



# Scoil an Tamhnaigh

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26<sup>th</sup> of November 2025

Dear Parent(s),

I would like to bring the following to your attention in this November newsletter.

## **Christmas Concert:**

The children are practicing very well with their teachers and they are really looking forward to performing on the night. The concert will start at 7pm on Thursday December 11<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a raffle on the night which is an important fundraiser for the school. The Parents Association are requesting your help with donations for Christmas hampers & spot prizes for the Christmas Concert raffle i.e. sweets & treats, selection boxes, vouchers, games etc. If you have any unwanted baskets/hampers please recycle and drop off at the school office.

There is a box left in the school reception area so please leave raffle donations in the box if you wish to support, before Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December. The Parents Association will collect the donations this week and next week. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

## **Team Hope Christmas Shoeboxes Thank You:**

Well done for your amazing generosity and a total of 46 boxes were collected for this project. These Christmas boxes will make many children smile at Christmas time in Africa and Eastern Europe.

## **Enrolment to Toonagh NS 2026/27**

Toonagh NS is now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants 2026/27. If you know of a parent with a child who would like a place in our school in Junior Infants or in another class for September 2026, they can email Noelette to receive an Application Form for Enrolment. Prospective parents can make an appointment to see the school and we will show them around. Thank you.

## **Hot School Meals:**

The e-tendering process to decide on a school meals provider for Toonagh concludes this Friday November 28<sup>th</sup>. The hot school meals will start in Toonagh NS within the first two weeks that the children return to school in January 2026. Each child will be provided with a hot dinner/meal, free of charge that will be delivered by the chosen school meals provider. There will be more details in the December newsletter.

## **School Attendance:**

Since we returned on August 30<sup>th</sup>, Toonagh National School has an excellent average attendance of 94%. Please let the school know if your child is absent and the reason why. It is school policy that reasons must be given in writing/email to the class teacher.

## **Secondary School Applications - Sixth Class Pupils:**

Application forms for the local secondary schools are available on each school's website. Applications are now being accepted and the closing date for the application forms for the Ennis Secondary Schools is 12.30pm, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

## **Department of Education Survey:**

Please see an email and letter sent home earlier this month about a survey of school communities which the Department of Education and Youth is conducting. This is the first time that a survey of this scale is being run by the department. The survey is open until December 16<sup>th</sup> and a link is available here [www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey](http://www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey).

## **New Staffing Appointments:**

In Term 1 Lourda Flanagan joined the staff as a Special Needs Assistant and we wish her very well in Toonagh NS. Also in Term 1 Éadaoin McGinley was appointed to the teaching post in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> class for this school year we hope she enjoys her time with us in Toonagh NS.

## **School Sport**

- **Cross Country:** Well done to our pupils who qualified for the Clare Cross Country County Finals in Lees Road where all our athletes acquitted themselves very well. Special mention to Ella Rose Tierney and Ella Treacy (both 3<sup>rd</sup> class) who were medal winners on the day.
- **Hurling & Camogie Wall Ball League:** This league is up and running for boys that wish to take part from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. The league takes place at sos and lunch times in the excellent Indoor Astro Turf facility and it is helping the children to develop their skills. The girls' league will start after the Christmas holidays.

## **Halloween Fun:**

The children had great enjoyment and fun during our Halloween dress-up and parade in our Astroturf before the mid-term break. Each child received treats from the school and it was a happy end to the first half-term for the children. You can see the photos of this fun day on our Instagram page.

## **School Closure Dates for Training:**

Department of Education teacher training on the new curriculum will take place on the following two dates and school will be closed:

**Tuesday 20/01/26:** School closed for teacher training in Clare Education Centre on the new Primary Curriculum.

**Wednesday 29/04/26:** School closed for teacher training in Clare Education Centre on the new Primary Curriculum.

## **Support your school by donating your Re-turn logo drinks containers:**

You can now donate your Re-turn logo drinks containers here at school if you wish. Parents or children can deposit them to our Re-Turn Orange Bin here at school which is left in the laneway beside Ms. Garrahy's room. Each time the bin is full our Parents Association will return the containers to a central depot.

The school will raise 15 cent from every drink container between 150ml – 500ml. We'll raise 25 cent from every drink container over 500ml – 3 Litres. More details on the poster attached. Thanks to our Parents Association for organising this and funds raised will go towards important school resources.

## **Parents Association News:**

- **Christmas Concert Raffle:** A box is left in the school reception area to leave donations in, by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of December.
- **Toy Show Celebration Box:** The Parents Association are putting together treat boxes for the Late Late Toy Show. For those that have ordered, they will be distributed next week.
- **Christmas Cards:** The pupils designed Christmas cards again this year and the Parents Association will have these available soon.
- **Book Fair:** The Book Fair was held in the school this week and last week. It was an opportunity to get some books while also supporting our school. Thanks to the parent volunteers who helped out with the running of the Book Fair and it was a great success. As a result of the Book Fair the school earned €563.75 in rewards towards new school library books.
- **Christmas Tree and decorations before the Toy Show!** Members of our PA and parents will put up our Christmas Tree and decorations in our school reception area.

## **Important Dates coming up:**

- **Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>:** Donations for Christmas Concert raffle fundraiser by this date. Thanks for your support.
- **Thursday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>:** Christmas Concert @7pm.
- **Friday Dec 19<sup>th</sup>:** School closes for Christmas Holidays @12.30pm.

Thanks for your continued support.

*Gearóid Roughan*

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