



EDITION 5

# MERCY CONVENT PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY '26



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are already four full weeks back at school, with Christmas now feeling like a distant memory. The past month has been a very busy and positive one across the school. There has been lots of great learning happening in classrooms, Mr McCabe's class attended the Stripe Young Scientist competition in the RDS, we celebrated Catholic School's Week and Grandparent's Day with our Junior Infants and 3<sup>rd</sup> Classes. Bradbury's kindly organised nutritional talks for some of our classes. Our 5th and 6th class girls put on a fantastic production of *The Wizard of Oz* in the Moat Theatre during the past week and staff also engaged in our first closure day focusing on the new Primary Curriculum Framework. Our basketball team have also reached the final and we are incredibly proud of these girls! These are just some of the many highlights from the past few weeks!

Wishing you all a healthy and happy 2026 and I hope everyone enjoys the long weekend ahead!

*Cathal Ruane*

## JANUARY ATTENDANCE

School attendance for January 2026 was 94.6%, showing a slight increase from 93.6% in January 2025. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school regularly, whenever they are well enough to do so.

For more information on the importance of school attendance, [please click here](#)



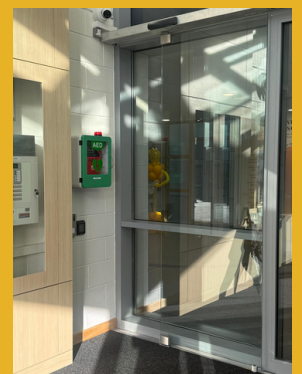
## UPCOMING EVENTS



- Bank Holiday
  - School Closed: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- St. Brigid's Day Mass (School only)
  - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February
- Parents' Association Clothes Collection
  - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - 6.00pm to 8.00pm
  - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - 9.00am to 10.00am
- STEM Week
  - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February
- 6<sup>th</sup> Class Valentine's Bake Sale
  - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February
- Mid-term Break (School Closed)
  - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> & Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR  
2026

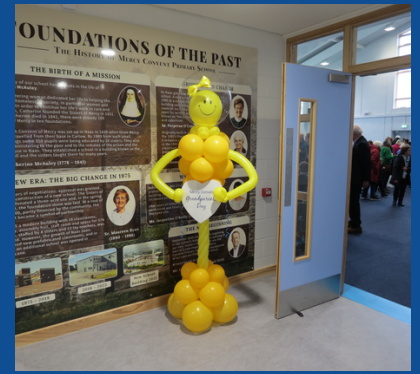
## AED DEFIBRILLATOR



We have an AED (defibrillator) located just inside the main door at reception. Our school Eircode is W91 XC94, which should be given to emergency services if required. In an emergency, having quick access to an AED can make a real difference.



## GRANDPARENT'S DAY



## WHIRL POWER!

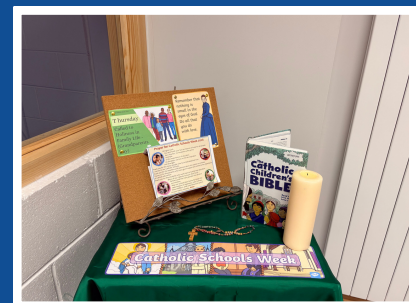
A huge congratulations to Mr McCabe and his 5th class on their fantastic project, Whirl Power! The Quest for the Perfect Wind Turbine Blade.

The class had the opportunity to showcase their impressive work at the Stripe Young Scientist Exhibition in the RDS this month. They have even been contacted by Wind Energy Ireland, a fantastic recognition of the quality and real-world relevance of their work.

Well done girls!



## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK



CSW is a week each year when we celebrate our Catholic schools and all that we do to bring our faith to life. This year's theme, "Normal Lives, Called to Holiness," celebrated how we are all called to be saints in our every day lives.



# WIZARD OF OZ

Our 5th and 6th class girls recently staged The Wizard of Oz in the Moat Theatre. A huge thank you to our staff for their dedication, to parents for their support, and most of all, to the pupils themselves for their hard work and fantastic performances! From Kansas to Oz, we've reached the rainbow's end!



## Gentle Reminders

- Kindly update Aladdin should your child be absent.
- If absent please cancel Bradbury's hot lunch via the app.
- We have a healthy eating policy and encourage healthy eating. Please click [here](#) for details.
- Punctuality is important and greatly assists with a smooth day.
- Please wear school tracksuit on PE days only. Formal uniform every other day.

## PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

# CLOTHES COLLECTION

ACCEPTING 'GOOD QUALITY' ITEMS FOR RE-USE:

Men's, Ladies & Children's clothing, Paired shoes, Bedsheets, Towels, Handbags, Hats, Bags, Scarves, Ties, Belts & Soft toys

**Mercy Convent Primary School, Naas.**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2026 - 6pm to 8pm.

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026 - 9am - 10am

No bags will be accepted after this date



Fundraising for  
**Mercy Convent Primary School, Naas.**

Collections by  
**Textile Drive Ltd**  
Contact:  
**085 1983353**

### Not accepted:

Duvets, Blankets, Pillows & cushions, Charity shop items, Carpets, rugs, Mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats), Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing, School uniforms with and without logo, Corporate clothing & workwear, Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material