Scoil Chríost Rí

Christmas Newsletter



December 2025

Message from Mr. O' Connor

As we approach the Christmas break, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their warm welcome and support since my appointment in September. It is a wonderful privilege to lead our school and to see our community thriving with such positivity, inclusion, and enthusiasm.

A special word of thanks goes to all our pupils for their hard work, kindness, and daily efforts in school. To our parents and guardians, your support makes an enormous difference to school life, and we truly appreciate everything you do. I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year as we continue to build on our shared success.

Finally, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to our staff for their ongoing dedication and care for our pupils. Their commitment and creativity ensure that our school remains a welcoming, engaging, and supportive place for everyone.

Wishing all members of our school community a safe, peaceful, and enjoyable Christmas break.





Welcome to Our School!

We would like to welcome our Junior Infants to our school. We hope that they have a very Happy and successful 8 years with us! We would also like to welcome our new pupils who have also joined us this year in to other classes.









We will be accepting applications for enrolment for September 2026 after Christmas (from 7th January until 5th February). Our admissions notice has been published on our school website which outlines deadlines for enrolment. Enrolment forms can be downloaded from our school website or alternatively we will be happy to post out enrolment forms to any family that may require one. We will be holding an Annual Parents information night in early January (date to be confirmed). Please pass on this message to friends, neighbours and family members who are looking to enrol their child in our school for next September .

Upcoming Dates and Notifications

HOLY COMMUNION

Sacraments

First Holy Communion 12th of May 2026 Confirmation:23rd of March 2026

School Closures:

Friday 19th December- half day - day of school holidays (11.50 for infants and 12 for all other classes)

Eco Unesco

Ms. McGrath and Ms. Meaney's classes took part in the "Student Leadership Training" course. Our classes learned what it takes to be a leader in our community. They developed new skills and thought of ways to put sustainable development into practice in our local community.

Ms.Hayes' Class actively engaged in a very informative workshop on 'Food for the Future' where pupils were challenged to explore the land used for various food items consumed regularly. The pupils also learned about how climate change and industrial farming practices affect food production and communities. There was a great discussion on reducing food waste and the importance of biodiversity.

Ms. O'Malley's class took part in a workshop based on 'Marine Life'. The children learned what is means to be a Global Citizen and they looked at different layers of the ocean. 4th and 5th class enjoyed looking at images of the 'Twilight Zone'. The pupils also discussed some threats to marine life and how we can help protect marine life.



Clarecare
Together We Care

Clarecare Christmas Card

Ms Cunningham's Junior Infants had great fun helping Clarecare design their annual Christmas card! Working in teams, we traced each other's hands, cut them out, and arranged them into a festive Christmas tree. Along the way, we learned about the wonderful work Clarecare does for people in our community and were thrilled to support their efforts.
We decided to sell these cards during our play as a fundraiser for Clarecare as they help so many people throughout the year. We are delighted to announce that we raised €225 for Clarecare! Thank you to everyone who supported us!

Sports News

Boys Football

Our senior boys' football team put in a fantastic effort at the recent blitz in Ruan. After very competitive training sessions with Mr. Danaher and Mr. Roughan, the boys were ready for their blitz. They earned fine wins over Ennis Educate Together and Holy Family Senior School, narrowly missing out on qualification after a 2 point loss to Ruan.

Girls football

Our fantastic footballers played a blinder against Crusheen National School, Caherea/Ballynacally/Clondrinagh's team, and St. Conaire's National School. Led by Captain Ella Downey, the girls showed great teamwork, determination, and school spirit throughout the day, representing our school with pride.

Athletics

In September boys and girls from 2nd class to 6th class took part in the East Clare Primary Schools Athletics Competition in Lee's Road. The competition was tough but every student gave their best effort and cheered on their classmates. Well done to all who took part.

Badminton

Badminton is thriving in Scoil Chríost Rí. Our junior players train with Ms. Madden,Ms. McGrath and the 6th class coaches, Ella, Emma, Ella M, Kseniia and Katie each Wednesday afternoon. Our senior players train with Ms. de Barra every Thursday morning before school. We look forward to more training sessions and matches in the New Year!







Our Third and Fourth classes had a number of fantastic day out at the GoGames Primary Schools Football Blitz in the Fairgreen today. Approximately 320 pupils from 6 primary schools were in attendance. We are so proud of all SCR pupils, who behaved and participated excellently.





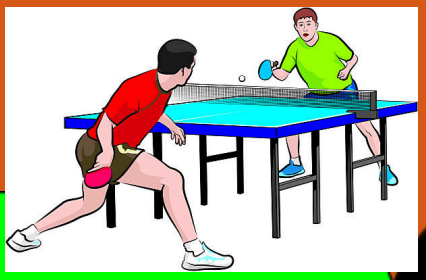


Table Tennis

We have been fortunate in Term 1 to have had Clare Sports Partnership work with our 4th/5th classes in showcasing the game of table tennis to all.This will continue into Term 2 and we will look to share our new skills and games with other classes around the school once the lessons have been completed.



Basketball

Basketball training kicked off this term and will continue into next term for our 6th Class girls and boys. The girls train on Monday evenings with Ms. Meaney and Ms. O'Gorman, and the boys train on Thursday evenings with Ms. Meaney and Ms. Kavanagh. Both teams will take part in the Marion Keane competition, which is a special event for Scoil Chríost Rí. We look forward to showing off our skills and representing our school with pride!

Our exciting new woodwork initiative has begun with impressive creativity and teamwork. The boys have already completed two fantastic projects: a sturdy mud kitchen for Ms. Collins' class to enjoy during yard time, and a festive Christmas Santa sleigh for the whole school to use in their nativity performances. Their enthusiasm promises many more wonderful creations ahead.



PA News

The Parents Association met on the 3rd of December. They have begun planning events how they can support the pupils and staff in our school. If you want to get involved and support the PA please let Mr. Garry know and he will add you to the group. One of the first areas they are researching is the possibility of creating a morning and afternoon club in school. Keep an eye on school notice board for further details.





Band is back!!

In Term 1, our pupils from First to Sixth Class have settled back into the rhythm of learning music , starting once again with the tin whistle before progressing to a variety of musical instruments including the accordion and violin. Through this journey, the children are developing a wide range of valuable skills: they are strengthening their fine-motor coordination, deepening their understanding of melody, rhythm, and notation, and building confidence in reading and playing music independently. They are also learning the importance of practice, patience, and perseverance, while gaining the ability to listen carefully—both to themselves and to others. As they collaborate during group music sessions, they grow in teamwork, communication, and creative expression, making music not only an artistic pursuit but a meaningful part of their overall development.



School Choir

Children from 2nd class to 6th class have joined together to form a Scoil Chríost Rí choir. We have enjoyed learning new songs together and it has added great excitement to our school community. Children gain a strong sense of belonging, and we're excited to see their confidence grow as they proudly represent their school.







Visit of Éire Óg Double Champions 2025

Our school had a special link to the Double Senior Champions of Clare this year. Mr. Mc Carthy was the physio for both teams. Former pupils Ikem Ugweuru and David Reidy (Capt.) played a huge part in the victories. The winning panel members made a welcome visit to the school in Term 1 with the cups. The school was decked out in red and white and a great time was had by all. Congratulations to our local GAA Club, Eire Óg, Inis.





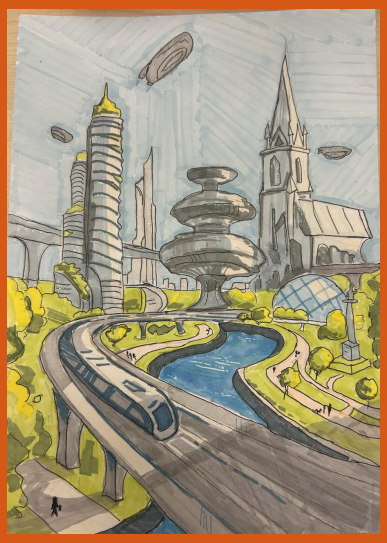




Juniors - 1st Glór Visit

Junior Infants to 1st Class were thrilled to attend *A Little Christmas Time* in Glór. It was a wonderful treat for the children after all their hard work preparing for the Christmas play. We danced, sang along, and loved every moment—especially the excitement of travelling together on the bus! It was the perfect way to kick off the festive season and fill us all with Christmas cheer.





St. Francis Credit Union Art Competition

Massive congratulations to Kamilla who was awarded 2nd place in the St. Francis Credit Union Art Competition 2025 titled 'The Future is'. We are so proud of you and your work!
Well done Kamilla!



Punctuality Awards

For the month of December Mr. Garry has ran a punctuality raffle with some amazing prizes. Here are some of our lucky winners







Attendance

Good attendance is an important component of a student's education.
If your child misses school, please do one of the following: -
Contact Pam in the office on 0656820105
* Speak to the teacher or write a note or provide a medical cert.
* Ring Joe Garry (Home School Community Link) – 087 646 1836 He will update Aladdin and inform the teacher.
*Ring Sabrina Sheehan (Pupil Support Worker) – 087 967 2462 She will update Aladdin and inform the teacher.
The reason for this is under the Education Welfare Act 2000, if a child misses 20 days the school is legally obliged to report this to the Education Welfare Service & in some instances you may be required to meet the Education Welfare Officer if your child does miss 20 days.

With thanks,
Danny O'Connor
Principal





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WATER SAFETY IRELAND

Water Safety Ireland

All at Scoil Chríost Rí were delighted recently when Water Safety Ireland selected our school as this year's recipient of the Leon Quinlan Perpetual award. Leon sadly drowned in 2004 and his mum, Lynn proposed an award in his memory which is presented annually to one primary school in Ireland which goes that extra mile to promote water safety.

This year, Scoil Chríost Rí were honoured to receive the award and three Rang a Sé students : Oli, April & Kseniia travelled with Mr. Garry and Mrs. O Neill to U.C.D. on Tuesday last.

Scoil Chríost Rí is presently running its acquatics programme which offers all páistí swimmimg lessons, with kayaking tuition also available from rang a trí to rang a sé.



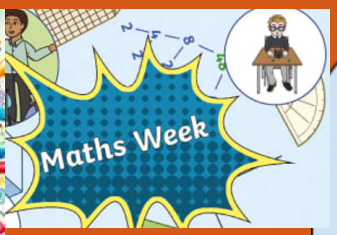
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Primary Teachers Promoting Chess

Kayak Le Cheile

After a number of cancellations due to the weather the 6th class pupils finally got out on the Kayaks. They travelled up to Ballyalla and had a lovely morning on the open water. They are already looking forward to their next trip on the water

Pupils in 3rd class are learning how to play chess this Autumn. This is the 4th year we have been teaching chess to the pupils. They are learning a number of skills through the game such as learning to win with grace and impulse control, improve memory, develop problem solving skills, improve concentration and focus, develop planning and foresight and improve creativity.
The school will host its very first Ficheall tournament on the 3 rd February 2026. In this event two teams of eight from 3 rd/4th and 5 th/6th will play against other schools from the Clare area.







Science week and maths weeks were celebrated in school and all the pupils experience a wide range to hands on maths manipulatives and experiments with their class. They had great fun working on topics from Lego Kits, Isak 9, clocks, money, shapes, baking, electricity, magnets, force kits and much more.

Ms. O'Malley's class visited Mowlam and St. Joseph's Nursing Home. The children sang songs and gave the cards to the residents. It was lovely to be able to give back to the local community and bring a smile to the faces of so many people in our community.





Christmas Dinner

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This week the pupils got treated to a Christmas dinner from the Sherwood hotel. The atmosphere in the halla was so cheerful as they enjoyed their turkey hand stuffing and much more while enjoying Christmas tunes. It was made even more special as members of the Parents Association came in and help to create favors for the pupils so they had a lovely treat after their meal.







Christmas plays

The Christmas plays took place in the Hall on the 11th of December. It was a fantastic celebration of singing, dancing, poetry, gaeilge and entertainment. Well done to all the pupils who performed so beautifully in stage. Thanks to all the staff who helped to prepare them for the show. You were all amazing.









