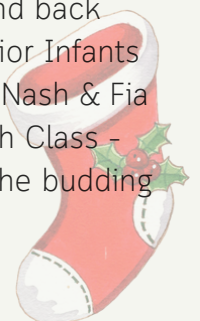
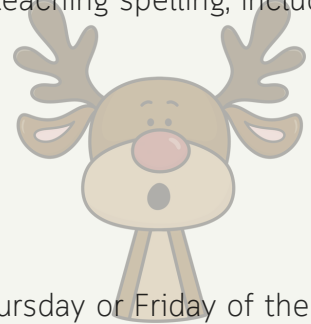
Bookings will be organised via the Aladdin Connect app and released to parents in early January when we return after the Christmas break.

Curricular News

Science & STEM Week took place from November 10th-14th, and well done to all pupils for their excellent preparation, creativity and scientific discovery. Classes visited one another to demonstrate projects based on the Energy and Forces strand of the Science curriculum, and the curiosity and enthusiasm shown by the children were a joy to see. All classes also revisited our **Bí Cineálta (Be Kind) / Anti-Bullying Policy** at an age-appropriate level, reinforcing the importance of kindness, respect and understanding, while pupils from 3rd to 6th Class completed a Google Forms survey to share their thoughts and experiences; this work will continue in Term 2 through the Stay Safe Programme of the SPHE curriculum. **Our Friendly Fridays initiative**, led by the Student Council, is also off to a fantastic start, with pupils enjoying buddy playground games and buddy reading, helping to strengthen friendships and build a positive school atmosphere, and in December we look forward to our Buddy Act of Kindness as a thoughtful way to end the term.

School Calendars 2026

A reminder that the Clonmoney NS 2026 School Calendars, featuring photos of all the pupils in our 8 classes and the winning artwork based on the theme "The Four Seasons of Clonmoney," are now available to order on Aladdin ePayments. The winning pieces, which will appear on the front and back covers of the calendar, were created by: Junior Infants - Fionn O'Connell & Kabir Chokshi; Senior Infants - Grace Nash & Teddy O'Connor; 1st Class - Andy O'Leary & Meryl O'Keefe; 2nd Class - Aoife Nash & Fia McCarthy; 3rd Class - Aimee Conway & Olly O'Leary; 4th Class - Luke O'Leary & Mia Haugh; 5th Class - Fiadh Liston & Declan Kilker; and 6th Class - David O'Neill & Caitlin O'Grady. Well done to all the budding artists who took part.



Assembly Awards - November

Junior Assembly - Daltaí na Seachtaine: Kabir Chokshi, Lucy Sheehy, Elmir Osmanov, Holly Aherne, Karen Meehan, Felix Heelan, Danny O'Connor, Myles Rice, Ava Crowe

Senior Assembly - Daltaí na Seachtaine: Jenna Hamilton, Aoibh McGirl, Rua Liston, Molly O'Connor, Michael Bon, Charlie McKeogh, Ella Kirby, Eoin Meehan Congratulations to all pupils who were recognised this month for their hard work, kindness and positive attitude.

Thank you once again for your continued cooperation and support. We look forward to a joyful and busy December with our pupils and school community.

Wishing all families a peaceful and happy Christmas season,

Is mise le meas,

David McCormack, Principal

CALENDAR 2026 ART COMPETITION WINNERS



Declan Kilker, David O'Neill, Luke O'Leary, Mia Haugh, Fiadh Liston, Caitlin O'Grady, Aimee Conway, Olly O'Leary



Fionn O'Connell, Kabir Chokshi, Grace Nash, Teddy O'Connor, Meryl O'Keeffe, Andy O'Leary Aoife Nash, Fia McCarthy

Our new school Jerseys!



Many thanks to CL Contractors for their sponsorship.

Dates for Your Diary in 2026 - Terms 2 & 3

- **Parent Teacher Meetings** - Tue. & Wed. 27th & 28th Jan. '26 (2:30 - 5:00pm)
- **School Closure** for Staff Curricular Training: Wednesday, February 4th
- **February Mid-Term Break:** Thursday & Friday, 19th & 20th Feb. '25
- **St. Patrick's Public Holiday Weekend:** Monday, March 16th & Tuesday, March 17th
- **First Reconciliation for 2nd Class:** Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm in the Wells.
- **Easter Holidays:** Monday, March 30th - Friday, April 10th
- **First Holy Communion for 2nd Class:** Saturday, April 25th at 11 AM in the Wells.
- **School Closure** for Curricular Staff Training: Wednesday, May 6th
- **Confirmation Day for 6th Class:** Friday, May 22nd at 11am in NOF Church
- **Summer Holidays Begin:** Wednesday, June 24th at 12:00 noon.