

Sandford Parish NS Newsletter

September/October 2025

Important Dates

29th September 2025: School Closed

2nd & 3rd October 2025: Halloween
Swap Shop

7th October 2025: PTA AGM

12th October 2025: Children's
Harvest Thanksgiving Service - St
Phillip's Church at 11:30am.

24th October: School Closed: Staff
Training

25th, 26th & 27th November 2025:
Parent Teacher Meetings

14th December 2025: School Carol
Service - Sandford Church at
3:30pm.



SCHOOL NEWS

What a busy September! Thank you for all of your support in getting settled back into the school routine. It was very exciting to return to school with our new Sensory Room finished and our yard works completed- this is such an amazing achievement from the whole school community, thank you! We are looking forward to a wonderful 25/26 school year with lots of learning and fun along the way.

Mrs Kirwan



Drop Off/ Collection

Both pupils and parents/guardians are **welcome into the school yard** for school opening at **8:30am** and at **2.10pm** collection. Please note: Pupils will not be supervised by school staff before 8:30am.

When collecting pupils, particularly at the **infant collection times**, can you please be mindful that classes are still ongoing. It is important to leave promptly after collecting the Infants to ensure the least disruption to all classes.

No Wheels on Yard

Please remember children should not cycle, scoot, skateboard etc. when entering or in the school yard to ensure the safety of everyone. Encourage the children to walk their bikes, scooters etc. to the designated parking areas.

Office: 8:30am - 2:30pm

Secretary: Beverley Haren - secretary@sandfordparishns.ie

Phone: 01-4974277

Contacting Teachers

Please be aware that the email addresses for staff are work emails and therefore school staff will not be monitoring or replying to emails outside of working hours. If you need to send an email in the evening, please schedule it to be delivered in the morning or during the working day. Also please be mindful of the content of emails. It is important to note that teachers will not be able to check the emails while teaching and may not see emails in the morning, so please contact the school secretary if you have a query needing a quick reply/action.



Principal

Mrs Kirwan - jkirwan@sandfordparishns.ie

Deputy Principal

Mrs Davies - ydavies@sandfordparishns.ie

Class Teachers

Junior Infants: Ms Laing: elaing@sandfordparishns.ie

Senior Infants: Mr Condell - acondell@sandfordparishns.ie

1st Class: Mes Dowzer - adowzer@sandfordparishns.ie

2nd Class: Mrs Davies - ydavies@sandfordparishns.ie

3rd Class: Ms Tennant - btennant@sandfordparishns.ie

4th Class: Ms Kennedy - kkennedy@sandfordparishns.ie

5th Class: Ms Murphy - ekmurphy@sandfordparishns.ie

6th Class: Ms Shaw - bshaw@sandfordparishns.ie

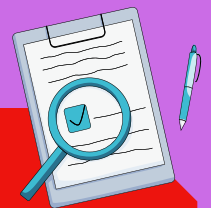
Special Education Teachers

Ms Murphy: emurphy@sandfordparishns.ie

Mrs Whelan: cwhelan@sandfordparishns.ie



Garda Vetting



We often need the assistance of parents/guardians to help out at events, library etc.

If you haven't been garda vetted through the school and would like to begin the process, please contact Beverley in the office.

**Say Yes to
Languages**

Primary Sampler Module

We are delighted to have Sofia Cólas back teaching Spanish to 5th & 6th Class as part of the PPLI supports of Foreign Languages in primary schools. This is funded by the Department of Education and Youth, it is restricted to 5th & 6th class for 2025/2026.

After School Activities

Soccer

Monday 2:10-3:30pm
1st - 6th Class

Hockey

Tuesday 2:30-3:30pm
4th - 6th Class

Drama

Tuesday 2:10-3:10pm
1st - 3rd Class

Wednesday 2:10-3:00pm
Junior and Senior Infants

Thursday 2:10-3:10pm
3rd - 6th Class

Lego Club

Wednesday 2:10-3:10pm
1st - 3rd Class

Spanish

Monday & Thursday
2:10-3:10pm
7-11 years

Chess

Wednesday & Thursday
2:10-3:10pm
2nd - 6th Class

Bí Cineálta

As you are aware, the Department of Education and Youth published Bí Cineálta procedures in June 2024. The Bí Cineálta Policy is now available on our school website. Our student friendly Bí Cineálta policy will be communicated with all pupils in the school over the coming weeks.

HALLOWEEN SWAP SHOP

We are very excited to be running the Halloween Swap Shop on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd October at 8:15am - 8:45am. Please drop off any clean, good quality Halloween Costumes to the school by Tuesday 30th September.

HALLOWEEN DRESS UP

We invite all pupils to dress up on Thursday 23rd October for Halloween. We will hold a 'Halloween Parade' during the school day.



Sandford Parish National School

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We want everyone at our school to feel safe and happy.

SHARE WITH SOMEONE!

Please share with someone if you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied.

GET HELP!

If you think that you are being bullied or someone else is being bullied, you need to tell a teacher or another adult that you trust. They will know what to do to help.

Bullying behaviour is when someone keeps being mean or hurtful to others on purpose over and over again. When it happens a lot, not just once.

Kind hands, kind feet, kind words, kind heart!