

## SAFETY NOTICES:

**SUPERVISION  
STARTS AT  
8:20AM**

**KEEP BUS BAY  
CLEAR FOR BUSES**

**DRIVERS MUST  
WATCH OUT FOR  
CHILDREN WALK-  
ING & CYCLING**

**NO PARENTS ON  
SITE DURING  
YARD BREAKS**

**ARRIVE NO  
EARLIER THAN  
1PM FOR 1:20PM  
PICK-UP.**

**KEEP GARDEN  
AREA CLEAR FOR  
CLASSES**

**PARENTS ARE  
NOT PERMITTED  
TO PARK IN THE  
STAFF CAR PARK**

**WE ARE A NUT-  
FREE SCHOOL**

**ANY SAFETY OR  
WELFARE  
CONCERNS  
CONTACT:**

**SHEELAGH MURPHY  
(PRINCIPAL & DLP)**

**STEPHEN TERRY  
(DEPUTY  
PRINCIPAL & DDLP)**



### Merry Christmas!

It was great to welcome so many parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters to the school this week for the Christmas Performances. We are really proud of the boys and the work that they put into the shows. We hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a very Happy New Year!



### 3rd Week of Advent

This is the 3rd week of Advent and we have the rose candle lighting. This is the candle of Joy. To-day we also brought the whole school together in the hall for a little prayer service before we finish up for the holidays.



### The Season of Giving

There has been lots of wonderful acts of giving in the run up to Christmas. We had our own St. Vincent de Paul food drive and we also want to thank the local Lyons Club and the Credit Union

for their support of the school community.



Over 4 million litres of clean drinking water delivered, in almost 1000 trucks

### Uisce for Gaza Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Jumper fundraiser. We have approx. €400 to send on to the Irish charity 'Uisce for Gaza'.



### Walk In Flu Vaccine Clinics

The HSE has asked schools to notify parents of free walk-in clinics for children to avail of the nasal flu vaccine over the Christmas holidays. The current flu is affecting children, those under 15 have the highest rates of infections and hospital admissions. The local clinics will take place on:  
**29/12/25 10am-3pm St. Fintans Portlaoise**  
**30/12/25 10am-3pm Tullamore Primary Care**  
All are welcome to walk in and request the nasal vaccine, free of charge.



### School Bag Restock

Don't forget to clean out the school bags over the holidays and restock stationery items for Term 2.



### New Hot Meal Supplier

The Lunchbag will be our new hot meal provider from January 2026. The change over follows a recent procurement process on E Tenders. We want to thank Bradburys for working so well with us for the past number of years and we wish them well. The Lunchbag are working hard to set up the new service and are planning to launch in Scoil Phádraig on Wednesday 14th January. In the meantime we will need parents to provide cold lunches for their children from the 5th January until the new set up is ready to go.



### Dates for the Diary

**Mon 5th January—**Return to School  
**Wed 14th January—**Staff Meeting \*school will close at 12:20pm  
**Mon 2nd February—**Bank Holiday  
**Wed 4th February—**Staff Training Day 1  
New Curriculum  
\*school closed