

LUCAN ETNS.

19th December 2025

Welcome

This weekend marks the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year. We might not notice the growing days for a long while yet but at least we know there are brighter days ahead and just knowing this fills us with hope and positivity. It's hard to believe we have reached the end of Term 1, the 27th August feels like a very distant memory. I would like to thank all of our children for always trying their best and for making our school a wonderful place to work and learn every day. The children should be very proud of the start they have made and all that they have achieved in Term 1.

I would like to sincerely thank our incredible staff who give so much of themselves in supporting our children. Our teachers, ANAs, secretaries alongside our caretaker are a magnificent team that create a welcoming, nurturing and inclusive environment for all. I hope staff and children alike have the opportunity to relax and recharge ahead of 2026.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all families and our PTA for the wonderful support you continuously give the school and for the great memories you create for all our children, including Bake Sales to dancing the Halloween night away this Term. It was wonderful to see so many people come together to watch our winter performances to mark the end of Term. Your presence means so much to the children and it is a fantastic example of the strength of our school community.

In the New Year we have lots to look forward to with the return of gymnastics, cricket and the new soccer season for our school teams. We also hope to welcome the introduction of free school meals early in the new year. In addition to this, we will be updating our Safeguarding Statement & Risk Assessment in line with Child Protection Procedures 2025 and we will be seeking your input before finalising and implementing this policy. Thanks again to everyone for a wonderful Term and enjoy the well-deserved break, to those who are celebrating Christmas, Happy Christmas, and to all I hope you have a restful break and I would like to wish everyone a healthy, happy and peaceful new year, take care.

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Dates for Your Diary

- Term 2 Starts - 5th January 26
- ECA starts back - 12th January
- Rang Medb/Tom's Class Assembly - 12th January @9:15
- Admissions Open for Cosáin - 19th January
- Rang Fionn/Emma's Class Assembly - 19th January @9:15
- School Photos: individual & class - 27th January

Cosáin Admissions

A reminder that admissions for our Cosáin Classes open on the 19th of January and will close on the 13th February. There must be a recommendation within a psychological assessment or a report from a member of a multi-disciplinary team that a special class placement in a mainstream school is both necessary and suitable for the child. In addition to this an eligibility letter issued from the NCSE must accompany all applications.



St. Finian's Church - 6th Class Visit

by Órlaith & Ellie

Our class went to St. Finian's Church and we got to see all the graves, artefacts and learn about the history. We learned about the collection of artefacts inside the church, some were covered with a glaze that was put on them in medieval times in an effort to keep the objects shiny, you can tell how old an object is by how shiny it is, if it's not really shiny that means it's older and if it is shiny that means it's newer.

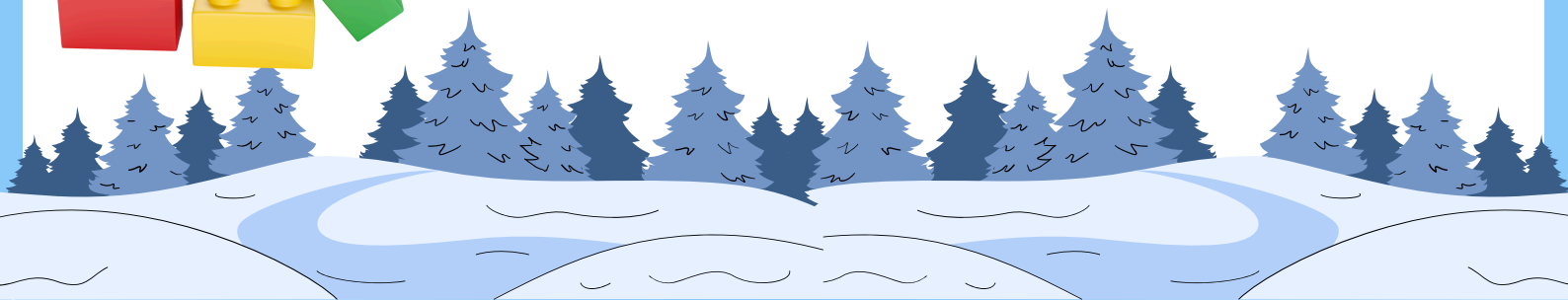
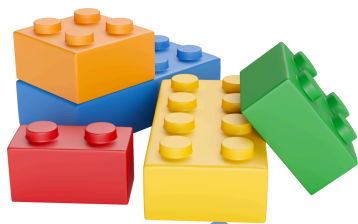
Órlaith and Amy made a discovery about the architecture of the church. We found quartz on the wall of the church. After that the tour guide from the society of old Lucan gave us an endoscope and we saw that quartz was on the inside not the outside. The trip was really fun and everyone learned a lot!



Spike Lego

by Zeb & Eshaan

Rang Fódla, Carla's 3rd class worked together to make spike lego designs. With the spike lego we built a ferris-wheel, a carousel, a boat that moves, a carnival ride and a car. Spike lego means that we built a structure and then we used commands on the i-pad to make our constructions move. The commands helped our structures to move fast or to move slowly. We had great fun. Some pupils from 6th class came to help us. Thank you for your help and encouragement.



BOM Agreed Report

The Board of Management met in person on Thursday the 4th of December 2026. Below is their agreed report:

- The Board were updated on the status of Junior Infant 26/27 Admissions, waiting lists and late applications.
- The Board would like to thank Muireann for organising a very successful Science Week this Term.
- The Board would also like to thank Therese for overseeing the school's exceptional review application and for sharing PD opportunities with all staff.
- The Board learned about the progress of the school's Restorative Team training and would like to thank all members who will complete their self-paced training in the coming weeks.
- The Board would like to thank the PTA/Exec for their support with the school library recently.
- The Board hope that all families found the recently held PT meetings beneficial.
- The Board would also like to acknowledge the very efficient work of the Exec regarding emergency roof repairs.
- The Board are pleased to learn that the school has eleven first-aid responders on site now after further staff completed training.
- The Board signed the Service Agreement with the DSP and hope to see the start of free school meals early in the new year.
- The Board discussed Child Protection training for Boards of Management, and the introduction of the new procedures will be a priority in the coming year.
- The Board is looking forward to the Winter Assemblies on the 18th of December to mark the end of a very productive Term.
- The Board completed the annual anti-bullying and child protection checklists reviews.
- Finally, the Board would like to wish all children, staff and families a peaceful winter break and the very best for the year ahead.

*Happy
Holidays*

