

# CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2025

## Christmas Carol Singing

- We had an amazing time Carol Singing in Dunnes Stores on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025. We raised €1,130 which is an incredible figure. Our pupils have put so much time into preparing for this event and we are so proud of them. Thank you all for your hard work and super energy. A big thank you to the Parents Association for your help on the day. It was brilliant to see staff and students join and support us from school.



## Santa for Temple Street

Santa for Temple Street visited St. Anne's on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Santa met with every pupil in our school. It was such a wonderful afternoon. Our school raised €800 for Temple Street Children's Hospital.



## Christmas Variety Show

Last Friday we held our Christmas variety show which was a collection of live and recorded performances to suit our wide range of learners. We laughed at jokes, sang and clapped along to Christmas musical numbers and enjoyed a sketch which took us on a trip down Christmas memory lane. Well done to all involved, they put in lots of practice and it was very evident on the day. Thank you to all of our families and visitors that attended, we hope you enjoyed our show!



# Christmas Market

Our Christmas Market 2025 was a huge success raising €1,350. Our students made a wide range of fantastic crafts and foods for this year's market. Our Woodwork room has been a hive of activity in recent weeks and the pieces produced from there were fabulous. Well done to everyone involved in the market; it was a huge success showcasing the many talents within our school community.



## Christmas Raffle

A huge thank you to the Parents Association for organising an extensive array of spectacular spot prizes for the Christmas Raffle. Due to the large number of exceptional prizes, lots of tickets were sold during the week leading up to the market, as well as on the day! Many thanks to the large number of businesses, families and staff that contributed prizes for our raffle.



# Christmas Trip to the Cinema

Our Christmas Celebrations continued this week with classes going to the cinema on the 17<sup>th</sup> December.



## Christmas Mass

Our Christmas Mass was celebrated by Fr. David on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. We welcomed all our families to this in St. Joseph's Church. It was available to view on the webcam through the Ennis parish website also.



## Christmas Disco

We will have a Christmas Disco on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December. School will close at 11.50am for the Christmas holidays!!



# Youth Club

Lots of our teenagers attended youth club this term. They had great fun bowling and enjoyed some food with their friends afterwards. Thank you to all the staff that volunteered to make this possible.



## Munster Quiz



A team of our senior students went to Cork to participate in the Munster Schools Quiz 2025. The students were very knowledgeable and we came very high on the scoreboard. Well done to all!

## Soccer

Our soccer teams have been busy preparing for up-coming soccer tournaments in 2026. We will be competing in the indoor and outdoor Munster Soccer Tournaments in UL. Keep up the good work!



# Active Flag



On the 21<sup>st</sup> November we raised our Active School Flag marking a huge achievement for our pupils and staff. The flag celebrates our ongoing commitment to sport, fitness and wellbeing at St. Anne's. From soccer, gymnastics, horse riding and dance, to athletics and our newly launched rowing club, our pupils have engaged in them with enthusiasm and teamwork.



## Gymnastics

Our pupils have enjoyed attending Gymnastic classes at Ennis Gymnastic Club organised by Clare Sports Partnership.



## Swimming

This term some of our classes have been going to Shannon pool weekly for swimming sessions. The group have really enjoyed these sessions and their confidence in the water is growing each week. Next term some more of our students will get the opportunity. Thank you to the many staff that volunteer to go in the pool with our students, without whom swimming would not be possible.

## Clare GAA

Our pupils have enjoyed their sessions with GAA coaches over the past six weeks. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn new skills with our friends. We look forward to continuing our sessions in the new year.



## klaaskickz

Our pupils have enjoyed inclusive soccer with Klaas Kickz. Our weekly sessions with coach Dave were most enjoyable. Coach Dave will return in the new year to continue coaching us.

## Room Bots

Heather Class are making room bots to gobble up all organic and tissue waste. Yum Yum!



# Analog Limerick

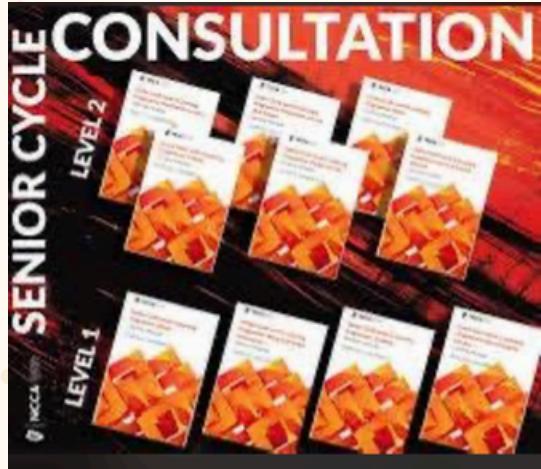
St. Anne's School was delighted to be one of the Clare beneficiaries of ADI (Analog) Ireland's annual Community Awards. We are deeply appreciative of the team at ADI Ireland for selecting our school, and we extend a special word of thanks to Noreen O'Sullivan for nominating us. This award will provide tremendous support toward the purchase of our outdoor inclusive gym, designed to promote pupils' self-regulation, physical health, social interaction, and emotional wellbeing.

This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to creating an environment where every child can thrive. On behalf of our school community, we also thank our Parents' Association Chairperson, Lourda Doyle, and her son Cillian, who proudly accepted the cheque and plaque on the day.



## Children's Books Ireland

Representatives from Children's Books Ireland visited our school along with a team from WHSmith and children's book illustrator Tarsila Kruse to present us with their Free To Be library of 100 books. They ran a fantastic monster doodle workshop where pupils collaboratively described a monster for Tarsila to draw. Pupils received tote bags, book marks and stickers after the event. We would like to thank WHSmith for their generous sponsorship of the programme.



## NCCA Consultation

We were delighted to welcome two Education Officers from the NCCA to our school on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. The visit focused on engaging with our pupils, teachers and parent/guardians as part of the consultation on the draft Leaving Certificate Level 1 and Level 2 Learning Programmes. A big thank you to everyone who contributed their ideas and insights to help shape the future of learning.

## Coding Ireland

A number of classes really enjoyed Coding Workshops with Alan from Coding Ireland this term.





# CLASS UPDATES



## Rowan Class

Rowan class had a very busy term and enjoyed lots of activities. They were very active and enjoyed Swimming, GAA, soccer with Coach Dave, and using the exercise bike kindly donated by Junior's mother. They were doing jobs at home and earning some money and got a trip to World of Wonder to spend their savings.

They enjoyed a book event, the cinema and joining the Carol singing.

They practiced really hard with Ash class and produced a lovely performance of The Snowman for the Christmas concert.

## Lily Class

The Lily Class have enjoyed the run up to the Christmas holidays. We have enjoyed singing Christmas songs during circle time and creating beautiful winter artwork. The highlight of the term had to be our trip to Bunratty Castle!

## Daisy Class

Daisy class have had a wonderful few weeks in school. This term we have been super active; enjoying swimming in the Shannon Pool, Gymnastics at the Ennis Gymnastics Club, GAA coaching and participating in the Olympic Movement Break Challenges. We have enjoyed participating in lots of Christmas activities including making sweet frames for the Christmas market, performing 'The Reindeer Pokey' live on stage, looking at the Christmas lights in town and attending Christmas mass in St. Joseph's Church. The Daisy class team are so proud of what the pupils have achieved. Well done Daisy class we hope you enjoy your well deserved Christmas break.



# Maple Class

Maple class put on a brilliant performance for the Christmas show. They all had such a great time practicing for the show for 2 weeks before. Even though everyone was nervous they all played their roles very well. Well done Maple class.



## Poppy Class

Poppy class had a fantastic December getting ready for the Christmas festivities. We did lots of baking, shortbread and mince pies. We practiced a lot for the Christmas variety show and the children were fantastic in their short 2-minute performance. We made lots of lovely Christmas art and listened to lots of Christmas music.



## Ash Class

Ash class enjoyed preparing for the Christmas variety show. We were busy preparing the art work and practicing our singing and dancing for the show. We really enjoyed watching everyone's performance.



## Buttercup Class

Buttercup class have had a great term. We have been working hard in horticulture, we have started a new Christmas project in woodwork. We have enjoyed a few outings and making our Christmas Market items. We were thrilled to meet Santa when he came to school. We are looking forward to a busy December of Carol singing, performing in the Christmas show and our trip to the cinema.



# Snowdrop Class

Snowdrop class had a busy term with lots of Christmas preparation and we had a wonderful performance of 'Let it Snow' for our concert. We made a Christmas winter art scene and learned about the Northern lights. We made some Gruffalo crumble. In the run up to Christmas, we have created beautiful Christmas Art and for the Christmas show we made a stop motion video of The Snowman. As Christmas is a time to think of others, we made up CarePacks for residents in Milford Hospice to hopefully put a smile on their face this Christmas. We have had an excellent term and are looking forward to exploring more in the New Year in the Snowdrop Classroom!

## Jasmine Class

Jasmine Class have been enjoying gymnastics sessions and creating festive Christmas crafts. From Christmas puff pastries to beautifully decorated artwork and reindeer food for the Christmas market, everyone has been very busy. Happy Christmas, everyone!



## Daffodil and Heather Classes

Heather Class and Daffodil Class enjoyed performing The Big Little Nativity together. We had lots of fun practicing.



# Remembering Amelia Drewniok (RIP)

Among the quiet, where puzzles wait,  
You found the magic to create.  
Each piece a whisper, soft and true,  
A world of wonder shaped by you.  
You loved the snow, the Frozen song,  
Where hope and friendship both belong.  
With kindness shining, warm and bright,  
You turned the darkest day to light.  
And cats—those gentle, purring friends—  
Were treasures you would gladly tend.  
Their quiet grace, their playful ways,  
Reflected all your tender days.  
Though now you rest beyond our view,  
Your love still lingers, pure and new.  
In every jigsaw, every smile,  
Amelia walks with us a while.  
And in our hearts, where love will stay,  
Her gentle light will guide the way.

