



5th January 2026



NUACHT NA CROISE NAOFA

Céad Míle Fáilte Romhaibh Ar Ais Ar Scoil

We would like to welcome all of our families back to Holy Cross School after what we hope was an enjoyable and restful Christmas break where everyone had the opportunity to spend some time relaxing with loved ones.

The first term of 2026 promises to be another busy and exciting time in Holy Cross. Please see the next page for some dates for the diary!

Míle Buíochas,
John McGrath

PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Well done to our 4 winners of the Holy Cross Way Raffle before Christmas (we picked a few extra names from the hat given the day that was in it!). Please see the full list of nominees from the teachers later in the Nuachtlitir.

Well done also to all of our students for raising €473 for Pieta House on our Christmas Jumper Day!





Dates for the Diary

Monday 2nd February - Bank Holiday

Friday 6th February - Grandparents Day

Monday 16th to 20th February - Mid Term Break

Friday 27th February - PA Movie Night

Wednesday 4th March - School Closure - Staff In-Service - New Primary Maths Curriculum

Wednesday 4th March - Ceremony of Light (Confirmation - Rang 6)

Wednesday 11th March - First Reconciliation (First Communion - Rang 2)

Tuesday 17th March - Bank Holiday

Friday 20th March - Confirmation (Rang 6)

Thursday 26th March - Spring Dramas (*Junior Infants, Rang 1, Rang 3, Rang 5*)

Grandparents Day 2026

As you can see from the above information, Grandparents Day, one of the most special days in the Holy Cross calendar, is taking place at the beginning of next month.

Some of the times etc. are still being finalised for the big day and will be communicated before the date, but the day will loosely run as follows:

- Children and staff will attend Mass in Holy Cross church on Friday 6th at 10:30am. All parents and grandparents welcome.
- Following Mass, Grandparents of ALL children from Junior Infants - Rang 6 will make their way back to the school halla where they can have a cuppa and a chat and enjoy some entertainment - the more the merrier! After tea, the Grandparents can pay a short visit to their grandchild's class to say hello if they wish!

It might be a good idea to flag the date with the Grannies and Grandads now! We are all very much looking forward to welcoming our VIPs on the day.

Keep an eye on the Nuachtliitir over the next few weeks for further information.



Holy Cross Way Roll of Honour

Well done to all of our nominees listed below who went above and beyond in December for our "Community" month. They set a great example for us all in the school and we are very proud of them.

**Ms Hegarty &
Ms Smith**

Myles
Hugo
Elliana
Emma
Odhran
Patrick

Ms. O'Shea

Sam
Tudor
Zac
Ollie
Cian
Nicholas

Ms. Kennedy

Maximo
Ríona
Dominic
Kaden
Izzy
Sofia

Mr. Jackson

Adam
Kai
Luke
Ioana
Pati
Aham

Ms. Lane

Andrew
Gracia
Evelyn
Eiryn
Luna
Willow

Mr. McDaid

Ben
Sophie
Harry
Ciara
Beth
Beau

Ms. Faulkner

Dylan
Cian
Faya
John
Annabel
Alex

Mr. Kelly

Ronan
George
Zainab
Muneeb
Aisling
Ethan

Mr. Fitzgerald

Isaac
Adam
Matthew
Bianca
Aaron
Elena

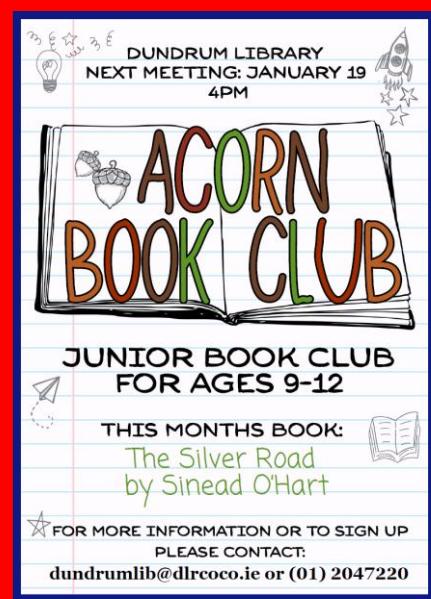
Ms. Finnegan

Liam
Saoirse
Freddie
Arsen
Evan
Adam

Dundrum Library Junior Book Club

Dundrum Library have started a Junior Book Club for children aged 9-12. They will meet once a month in Dundrum Library and chat about the book we have all just read. It is led by library staff and they select one book each month and provide copies of it for the children so they can read it before the next meeting.

Further contact details on the poster!





Parents Association Update

We would like to sincerely thank all of our families for their generous support of the Parents Association Annual Christmas Raffle last month. The raffle, which is the primary fundraiser for the PA, raised a fantastic €4,560. These funds will go directly to the school to assist with future initiatives which will benefit all children in the school. A special word of thanks must also go to our fantastic Parents Committee for all of their hard work and energy in arranging the raffle. We count ourselves very fortunate to have such a wonderful committee and such supportive parents in Holy Cross. We would also like to thank the wide range of local businesses who supported the raffle by providing some of the fantastic prizes - full list below!

Some further dates for the PA diary this term include:

Grandparents Day - 6th February

Annual Movie Night - 27th February

Míle Buíochas to the following local businesses for their generous support of our Christmas Raffle:

