



Scoil Bhríde, Loreto National School

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Family Note #3

Dear Parents,

Time is passing so quickly—it is hard to believe we are already approaching the festive season. Please see below some recent and upcoming activities in our school:

St. Brigid's Presentation – Transition Year

We were delighted to welcome past pupil Lauren McSweeney, who completed her Transition Year work experience with us recently.

Teaching Practice

Huge congratulations to Caelyn O'Grady, who successfully completed her final-year teaching practice in Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and 1st Class. Congratulations also to Breda Moran, who completed her teaching practice in 6th Class. Both Caelyn and Breda have been a fantastic addition to our school over the past few months, and we wish them every success in their future careers.

Enrolment 2026

Applications for our Junior Infant Class of 2026 are now open. Application forms can be downloaded from our website or collected directly from the office. The closing date for applications is January 30th, 2026.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

A sincere thank you to everyone who took part in this year's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Over 70 shoeboxes were collected and sent to Team Hope, helping to bring joy to children around the world this Christmas.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported our recent Book Fair. As a result, the school will now receive over €900 worth of books to enhance our school library. Special thanks to Íde Moore and Jessica Murphy for facilitating the evening session.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Thursday, 11th December. Children are invited to wear their festive jumpers, and donations are welcome in aid of the Loreto National School Student Council as they plan to replace our goal nets.

School Tracksuits

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Management has approved a school-tracksuit-only policy for Junior and Senior Infants beginning in September 2026. From September 2027, this policy will extend to classes from Junior Infants to 2nd Class.

Swimming

Swimming lessons for 4th and 5th Class will take place after the Christmas break on the following dates:

8th January, 15th January, 22nd January, 29th January, 5th February, 12th February

Children should be dropped to the Aquila Club at 9am.

School Lotto

A huge thank you to all who have supported our school lotto. This fundraiser is vital in helping us purchase new resources and improve our school facilities. The current jackpot stands at €1,225, with many great prizes to be won in the Christmas Raffle. You can sign up at: www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/loretonskillarney or by scanning the QR code below.



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Parking and Road Safety

Drop-off and collection times are extremely busy around the school. We ask all parents to park safely and respect our neighbours. Please continue to drive carefully in the area and remind children not to leave the school grounds until they see you. Your continued patience and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

Movement Classes;

Dan from KB fitness visits our school every second Tuesday. These classes are proving very popular and the children are gaining great knowledge and expertise in the area of Health and Wellbeing.

Healthy Eating

As a Healthy Eating School, we ask parents to provide a healthy snack for first break. A small treat is permitted on Fridays. Our Healthy Eating Policy is available

on our website. We are also a nut-free and fish-free school due to severe allergies, and we ask for your continued cooperation in maintaining this policy.

School Closures

A reminder that school will be closed on January 26th and April 27th to facilitate staff training in the New Primary Curriculum Framework.

Christmas Concert

Our Christmas Concert will take place in the school hall on Friday, 19th December.

- Junior Infants, Senior Infants, and 1st Class will perform at 9:30am, followed by a short interval. Refreshments will be served.
- 2nd to 6th Class performances will begin at 10:30am.

School will close at 12noon for all classes.

Please note that The Lunch Bag will *not* be providing lunches on this day.

Finally, I wish you and your families a safe and exciting lead-up to the festive season. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Regards
B. O'Sullivan