



Waterpark N.S. Newsletter

Christmas Edition '25





Junior Infants

Our Junior Infants have been busy taking part in a range of Christmas activities. They enjoyed festive Christmas colouring, where they developed their fine motor skills, hand-eye coordination and creativity, while also practising focus and careful work. They also loved making Rice Krispie buns, which gave them opportunities to follow simple instructions, take turns, measure and mix ingredients, and work cooperatively with their classmates. These hands-on activities helped to build confidence, independence and social skills, and most importantly, brought lots of smiles, excitement and Christmas cheer to the classroom.



Junior Infants

Junior Infants also had great fun writing and posting their letters to Santa at the local post box this week. The children proudly shared their wishes and made sure each letter was carefully posted in time for Christmas. There were plenty of smiles and excitement along the way — and not just from the children! Mr. Healy and Ms Douglas were also spotted posting their own letters. We're sure Santa's post bag will be very full this year!



Junior Infants

Junior Infants climbed into Santa's Sleigh at Winterval and let their imaginations do the flying – smiles, giggles and Christmas magic all around!





Senior Infants

Senior Infants had a wonderfully busy run-up to Christmas, taking part in AISTEAR sessions and creating festive art inspired by cribs, Christmas trees and reindeers. They explored a range of skills and techniques, wrapped presents with care, and worked happily at the elves' workstation, filling the classroom with creativity and Christmas cheer. 🎄 ✨ ✨





First Class

During Science Week, First Class became budding scientists as they investigated chemical reactions through a range of fun, hands-on experiments. The children explored what happens when different materials are mixed together and observed exciting reactions such as fizzing and bubbling in their volcano experiments. They also discovered how combining certain materials can cause mixtures to change and gel, creating slime. These activities helped to develop the children's observation, prediction and investigation skills, while encouraging curiosity and enjoyment of science.





First Class

First Class enjoyed a festive art activity where they created Christmas polar bears dressed in colourful festive jumpers. The children explored line art through drawing and used painting skills to add detail, pattern and colour to their work. This activity helped to develop creativity, fine motor skills and confidence in using different art techniques, and the classroom was filled with festive cheer and fantastic polar bear designs!





Second Class

Second Class pupils have been busy getting into the festive spirit by creating beautiful Christmas tree artwork. The children explored a range of art techniques including painting, collage and the careful use of glitter to add sparkle and texture to their work. Each piece was set against a snowy winter background, resulting in a wonderful display of colourful, creative and festive art that brightened our school this Christmas season.



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Second Class STEM

Second Class pupils enjoyed an optional festive STEM activity, designing and creating their own Christmas houses, from traditional cribs to imaginative and unique interpretations. The project showcased wonderful creativity, problem-solving and design skills, with pupils using a wide range of media to bring their ideas to life. 🌲 ✨



Second Class STEM continued





Third Class

Third Class pupils enjoyed an exciting hands-on STEM challenge using marshmallows and spaghetti to design and build 3D structures. Working collaboratively, the children explored key engineering skills such as planning, problem-solving, balance and stability while testing the strength of their creations. There was fantastic teamwork, creativity and resilience on display as pupils redesigned and improved their models. A fun and engaging activity that brought STEM learning to life!



Third Class

Third Class pupils became junior scientists as they explored solids and liquids through hands-on investigations. They mixed and tested different substances to discover how materials can change and combine, creating fascinating new materials such as oobleck. The children made predictions, observed results and learned through experimentation, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the activity.





Fourth Class

Fourth Class enjoyed an exciting and educational outing to the Science Week exhibition in the SETU Arena. The pupils explored fascinating hands-on displays, learning all about chemistry through fun and engaging activities, and discovering interesting facts about the Celts and their way of life. It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience that sparked curiosity, encouraged questioning, and brought learning to life outside the classroom.





Fifth Class

Fifth Class have had a wonderfully creative term, exploring a wide range of artistic techniques and skills. Their artwork included vibrant autumn trees, imaginative fabric and fibre-based creations, and a beautifully painted Nativity scene. Alongside this, pupils took part in a festive STEM project, combining creativity with problem-solving and innovation. It has been a term full of colour, craftsmanship and creativity, and their fantastic work has truly brightened our school.



Fifth Class

Fifth Class took part in a series of cycling lessons throughout the term, where they developed and improved their cycling skills over a number of weeks. The programme helped build confidence, balance and road awareness, and the pupils thoroughly enjoyed this active and practical learning experience.





STEM in Sixth Class

Sixth Class embraced the festive spirit through an exciting STEM project, where they designed innovative and imaginative new modes of transport for Santa. The pupils showcased excellent creativity, problem-solving skills and teamwork as they explored how science, technology, engineering and maths could be used to improve Santa's Christmas journey. Their impressive ideas were a joy to see and highlighted the fantastic work taking place in Sixth Class.





Christmas at St. Johns

Our school choir, led by Ms Byrne and Mrs Cummins, did the school immensely proud at the Christmas at St John's Concert. The children showcased their beautiful singing voices with confidence and joy, delighting the audience with a wonderful festive performance. A huge well done to all involved for representing the school so brilliantly this Christmas season.





Santa Visits Waterpark

There was great excitement in Waterpark National School when Santa paid a special visit to classes from Juniors to Second Class. Santa delighted the children with stories about the North Pole, the elves and his reindeers, and even treated them to some magical tricks. Smiles, laughter and festive cheer filled the classrooms, and the visit was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



Santa Visits Waterpark Continued



Santa Visits Waterpark Contin



Advent Giving Mass at St. Johns

Waterpark National School played a significant role in the Advent Giving Mass held in St. John's Church. The children participated beautifully during the Mass, reverently bringing forward the gifts. We were also overwhelmed by the generosity of the Waterpark school community, who donated a large number of presents to support children in need across Waterford this Christmas. This kindness and spirit of giving truly reflected the meaning of Christmas.





Waterpark Carol Concert

The Waterpark Carol Concert was a huge success and a truly enjoyable evening for all. It was wonderful to see the children confidently showcase their beautiful singing voices, and a big well done to all the girls and boys who took part. Sincere thanks to the teachers and SNAs who prepared the children so well. The concert was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone on the night and was a lovely celebration of music and Christmas spirit.





Thank you all for your support

Happy Holidays
Everyone from all at
Waterpark National
School. We hope you
have a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy
Safe and Healthy New
Year. May 2026 bring
you all good things!
See you next year!!!!

